

Order of Worship December 2, 2018

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements Taylor King, Youth Director

Preparation for Worship

For nothing will be impossible with God. (Luke 1:37 ESV)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Call to Worship

Pastor: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

People: For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Pastor: And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

People: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

Pastor: He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;

People: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

Pastor: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.

ALL: Praise the LORD! (Luke 1:46-55 ESV)

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

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.

"Joy To The World"
George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts
© Public Domain My perfect spotless righteousness

Joy Has Dawned

Joy has dawned upon the world/Promised from creation;
God's salvation now unfurled/Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above/Not with scenes of glory;
But a humble gift of love/Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky/With the songs of angels
As the mighty Prince of Life/Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place/Shaped the earth in darkness;
Cling now to a mother's breast/Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb/Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands/Prophecy the story.
Gold, a King is born today/Incense, God is with us;
Myrrh, His death will make a way/By His blood He'll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of heaven/Given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man/Christ our mighty Champion.
What a Savior, what a Friend/What a glorious mystery;
Once a babe in Bethlehem/Now the Lord of history.

"Joy Has Dawned"
Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

Scripture Reading

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

(Matthew 1:18-25 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

What Child Is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian fear for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading
Nails spear shall pierce Him through the cross be borne for me for you.
Hail hail the Word made flesh, the babe the son of Mary.

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh; come peasant king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise raise the song on high, the Virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy joy for Christ is born, the babe the son of Mary.

"What Child Is This?"
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Missions Moment

Ava Weeks, Sixty Feet Ministry

Pastoral Prayer

Shep Park, Elder

Offertory**

"Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor

"The Wonder of Christmas: The Wonder of Mary" Luke 1:26-38; 2:19
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Song of Response

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long-expected Jesus/Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us/Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation/Hope of all the saints Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation/Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver/Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever/Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit/Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit/Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
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Sermon Notes:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Guests: Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We are glad you are here! If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please speak to one of the greeters, fill out the Blue Connect Card, and visit our website at cornerstone-pres.org.

New Member Class - Resumes today - Room 103 downstairs.

Youth Christmas Party Today! From 5-7pm at the church Dinner is provided, games will be played and fun will be had by all. **Instead of bringing a gift to be exchanged this year, students are encouraged to bring an outgrown or gently used jacket (or other colder weather article of clothing) to be donated to Lincoln Academy for those in need of warmer clothing this time of year!**

Communion - We will celebrate The Lord's Supper next Sunday, December 9th.

Officer Nominations: Cornerstone members will have the opportunity to nominate men for office until Sunday, December 30th. Please see the nomination brochure inserted in your bulletin and place nominations in the offering plate or give to a church officer.

Cornerstone Christmas Events:

12/23 @ 10:45 a.m. - Christmas Brunch (No Sunday School)

12/24 @ 5:00 p.m. - Christmas Candlelight Service

Providence Presbytery Youth Retreat - January 25-27, 2019. Please join us at CampToKnowHim for the ROOTS Retreat January 25-27, 2019. Cost is \$85/student. Registration is now open. Register during Sunday School.

Women's Winter Retreat - February 1-2, 2019. DoubleTree Hilton Perimeter Park, Birmingham, AL. Our speaker this year is Christina Fox. She will be leading us through her book, "Closer Than A Sister: How Union With Christ Helps Friendships to Flourish". Registration is open now in the narthex or online at cornerstone-pres.org/women. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Honeywell at heidi@cornerstone-pres.org.

Save the Date - Cornerstone Men's Retreat - February 22-23, 2019

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Karen Conners, Bryan Gassaway, Emily Hinson, Mark Hundscheid, Alan Patterson, Randy and Dee Petcher, David & Margaret Powell, Earl and Jean Wells.

Helen Elizabeth Hinshaw - Praise the Lord for Helen, born last week to Matthew & Emily Hinshaw. Proud grandparents are Johnny and Karen Hinshaw.

Pray for our expectant mom - Jennie Stanford (May).

Pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Serving Overseas - John Hinshaw, son of Johnny and Karen Hinshaw.

Pray for God's will on future plans for the new church property.

Ministries - Reformed University Fellowship - (UAH-Vinney Athey / Alabama A&M/Wofford-Matt Patrick), Southwood Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, AL (Will Spink); Scottsboro Church Plant - New strategy for missional engagement

Come Behold The Wondrous Myst'ry

*Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises / Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing in our darkness / Now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ who condescended / Took on flesh to ransom us.*

*Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suff'ring / Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam / Come to save the hell-bound man,
Christ the great and sure fulfillment / Of the law in Him we stand.*

*Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / Christ the Lord upon the tree;
In the stead of ruined sinners / Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption / See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory / Grace unmeasured love untold.*

*Come behold the wondrous myst'ry / Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him / Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance / How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected / As we will be when He comes*

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