

# Lord's Day Worship December 15, 2024

### -The Worship of God-

#### GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Please Stand for the Call to Worship

Leader: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

## People: We sing, and we shout, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Leader: The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will exult over you with loud singing.

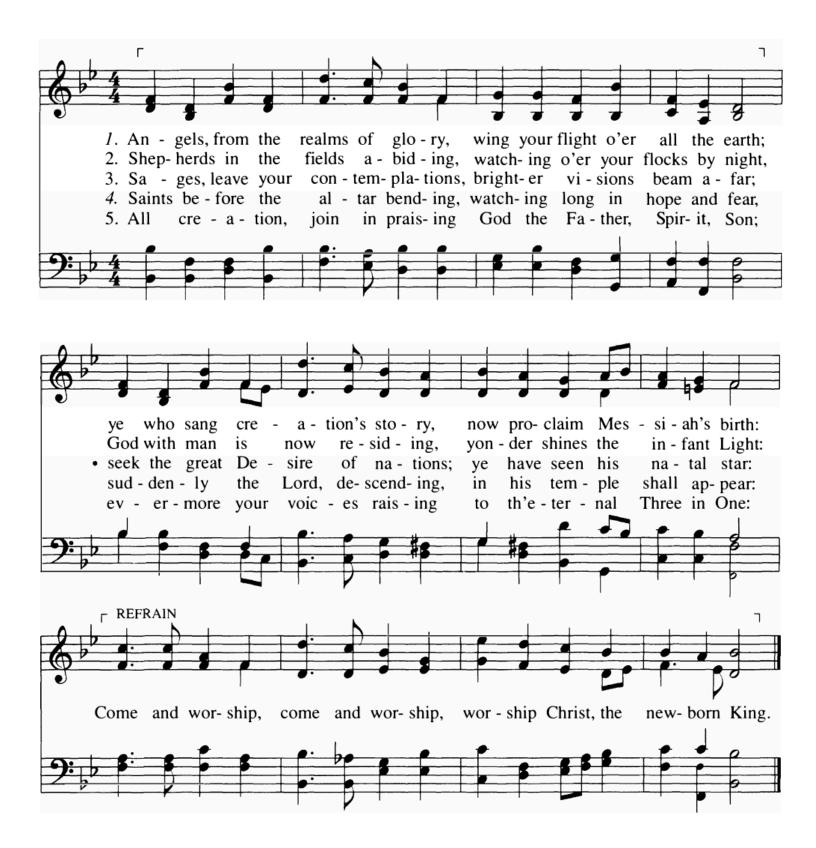
People: We rejoice, for the LORD has taken away his judgment against us. He has gathered us together and has restored us.

All: Let us worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness!

From Zephaniah 3 & Luke 2

#### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Hymn of Praise: Angels, From The Realms Of Glory



Hymn of Praise: While By The Sheep We Watched At Night



#### ADVENT READING

Please Sit The Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Joy.

Our joy is in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ. Like hope and peace, joy is a gift from God. As we responded in our call to worship this morning: we rejoice, for the LORD has taken away his judgments against us. He has gathered us, and he has restored us. Now, he exults over us as we exult in him.

We light this candle today to remind us that Christ has come and is coming again. That is truly a reason to be filled with joy.

We thank God for the hope He gives us, for the peace He bestows, and for the joy He pours into our hearts.

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

Philippians 2:5-11

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,

Hymn of Praise: Lovely Child, Holy Child



#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please Sit

#### GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD

Scripture Reading Colossians 1:15-20

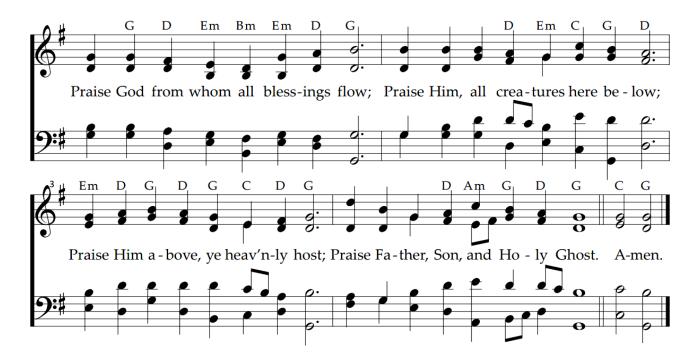
#### THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Sermon Exodus 8:1 - 9:12

Hymn of Praise: As With Gladness Men Of Old



#### BENEDICTION



#### **SERMON NOTES**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Church Ski Day:** On Friday, January 17, 2025 we will be gathering at Pomerelle Mountain in Albion, ID for a fun filled day of fellowship and skiing/snowboarding! Whether it's your first time or your 101 time, we invite you to come. More details to follow soon! If you have any questions please talk with Taylee Winder (435-720-2768).

**No Sunday School December 29th:** We will not have Sunday School on December 29th. Sunday School will resume on January 5, 2025.

**New Years' Day Gathering:** The Winders are hosting a New Years' Day gathering at their home. Come for coffee, refreshments, and games starting at 1:00PM. If you plan to stay awhile, you may be asked to join a full round of monopoly! Contact Taylee Winder (435-720-2768) for more information.

**Sunday Morning Fellowship:** Starting today, we will have light snacks available during the break between Sunday School and the worship service. There is a sign up sheet in the entryway of the church. Reimbursement from the church is available for those who would like to turn in their fellowship snack receipt. Please be mindful of sugar content, dyes, and other ingredients when selecting snacks to bring. Contact Kelley McGinnis (kilmcginnis@hotmail.com & 530-227-8521), with any questions.

**Christmas Eve Service:** We will have a Christmas Eve service on December 24, 2024 at 6pm. Please come and worship together as we anticipate the celebration of our Lord Jesus' birth!

**Prayer Meeting:** Prayer meeting begins at 9:15am each Lord's Day morning led by Jim Doyle. Please come and pray!

**Sunday School:** Sunday School starts at 9:45am. The adults are working through the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. This is an important way to examine key doctrines in the Bible, to join our brothers and sisters from ages past in practicing the historic reformed faith, and to learn how we can all work toward greater unity in the church. Please make it a priority to attend! The children's Sunday School is geared for the following approximate grades: nursery, grades 1-3, 5-6. and 7-12.

Wednesday Evening Study: Please join us for a weekly study at 7pm at AFCC. We will be continuing our Sunday School study of the *Westminster Confession of Faith*. Don't miss out on this wonderful time of learning and fellowship! No Wednesday night study on December 25th or January 1st.

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