

# *Soli Deo Gloria*

*To God Alone be the Glory*



**10:00 am Worship**

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# Order of Worship

## Lighting of Third Advent Candle

*Zephaniah 3:14-19*

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing...He will save the lame and gather the outcast, and he will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

## Hymns of Praise

### **JOY TO THE WORLD** (*Hymn #181*)

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 menm their songs emply,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hill, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy,.

No more let sin and sorrow grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glory of His righteousness And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

### **JOY HAS DAWNED** (*Hymn #186*)

Joy has dawned upon the world, Promised from creation  
God's salvation now unfurled, Hope for every 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 And 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 Saviour what a Friend! What a glorious mystery!  
Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of history

## Scripture Reading

*Matthew 1:18-25*

<sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

<sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

## Prayer of Confession

## Special Music

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

## Scripture Readings

### GENESIS 18:1-15

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup> He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup> and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup> while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” <sup>6</sup> And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” <sup>7</sup> And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup> Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” <sup>10</sup> The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup> Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” <sup>13</sup> The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>15</sup> But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

### **GENESIS 21:1-7**

The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. <sup>2</sup> And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him. <sup>3</sup> Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore him, Isaac. <sup>4</sup> And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. <sup>5</sup> Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. <sup>6</sup> And Sarah said, “God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me.” <sup>7</sup> And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

### **HEBREWS 11:8-12**

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

## Sermon

## “The Joy of Believing”

### I. GOD’S WORD OF GREAT JOY TO SARAH

#### A. The Promise in God’s Word (Genesis 18:1-15)

1. To the W\_\_\_\_\_ -O\_\_\_\_\_ Woman and the O\_\_\_\_\_ Man:
2. They will C\_\_\_\_\_ and have a S\_\_\_\_\_

#### B. The Power of God’s Word (Hebrews 11:11-12)

1. To Bring L\_\_\_\_\_ from the D\_\_\_\_\_
2. To Multiply D\_\_\_\_\_ from the B\_\_\_\_\_

### II. SARAH’S FAITH AND JOY IN GOD

#### A. Sarah’s Laughter (Genesis 18:9-15; 21:1-7)

1. From Laughing A\_\_\_\_\_ in Her D\_\_\_\_\_
2. To Laughing with O\_\_\_\_\_ in God’s J\_\_\_\_\_

#### B. Sarah’s Conclusion (Hebrews 11:11)

1. God is F\_\_\_\_\_ to all His P\_\_\_\_\_

### III. FINDING JOY IN OUR FAITH

#### A. Rejoicing in the Person of Jesus Christ

1. The Son of the Woman who C\_\_\_\_\_ the S\_\_\_\_\_  
(Genesis 3:15; Matthew 1:18-25)
2. The Son of Abraham who B\_\_\_\_\_ the N\_\_\_\_\_  
(Genesis 12:1-3; Matthew 1:1)

#### B. Rejoicing in the Promises of God’s Word

1. The F\_\_\_\_\_ of our S\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 1:21)
2. Our R\_\_\_\_\_ to E\_\_\_\_\_ L\_\_\_\_\_ (Lk 1:31-33)
3. Our A\_\_\_\_\_ into God’s F\_\_\_\_\_ (John 1:12)

## Hymn of Response

### **O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM** (HYMN 196)

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 dark streets shineth The everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to-night.

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 to-day.  
We hear the Christmas angels, The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

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## Missions Moment

*Pam Newcombe (Foster Care)*

## Prayers of the Church

## Doxology & Dedication of Tithes & Offerings

## Closing Hymn

### **GOOD CHRISTIAN MEN REJOICE** (*Hymn #183*)

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!  
Man and beast before Him bow, And He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this.  
He has opened heaven's door, And man is blest forevermore!  
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!  
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain His everlasting hall  
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

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## Benediction