

20 December
Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

Christmas Service -- Thank you for joining us this morning as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Join us after service for snacks and punch in the fellowship hall. Merry Christmas to you and your family!!

Christmas Carolling -- Plan on joining us in caroling today. We will meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and make several stops between the church and Coldwater. We should be done by 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!!

Card Shower -- pick up a list of some of our homebound or more vulnerable members and get a card of encouragement out to them this week.

Updated Contact Information -- We send out prayer requests, announcements and updates on Fridays by email or text message. If we do not have your phone number or email address, please fill out the *Connect!* card under your seat or in the lobby and give it to one of the pastors or drop it in the offering plate. Thank you!!

In case of bad weather -- A decision will be made by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings if it is necessary to cancel services. Pastor Dave will send out group texts announcing the cancellation. Text him at 517.756.8000 if you wish to be added to the group text list.



Offering --Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to bethelgilead.org (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left. You can also authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form in the lobby (or contact the office) and turning it in with a voided check.

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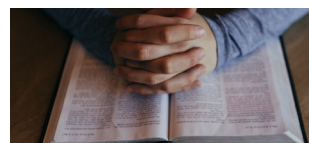
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"We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord, study and obey His word, and attend to the needs of His people. When we leave, we go out commissioned as Christ's representatives to a needy world."

Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music -- The Erwins

Opening Worship -- The Praise Team

What a Glorious Night

Adore

O Come Let Us Adore Him

Christmas Hallelujah

Scripture Reading -- Paul Alger

Special Music -- Donna Green *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"*

Message: **Peace and Goodwill**

Christmas 2020?

I. Life in first century Palestine

*Political strife

*Financial oppression

*Social unrest

*Physical hardship

II. Coping with adversity

*Escape + Isolation

*Compromise -- go with the flow.

*Despair -- discouragement, doubt and depression

III. The True Meaning of Christmas

Salvation has come!

*Light in the darkness ([Isaiah 9:2](#), [John 1:4-5](#), [Luke 1:76-79](#))

*Incarnation ([John 1:14](#), [1 Timothy 3:16](#), [Isaiah 7:14](#); [9:6-7](#))

*Glory to God, peace, goodwill to men ([Luke 2:14](#))

Application

1. Do you really believe in Christmas?
2. Are you willing to be a light in these dark times?
3. Will you be an instrument of peace and goodwill to someone this Christmas?

*You are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works
which God has prepared in advance for you to do.*

([Ephesians 2:10](#))

Kid's Message -- Kim Erwin

Closing song: Joy to the World

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

Greg and Nikki Maertin -- recovering from Coronavirus

Jack Florent -- ankle surgery this Tuesday

The family of Nancy McKinley

Lisa Franks -- recovering from surgery

Dale Davis - dialysis and chemo treatments

Bart Burnside -- health issues

Keith McGuire -- recovering from eye surgery

Praises

Dee Eley -- recovered from Coronavirus

Kerry and Elise Skinner - recovered from Coronavirus

Greg and Nikki Maertin's new twin grandchildren, Canon and Constance

Steve and Jen Byler's new granddaughter, Nora Jo

Quinn Alece Dules -- born to Chance and Kylei Dules

Byler family - recovered from Coronavirus

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer

Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, battling infection after transplant

Steve Byler's sister, Joyce - cancer

Melissa Houtz's cousin, Holly Haynes Lamb -- colon cancer

Neil Hannah -- heart and lung issues

Kristi Long's dad -- prostate cancer

Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn

Shirley Bogen -- Drew's Place

Pray for our nation during these uncertain days

What a Glorious Night

The shepherds came to see the baby
stood by His mother's side
here laid the Savior
inside a manger
Oh what a glorious night
Oh what a glorious night

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah
let the earth receive her King
I know that love has come
sing it out
Jesus Christ is born
Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds wondered
they couldn't hide it
Told everyone in sight
All were amazed when they heard
how God came
down on this glorious night
God came down on this glorious night.

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah
let the earth receive her King
I know that love has come
sing it out
Jesus Christ is born
Jesus Christ is born

Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night
Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah
let the earth receive her King
I know that love has come
sing it out
Jesus Christ is born
Jesus Christ is born.

All is calm now
all is quiet
A star is shining in the sky
Below in Bethlehem
the King is sleeping
Oh what a glorious night
Oh what a glorious night

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah
let the earth receive her King
I know that love has come
sing it out
Jesus Christ is born
(I heard that) Jesus Christ is born

Adore

Adore
Come let us adore
Oh come let us adore him
The Lord, worship Christ, the Lord
let all that is within us
Adore

You stepped down from heaven
Humbly you came
God of all creation
Here with us
In a startlit manger
Emmanuel
Light of the world
here to save

Adore
Come let us adore
Oh come let us adore him
The Lord, worship Christ, the Lord
Let all that is within us
Adore

Wise men bring their treasures
Shepherds bow low
Angel voices sing of peace on earth
What have I to offer
to heaven's King
I'll bring my life, my love, my all

Adore
Come let us adore
Oh come let us adore him
The Lord, worship Christ, the Lord
Let all that is within us
Adore

Angels sing, praises ring
to the newborn King
Peace on earth, here with us
joy awakening
At your feet we fall (2x)

Adore
Come let us adore
Oh come let us adore him
The Lord, worship Christ, the Lord
Let all that is within us
Adore

O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

We'll praise His name forever
We'll praise His name forever
We'll praise His name forever
Christ the Lord

We'll give Him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory
We'll give Him all the glory
Christ the Lord

For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy
For He alone is worthy
Christ the Lord

Christmas Hallelujah

I've heard about this baby boy
who's come to earth to bring us joy
and i just want to sing this song to you.
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth
the minor fall, the major lift
with every breath I'm singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

A couple came to Bethlehem
expecting chld, they searched the inn
to find a place for You were coming soon
There was no room for them to stay
so in a manger filled with hay
God's only Son was born, so Hallelujah
Hallelujah

The shepherds left their flocks by night
to see this baby wrapped in light
a host of angels led them all to You
It was just as the angels said
You'll find Him in a manger bed
Immanuel and Savior, hallelujah
Hallelujah

A star shone bright up in the east
To Bethlehem, the wisemen three
Came many miles and journeyed
long for You
And to the place at which You were
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh
They gave to You and cried out hallelujah
Hallelujah

I know You came to rescue me
The baby boy would grow to be
a man and one day die for me and you
My sins would drive the nails in You
That rugged cross was my cross, too
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah
Hallelujah

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
and heaven and nature sing
and heaven and nature sing
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love
and wonders of His love
and wonders, wonders of His love.