

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 9, 2018
“REFINE US WITH YOUR FIRE”**

PRESERVICE MUSIC..... “Light Of The World”

**You are the light of the world
You are the light of the world
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are the light of the world**

**You are a city on a hill
You are a city on a hill
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a city on a hill**

**You are a candle in the dark
You are a candle in the dark
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a candle in the dark**

**You are a star in the night
You are a star in the night
So shine, shine, shine where you are
You are a star in the night**

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"Light Of The World" written by Philip Lawson Johnson 1993 Thankyou Music CCLI Song: 1085755 CCLI License: 51072

"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 – “Refine Us With Your Fire” Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)

John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus to come by preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. His coming was prophesied several hundred years before by the prophet Isaiah. The people wondered if John could be the Messiah, but he assured them that the Messiah was coming to baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire. John’s fervor for proclaiming the Good News landed him in prison and eventually his death. As the Lord’s refining fire purifies our hearts, let us reflect an even better picture of Him and continue proclaiming the Good News to those around us and into 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**

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*"Born That We May Have Life" written by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Maher 2009 worshiptogether.com songs
Scripture Reference: John 3:16 CCLI Song: 5601839 CCLI License: 51072*

INVOCATION

Pastor: Come and hear all the Lord has done!

People: **We are here and eager to know.**

Pastor: He has sent His Son to baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire!

People: **He has sent His Son to save the world.**

Pastor: Jesus, the Messiah, has come and will come again.

People: **Hallelujah to the King! Until He returns we will be purified with His fire.
We will reflect the love of our Savior.**

Pastor: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: O Great King of Kings, we are amazed by You. How can You love us? How can You desire us to be Your Kingdom inheritance? We are wretched sinners, yet You purify us with Your refining fire. Fill us with righteousness. Teach us Your perfect ways. We are eager to be more like You.

People: **In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we pray, amen.**

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Forgiving God, we bow before Your mercy seat with hearts humbled because You deserve all the glory. You have the power to judge and to save, to cast out and grant grace, and to cover our sins with the precious blood of Jesus.

People: **Lord, where we cherish sin in our hearts, rid us of wickedness and evil!
Where we harbor darkness, shine Your piercing light. We need You now.**

Pastor: Forgive us, Lord Jesus. You alone have the power to wash us white as snow And remember our sins no more.

People: **Grant us the strength and grace to turn away from sin and walk in righteousness with You all the days of our lives.**

Pastor: By the blood of Jesus we are forgiven and free!

People: Amen.

+ We Hear God's Word +

Malachi 3:1–7b (ESV)(page 5 in bulletin) (on page 1490 in NIV pew Bible)

Philippians 1:2–11(ESV) (page 6 in bulletin)..... (on page 1825 in NIV pew Bible)

MINISTRY OF MUSIC “Bell Carol”by Praise and Worship Choir

Ukraini Bell Carol Arranged with original Words by Heather Sorenson

Luke 2:14-16 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, “Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger

Luke 3:1–20(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1593 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 “Oh How Good It Is”

**Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us.**

CHORUS

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging.

CHORUS

Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit.

CHORUS

*"Oh How Good It Is" written by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, and Stuart Townend
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MESSAGE "St. Nicholas" Galatians 2:20 By Rev. Gary Fortkamp

OFFERING SONG..... "Father I Adore You"

Father, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

Jesus, I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You

**Spirit I adore You
Lay my life before You
How I love You**

"Father I Adore You" written by Terrye Coelho 1972 Maranatha! Music Scripture Reference: John 17:1

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: We gather and we pray together:

People: **Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us as we give thanks for Your body and blood. We pray that we may be for the world the redeemed body of Christ. Unify us as one people, one with each other and one with You.**

Pastor: Until Jesus returns in final victory, we will feast at His table and proclaim His return. All honor, glory, and power is Yours, Lord, forever and ever,

People: **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer:
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our Refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

*"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" written by Charles Crozat Converse, Joseph Medlicott Scriven Public Domain
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DISMISSAL BLESSING

Pastor: May the love of the Lord Jesus Christ surround you. May the fervor of the Lord fill you with righteousness and the fire of the Holy Spirit ignite you to carry the Gospel torch to the ends of the earth.

ALL We are the light of Christ. Refine us, Lord, with Your blazing fire!

+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: He will return and we will be ready. May the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you. Amen.

CLOSING SONG..... "My Redeemer Lives"

**I know He Rescued my soul
His Blood covered my sin
I believe I believe**

**My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe**

**I'll raise the banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

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His Blood covered my sin
I believe I believe**

**My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe**

**I'll raise the banner
'Cause my Lord has conquered the grave
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

**You lift my burdens; And I rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountain top
To see Your Kingdom come**

**My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives**

*"My Redeemer Lives" written by Reuben Morgan 1998 Hillsong Music Publishing Scripture Reference: 1 John 1:7
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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.

