

Order of Worship December 11, 2022

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Shepherd's Candle

Matthew 1:18-25

Preparation for Worship

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

(Luke 2:14 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

People: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Pastor: And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

ALL: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

(Luke 2:10-14 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him born the King of angels;

(Chorus) O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,

O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;

Glory to God all glory in the highest; *(Chorus)*

Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *(Chorus)*

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
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Scripture Reading

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

(Luke 2:1-7 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,

Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply

Echoing their joyous strains.

(Chorus) Gloria, in excelsis Deo,

Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be,

Which inspire your heav'nly song? *(Chorus)*

Come to Bethlehem and see

Christ Whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee

Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *(Chorus)*

"Angels We Have Heard On High"
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Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

"Noel"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"REJOICE! The Angels' Song"

Luke 2:8-14

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Song of Preparation

O Come Let Us Adore Him

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Corporate Profession of Faith

ALL: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(Philippians 2:5-11 ESV)

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Please hold the elements so we can take them individually and corporately. Please feel free to pray, sing or quietly meditate as the elements are passed. Gluten-free bread is available, please let the elders know as they pass the bread. Children and guests who have not made a public profession of faith in Christ and have not become a communing member of this (or some other) church are welcome to stay and watch but please do not partake.

(1 Corinthians 11:23-30)

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel,

That mourns in lonely exile here,

Until the Son of God appear.

(Chorus) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer,

Our spirits by Thine advent here.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

And death's dark shadows put to flight. *(Chorus)*

O come Thou Wisdom from on high,

And order all things far and nigh,

To us the path of knowledge show,

And cause us in her ways to go. *(Chorus)*

O come, Desire of nations bind,

All peoples in one heart and mind;

Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,

Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. *(Chorus)*

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
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Song of Response

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.

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Benediction

Noel

*Love incarnate, love divine/Star and angels gave the sign;
Bow to babe on bended knee/The Savior of humanity.
Unto us a Child is born/He shall reign forevermore.*

Chorus: Noel, Noel
Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel
The story of amazing love!
The light of the world, given for us
Noel

*Son of God and Son of man/There before the world began.
Born to suffer, born to save/Born to raise us from the grave.
Christ the everlasting Lord/He shall reign forevermore. (Chorus x2)*

*"Noel" | Words & Music: Chris Tomlin |
Ed Cash | Matt Redman*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guest - Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here! If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please fill out the "Connect Card" and visit our website. Another great way to connect is through Sunday School. There are classes for all ages at 9:45am.

Connect Cards - Please take a "Connect Card" from the chair pocket in front of you, fill out one per family and place in the collection plate.

Chrismons - Our tree is decorated with Chrismon Ornaments, which are monograms of Christ, as well as Christian historical symbols, that tell of God's plan for our salvation. Thank you to the ladies who joyfully helped make the Chrismons!

Christmas Poinsettias - If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out one of the forms on the table in the lobby.

Cornerstone Christmas Events:

Youth Christmas Party - Tonight from 5-7pm in the FLC.

Christmas Brunch - Next Sunday, December 18th, in the FLC during the Sunday School hour. Sign up to bring something at perfectpotluck.com/LZHV9094

Christmas Eve Services - Saturday, December 24th, at 4pm and 5:30pm.

Christmas Day Service - Sunday, December 25th, at 11am only.

Summer Mission Trip Interest Meeting - Join us today, at 9:45am, at the beginning of the Sunday School hour, in the sanctuary, to learn more about mission trip opportunities this coming summer. If you are unable to attend, please contact the church office for more information. There are two opportunities:

- Joni and Friends Family Retreat (open to families), June 25-30, 2023
- Yakama (13 and up), July 15-22, 2023

Abounding - Visit cornerstoneabounding.org to learn more about the Abounding initiative. Please prayerfully consider turning in a commitment card by next Sunday, December 18th.

Year-End Giving - Please remember that in order for your contributions to be posted this year they will need to be postmarked by Saturday, December 31st.

Sunday School - Today will be the last time Sunday School classes will meet this year. Classes will resume Sunday, January 8, 2023.

Roots Retreat - Students, please join us January 20-22, 2023 at Camp ToKnow Him for a weekend of Christ-filled fellowship and discipleship. The deadline to register is next Sunday, December 18th. Please email Pastor Brian with questions at brian@cornerstonehuntsville.org

Men's Ministry - Save the Date for Men's Retreat at the Vision February 24-25, 2023.

Join the Good News Club Team - Cornerstone is forming a team to launch a GNC at Blossomwood elementary. Information and sign up is located in the gathering room!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Diana Akridge, Bryan Gassaway, Rick McCann, Randy Petcher, Mike Bayless, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, and Kyle Mosier.

Pray for healing - Mary Allen Junen, Matthew Lawrence, Berin Wendorf, Phil Freeze, Gayle Ricks, Lauren Davenport, Sharon Ibsen, Farris Powell, Bob Boerner, and David Kimrey.

Pray for our nursing home resident - Ruby Petcher

Pray for our expectant mothers - The Kawell adoption.

Pray that the Lord would raise up an assistant pastor to serve at Cornerstone.

Pray for our Missional Partnerships - Downtown Rescue Mission and First Presbyterian Church, Russellville, AL (Pastor Corey Lanier).



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DECEMBER 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Angels' Song

LUKE 2:8-14