

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 3 – 10:30 A.M.
“WATCHING AND WAITING”**

***PRESERVICE MUSIC*..... “Let It Rise”**

Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the glory of the Lord, rise among us
Let the praises of the King, rise among us, let it rise

Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the songs of the Lord, rise among us
Let the joy of the King, rise among us, let it rise

Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise
Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise

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Oh Let It Rise

Oh, oh, oh, Let it rise
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*“Let It Rise” Author: Holland Davis 1997, 1999 Maranatha Praise, Inc Scripture Reference: Exodus 16:7, Psalm 137:4
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"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: "Watching and Waiting" Mark 13:24-37

We watch for the signs of the coming seasons, but do we watch for the signs of our coming Lord? Jesus Christ will return one day, and no one knows the day or hour. We must keep watch and be alert. This Advent season as we remember the coming of the baby Lord Jesus, let hope and expectation stir within us as we look forward to the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, King and Judge of the world!

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG....."Born That We May Have Life"

**No reputation, no stately bearing
No palace bed for royalty
But a star in the heavens
A sign full of wonder
Announcing the coming of the King of kings**

**Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man
Born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life**

**A throne in a manger, the cross in a cradle
The hidden revealing this glorious plan
A child who would suffer
A child who would conquer
The sin of every woman, the sin of every man**

**Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man
Born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life**

**Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come
Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man
Born that we may have life**

**Rejoice! O, world Your Savior has come, Through the love of a virgin's womb
Son of God, Son of Man, Born that we may have life
You were born that we may have life, You were born that we may have life**

*"Born That We May Have Life" written by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Maher 2009 worshiptogether.com songs
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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Graceful Lord, we are awed by You.

People: **Come Lord, Jesus!**

Pastor: You've come, You've ascended, and You're coming again.

People: **Come Lord, Jesus!**

Pastor: We wait for You.

People: **Come Lord, Jesus! Come!**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: King Jesus, not even the angels in heaven know when you're coming back. As we keep watch for Your return, may we do so with eager anticipation. May we not fall asleep or ban our posts. Instead, rise up within us! Wake our souls and align them with Your will that we may be ready and expectant of Your coming!

People: **We are watching and waiting for Your return.**

Pastor: It's in Your mighty name, Jesus Christ, that we pray, Amen.

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Holy God, we confess...

People: **Of spiritually sleepwalking, growing lazy in our heavenly duties on earth.**

Pastor: Giver of Life, we confess...

People: **Of passively waiting and wasting the time You've entrusted to us on earth.**

Pastor: Gracious Father, we repent. Forgive us.

People: **We accept Your forgiveness.**

Pastor: May we faithfully carry out Your work while we actively wait for You!

People: **Amen.**

+ We Hear God's Word +

Isaiah 64:1-9(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin) (on page 1161 in NIV pew Bible)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin)..... (on page 1771 in NIV pew Bible)

Mark 13:24-37(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1572 in NIV pew Bible)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 "O Church Arise (Arise Shine)"

**O Church arise and put your armour on
Hear the call of Christ our Captain
For now the weak can say that they are strong
In the strength that God has given
With shield of faith and belt of Truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies
An army bold whose battle cry is love
Reaching out to those in darkness**

**Our call to war to love the captive soul
But to rage against the captor
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor
When faced with trials on ev'ry side
We know the outcome is secure
And Christ will have the prize for which He died
An inheritance of nations**

**Arise shine for your Light has come
Arise shine for the risen Son
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride
Arise O Church arise**

**Come see the cross where love and mercy meet
As the Son of God is stricken
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet
For the Conqueror has risen
And as the stone is rolled away
And Christ emerges from the grave
This victory march continues 'til the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him**

So Spirit come put strength in every stride
Give grace for every hurdle
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful
As saints of old still line the way
Retelling triumphs of His grace
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in Glory

Arise shine for your Light has come
Arise shine for the risen Son
Lift your eyes we are His radiant bride
Arise O Church arise

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*"O Church Arise (Arise Shine)" written by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Chris Tomlin, and Stuart Townend
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MESSAGE..... "Waiting!"Mark 12:24-37

OFFERING SONG..... "Awesome God"

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from Heaven above,
With wisdom, power and love, Our God is an awesome God.

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+ We Pray +

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Be watchful and be diligent with the time the Lord has allotted you on this earth. For His glory alone! In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: For His glory alone! Amen!

CLOSING SONG..... "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

REFRAIN

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

**While shepherds kept their watching
Over silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. REFRAIN**

**The shepherds feared and trembled,
When lo! above the earth,
Rang out the angels chorus
That hailed the Savior's birth. REFRAIN**

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

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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.