

Order of Worship

December 31, 2017

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Mike Honeywell, Elder

Preparation for Worship

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14 ESV)

Call to Worship

Pastor: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people.

People: He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets of old.

Pastor: He did this to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath he swore to our father Abraham.

People: To grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

ALL: Praise the Lord! *(Luke 1:68-70, 72-75 ESV)*

Invocation

Praise and Adoration

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory/Wing your flight o'er all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story/Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*(Chorus) Come and worship come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the field abiding/Watching o'er your flocks by night
God with us is now residing/Yonder shines the infant light. *(Chorus)*

Sages, leave your contemplations/Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations/Ye have seen his natal star. *(Chorus)*

Saints before the altar bending/Watching long in hope and fear
Suddenly the Lord descending/In His temple shall appear. *(Chorus)*

All creation join in praising/God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising/To the eternal Three in One. *(Chorus)*

"Angels From The Realms Of Glory"
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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 there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel'"

(Luke 2:25-32 ESV)

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen/Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour/Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r/When we were gone astray.

*(Chorus) O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy*

From God our heavenly Father/A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds/Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born/The Son of God by name.

Fear not then said the angel/Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour/Of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him/From Satan's pow'r and might.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks feeding in tempest, storm and wind
And went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.

"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"
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Missions Moment

Dieter Paulson, Scottsboro Church Plant

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory**

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Dieter Paulson

"The Believer's Peace"

*Luke 2:1-20
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Song of Response

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All/Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh/Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died/The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid/Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay/Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day/Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory/Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine/Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life no fear in death/This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath/Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man/Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home/Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Benediction

****Please register your attendance on the Connect Card
and place in offering plate.**

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 and fill out the Blue Connect Card.

Sunday School will not meet today. We will resume our regular schedule next Sunday, January 7th.

Church Office - The office will be closed January 1-2, 2018.

New Year Sermon Series - "Jesus's Message To His Church" Revelation 1-4.

New Members' Class - If you are interested in joining or learning more about Cornerstone, please join us January 21, 28, Feb. 4, 11. We will meet in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour. To register, please e-mail the church office at office@cornerstone-pres.org.

Women's Winter Retreat - February 2-3, 2018. Please join us at the Chattanooga Downtown Marriott for a time of fellowship and fun. Deadline to register is next Sunday, January 7. Our speaker is Courtney Doctor, author of the *Garden to Glory* Bible Study. Register at cornerstone-pres.org/women. Scholarships are available. Volunteers are still needed! If you would like to serve or have questions contact Kelly Butler at kellyfbutler@gmail.com or 205-422-8232.

Upcoming Events

Foundations Resumes - Wednesday, January 17th

Youth Winter Retreat - January 19-21 @ Camp ToKnowHim.

Indelible Grace Concert - January 28th @ Providence Baptist Church

Women's Winter Retreat - February 2-3, 2018.

Cornerstone Men's Retreat - March 2-3, 2018, at Lake Guntersville.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Healing - Please pray for the health of the following individuals: Bill & Betty Baldwin, Tom & Ann Keown, Tim Ricks and Gary Thompson

Pray for church members caring for family - Lora Abernathy, Karen Conners, Carol Cox, Wendy Dillon, Bryan Gassaway, Mark Hundscheid, Alan Patterson, Randy and Dee Petcher, David & Margaret Powell, Tim and David Ricks, Anne Thompson, Earl and Jean Wells and Sean Williamson.

Pray for our expectant mothers - Cecilia Heiser (April), Anna Parks (March) and Melissa Trotter (April).

Ministries - INFOCUS Campus Ministry, Tallucah Presbyterian Church - Valhermoso Springs, AL

The Lord's Day, December 31, 2017

All Praise To Thee, Eternal Lord

*All praise to thee, eternal Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
Choosing a manger for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine alone.*

*Once did the skies before thee bow; a virgin's arms contain thee now;
Anges who did in thee rejoice now listen for thine infant voice.*

*A little child, thou art our guest, that weary ones in thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.*

*All this for us they love hath done; by this to thee our love is won:
For this we tune our cheerful lays, and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise.*

"All Praise To Thee, Eternal Lord"
Martin Luther