



**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*

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,  
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:  
 • seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:  
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

REFRAIN

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

1. While by the sheep we watched at night, glad tid - ings brought an  
 2. There shall be born, so he did say, in Beth - le - hem a  
 3. There shall the child lie in a stall, this child who shall re -  
 4. This gift of God we'll cher - ish well, that ev - er joy our

(MEN) (WOMEN)

*f* REFRAIN *p* echo

an - gel bright.  
 child to - day.  
 deem us all. How great our joy! Great our joy!  
 hearts shall fill.

(MEN) (WOMEN) (MEN)

*f* *p* echo *f*

Joy, joy, joy! Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in

(WOMEN)

*p* echo

heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

## 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

1. Love - ly child, ho - ly child, gen - tle, mild, un - de - filed;  
2. Child of light, born to - night, our de - light, prom - ise bright;  
3. Rest your head, sweet - est head; gifts we'll spread at your bed.  
4. To this boy, our great joy, we em - ploy hymns of joy;

in - fant King, fair - est King, gifts we'll bring and an - thems sing:  
child so fair: see him there; now de - clare him ev - 'ry - where:  
Je - sus Lord, be a - dored, may this word now be out - poured:  
child so fair: see him there; now de - clare him ev - 'ry - where:

*f* Al - le - lu - - ia, *p* al - le - lu - - ia.

*f* Al - le - lu - - ia, *p* al - le - lu - - ia!

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# 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*

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,  
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;  
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;  
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;  
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loys,  
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last  
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;

so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.  
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.  
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.  
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.  
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.



# BENEDICTION

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system contains the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the last two lines. Chords are indicated by letters above the treble staff.

**System 1:**

Chords: G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G, D, Em, C, G, D

Lyrics: Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;

**System 2:**

Chords: Em, D, G, D, G, C, D, G, D, Am, G, D, G, C, G

Lyrics: Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

# 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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