

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 23, 2018
“A HUMBLE SERVANT”**

***PRESERVICE MUSIC* “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen / We Three Kings”**

**God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour,
Was born upon this day;
To save us all from Satan's power,
When we were gone astray.**

**O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

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

**O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

**O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to that perfect light.**

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain;
Gold I bring to crown Him again;
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.**

**O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to that perfect light.**

**Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Worship Him, God Most High.**

**O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to that perfect light.**

**God rest ye merry, gentlemen
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“O Come All Ye Faithful”

**O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the king of angels:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God,
All Glory In the highest:
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.**

**Every nation will bow down before You,
Every tongue will confess You are God!
We worship and adore You,
We worship and adore**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given!
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

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WORSHIP THEME: A Humble Servant” Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)

Mary was just a young girl, but the Lord saw her fit to birth the King of the World. Pregnant with John the Baptist, Elizabeth felt a leap in her womb when she met with Mary. Mary glorified the Lord with singing proclaiming His goodness, mercy, and blessings. The Lord chooses the humble to accomplish great works.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG.....“O Little Town Of Bethlehem”

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep,
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy darkness shineth,
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years,
Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep,
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together,
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God, the King,
And peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous Gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts,

The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels,
The great glad tidings tell:
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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Scripture Reference: Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1-6, Isaiah 7:14 CCLI Song: 27879 CCLI License: 51072*

INVOCATION

Pastor: The Lord opposes the proud, but to the humble, He gives grace. Today He calls us to choose humility over pride, selflessness over pleasure, and generosity instead of greed.

People: **We shed pride at the door and clothe ourselves with humility in the sight of the Lord.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Great Father, we are Your lowly servants. Jesus, the greatest of all, was the pinnacle of servanthood. May we follow His example of love and service, and run from satan's schemes.

People: **By the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, may we do it! Amen.**

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: We confess that sin is easy and gratifies us instantly while the path of righteousness requires patience and humility.

People: **We confess that we fall short of the call to follow the Lord's commands.**

Pastor: We proclaim that the blood of Jesus Christ shed for the forgiveness of our sins is our free gift of salvation, and we have accepted that gift.

People: **We proclaim that the blood of Jesus has washed our stains white as snow.**

Pastor: We ask for the renewal of our minds, the purifying of our hearts, and the help of the Holy Spirit to lead us.

People: **In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.**

+ We Hear God's Word +

Micah 5:2–5a(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1445 in NIV pew Bible)

Hebrews 10:5–10(ESV) (page 6 in bulletin)..... (on page 1873 in NIV pew Bible)

8AM MINISTRY OF MUSIC.....“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen”by Crosstones

Luke 1:39–56(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1588 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 "Mary Did You Know"

**Mary, did you know,
That your Baby Boy will one day walk on water?**

**Mary, did you know,
That your Baby Boy will save our sons and daughters?**

**Did you know,
That your Baby Boy has come to make you new?
This Child that you've delivered,
Will soon deliver you.**

**Mary, did you know,
That your Baby Boy will give sight to a blind man?**

**Mary, did you know,
Your Baby Boy will calm a storm with His hand?**

**Did you know,
That your Baby Boy has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little Baby,
You've kissed the face of God.**

**The blind will see,
The deaf will hear,
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap,
The dumb will speak,
The praises of The Lamb.**

**Mary, did you know,
That your Baby Boy is Lord of all creation?**

**Mary, did you know,
That your Baby Boy will one day rule the nations?**

**Did you know,
That your Baby Boy is heaven's perfect lamb?
This sleeping Child you're holding, is the great I AM.**

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MESSAGE..... “The King Of Kings Is Born In Bethlehem”Micah 5:2-5a

OFFERING SONG..... “Go Tell It On The Mountain”

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.**

**Down in a lowly manger,
The humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation,
That blessed Christmas morn.**

**Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.**

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PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

+ We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper +

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

WE PREPARE

Pastor: “Koinonia” is the Greek word for “communion” and means a partnership, participation, fellowship, distribution, contribution or to communicate. When we participate in communion, we remember the Lord’s sacrifice. We obey His command to do this often in remembrance of Him. We do not take this command lightly, for the Lord’s great sacrifice for us must be celebrated often. Our hearts should yearn for the return of our Lord as we wait with anticipation for Him. Let us remember as we break this bread, which is His body, and drink of this cup which is His blood, that we have the privilege and the honor of examining our own hearts, confessing unconfessed sins to the forgiving Lord, and proclaiming the Lord’s death until He returns.

People: **We give thanks to the Lord Almighty for His great sacrifice. Thank You for the privilege of feasting at Your table. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG *“Silent Night! Holy Night!”*

Silent night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia.
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you as you live the life He has called you to live. Go in the name of the Lord!

People: Amen!

CLOSING SONG..... *“Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)”*

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

Joy, unspeakable joy
Overflowing well no tongue can tell
Joy unspeakable joy
Rises in my soul, never lets me go.

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, unspeakable joy
Overflowing well no tongue can tell
Joy unspeakable joy
Rises in my soul, never lets me go.

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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 one of the Pastors after the service.

Merry Christmas

