

THE LORD'S DAY

Celebrating The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

December 28, 2008

Matthew 1:21f "And she will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins. Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, 'Behold the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His Name Immanuel,' which translated means, 'God with us.'"

PRELUDE

WELCOME, INVOCATION, & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE & PRAYERS

Hymns & Songs

Prayers of Adoration, Thanksgiving, & Confession

Scriptures

❖ *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Hymn #201

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars
go by: yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of
wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim
the holy birth! And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of
his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming, but in
this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

❖ *Silent Night! Holy Night!* Hymn #210

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm,
all is bright round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake
at the sight! Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing al-le-lu-ia;
Christ, the savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God,
love's pure light radiant beams from thy
holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star,
lend thy light; with the angels
let us sing al-le-lu-ia to our King;
Christ, the Savior, is born!
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(Congregation may be seated.)

Away in A Manger Hymn #204

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

See, Amid the Winter's Snow Hymn #199

See, amid the winter's snow, born for us on
earth below, see the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years.

(refrain)

*Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

Lo, within a manger lies he who built the
starry skies: he who, throned in height sublime,
sits amid the cherubim. *(refrain)*

Say, ye holy shepherds, say—what's your joyful
news today? Wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep? *(refrain)*

"As we watched at dead of night, lo, we saw a
wondrous light; angels singing, 'Peace on earth,'
told us of the Savior's birth." *(refrain)*

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender
love was thine, thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this! *(refrain)*

Teach, O teach us, holy child, by thy face so
meek and mild, teach us to resemble thee,
in thy sweet humility. *(refrain)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Colossians 2:13-14*)

'And when you were dead in your
transgressions... He made you alive together with
Jesus, having forgiven us all our transgressions,
having canceled out the certificate of debt
consisting of decrees against us and which was
hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way,
having nailed it to the cross.'

~ OVER ~

SCRIPTURE READING: *Isaiah 7:10-14*

MISSIONS UPDATE, Elder Jeff Wiggs
PRAYER OF INTERCESSION &
"THE LORD'S PRAYER"

DECLARATION OF FAITH
The Nicene Creed (page 846)

OFFERING

SONG OF PREPARATION
(Children 10 and under come forward during last verse for the Children's Message.)

❖ **Uncreated One** **Chris Tomlin**

Holy uncreated One,
Your beauty fills the skies;
But the glory of Your majesty
is the mercy in Your eyes.

Worthy Uncreated One,
from heaven to earth come down;
You laid aside Your royalty
to wear the sinner's crown.

(Chorus)
***O Great God, be glorified,
our lives laid down, Yours magnified;
O Great God, be lifted high,
there is none like You.***

Jesus, Savior, God's own son;
Risen, reigning Lord,
Sustainer of the Universe
by the power of Your Word. **(chorus)**

And when we see Your matchless face,
in speechless awe we'll stand;
And there we'll bow with grateful hearts
unto the Great I Am. **(chorus)**

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PREACHING OF THE WORD Lindsey Williams

Children's Message
Matthew 1:18-25
"Through Joseph's Eyes"

SONG OF RESPONSE

❖ ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***
Henry Van Dyke, Arr. Ludwig Van Beethoven

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory,
Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs
before Thee, hail Thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark
of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, stars and
angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, bloss' ming meadow,
flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing,
ever blest, wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth
of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are Thine; Teach us how to love
each other, lift us to the Joy Divine.

God all nature sings Thy glory, and Thy works proclaim
Thy might; Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered
course of day and night. God of glory, power, mercy,
all creation praises Thee; We, Thy creatures, would
adore Thee, now and through eternity.
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POSTLUDE

❖ If you are able, you are invited to stand.