

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 2, 2018  
“REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR”**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** ..... “Anywhere With Jesus”

Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go  
Anywhere He leads me in this world below  
Anywhere without Him dearest joys would fade  
Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid

Anywhere, anywhere, any little fear I'll never know  
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go

Anywhere with Jesus I am not alone  
Other friends may fail me, He is still my own  
Though His hand may lead me over dreariest ways  
Anywhere with Jesus is a house of praise

Anywhere, anywhere, any little fear I'll never know  
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go

Anywhere with Jesus I can go to sleep  
When the darkening shadows round about me creep  
Knowing I shall waken, never more to roam  
Anywhere with Jesus will be home, sweet home

Anywhere, anywhere, any little fear I'll never know  
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go  
Anywhere with Jesus I can surely go

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**PRESERVICE** ..... “A Hallelujah Christmas”

I've heard about this baby boy  
Who's come to earth to bring us joy  
And I just want to sing this song to you  
It goes like this, the fourth, the fifth  
The minor fall, the major lift  
With every breath I'm singing Hallelujah

Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

**A couple came to Bethlehem  
Expecting child, they searched the inn  
To find a place for You were coming soon  
There was no room for them to stay  
So in a manger filled with hay  
God's only Son was born, oh Hallelujah**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**The shepherds left their flocks by night  
To see this baby wrapped in light  
A host of angels led them all to You  
It was just as the angels said  
You'll find Him in a manger bed  
Immanuel and Savior, Hallelujah**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**A star shown bright up in the east  
To Bethlehem, the wisemen three  
Came many miles and journeyed long for You  
And to the place at which You were  
Their frankincense and gold and myrrh  
They gave to You and cried out Hallelujah**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

**I know You came to rescue me  
This baby boy would grow to be  
A man and one day die for me and you  
My sins would drive the nails in You  
That rugged cross was my cross, too  
Still every breath You drew was Hallelujah**

**Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah**

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**WORSHIP THEME – “Redemption Draws Near” Luke 21:25-36**

Just as a fig tree transforms before the coming season, so the sun, moon, stars, and earth display signs of the coming Christ. Pay heed to the warning signs found in Scripture that point to His return, and don't let your heart grow cold or calloused. During this season of Advent, be watchful and prayerful for great joy is in store as redemption draws near.

**+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +**

**OPENING SONG..... “In Jesus’ Name”**

**The blind have sight  
The deaf now hear  
The lame will walk  
The lost drawn near  
And with new life  
The dead are raised  
All through the power  
In Jesus’ name**

**The tired find rest  
The sick are healed  
The mysteries of our God revealed  
And now the truth  
Can be proclaimed  
All through the power  
In Jesus’ name**

**Name above all names  
Savior and our Lord  
Every knee will bow  
And every tongue confess  
No other name is given  
By which we can be saved  
Let us find our life and love  
In Jesus’ name**

**The thirsty filled  
The hungry fed  
And those who mourn  
Are comforted  
The chains are broken  
That have enslaved  
We’re offered freedom  
In Jesus’ name**

**Name above all names  
Savior and our Lord  
Every knee will bow  
And every tongue confess  
No other name is given  
By which we can be saved  
Let us find our life and love  
In Jesus' name**

**There is power  
There is hope  
There is love like you've never known  
There is forgiveness  
And healing from your pain  
All through the power  
In Jesus' name**

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### **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** Welcome young people and those who are more seasoned in life.  
We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who through His  
redemptive sacrifice saved us from sin.

**People:** **We are blessed to be in this place and join our voices together to praise  
the Lord.**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor:** Holy Lord, we don't take lightly Your presence.

**People:** **You are God, and we are not.**

**Pastor** In submission, we bow before you, Lord. You are great and mighty, yet as a  
humble babe you entered this fallen world.

**People:** **Our hearts are filled with praise and gratitude for our King who came  
and is coming again!**

Pastor We love you, Lord, and are so awestruck of Your love for us. It is in the name of Jesus we pray,

**People: Amen.**

**TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Scripture reads in 2 Corinthians 7:10: “Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.” Lord, we desire godly sorrow that leads to repentance. Remove the obstacle of pride that stubbornly stands in the way of our surrendering.

**People: We turn away from sin and toward Your righteousness.**

Pastor: Where we have hearts of stone, break and soften them so that we may be molded into Your likeness.

**People: Forgive us our sins.**

Pastor: Thank You for Your kindness toward even sinners like us. We accept Your forgiveness.

**People: In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**+ We Hear God’s Word +**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1232 in NIV pew Bible)**

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13(ESV) (page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1839 in NIV pew Bible)**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....“Holy Night, Holy Child”.....by Jubilate Ringers**

**Luke 19:28-40(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) ..... (on page 1631 in NIV pew Bible)**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – APOSTLE’S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

**SERMON SONG ..... “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**

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

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**MESSAGE .....“A Promise Kept”.....Jer 33:14-16; Luke 19:28-40; 1 Thes 3:9-13**

**OFFERING SONG.....“Lead Us Back”**

**Lead us back where we belong,  
Call us as Your very own  
Lead us back,  
Safe into Your arms**

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**PRAYERS  
LORD’S PRAYER**

**+ We Depart in Peace +**

**BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** The Lord draws near. We know not the day nor the hour, but we hold onto the promise of His second coming! Until then, we will continue to see His beautiful face.

**People:** **Forever He is faithful! Forever we are Yours, Lord.**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, Son, and Spirit, go in peace.

**People:** **Amen.**

**CLOSING SONG..... "I Saw the Light"**

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin, I wouldn't let, my dear Saviour in  
Then Jesus came, like a stranger in the night, Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

**I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise The Lord, I saw the light**

**Just like a blind man, I wandered alone, Worries and fears, I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man, that God gave back his sight, Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

**I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise The Lord, I saw the light**

**I was a fool, to wander and stray, For straight is the gate, and narrow is the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right, Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

**I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise The Lord, I saw the light**

"I Saw The Light" written by Hank Williams Sr. 1948. Renewed 1975 Sony/ATV Acuff Rose Music Scripture Reference: Psalm 27:1; 1 John 1:5 CCLI Song: 45064 CCLI License: 51072

## **We Exit to Serve!**

*If this service has moved you spiritually and you have questions regarding your spiritual life, please feel free to visit with Pastor after the service.*