

Worship Guide 12/12/2021

Call to Worship

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Worshiping God by Singing

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth,
born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”

Worshiping God by Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

To the congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Worshiping God by Singing

What Child Is This

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and lamb are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

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Prayer

Missionary of the Week:

Rachel Wilson
RUF

Community Church of the Week:

Gateway Baptist Church
Rev. Greg Harrell

Presbytery Church of the Week:

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

Worshiping God by Hearing His Word

Series: God in the Flesh

Sermon: *The Man, Christ Jesus*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1, 14

Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:17-18

We ought not emphasize the _____ of Christ to the exclusion of his _____.

The Son of God _____ and became like us in _____.

He was so much like us, in fact, many people never even considered that he might be more than a _____.

He became like us out of _____ for us and a desire to _____ us.

Because he is truly human (and not only divine) he is the _____ between God and human beings.

Action Point:

_____ the _____ to consider
_____ Jesus really is.

So let's _____ and _____ to
Jesus, the God who became man for our benefit.

Worshiping God by Singing

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

God rest you merry gentlemen
let nothing you dismay
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
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,
a 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

“Fear not, then,” said the angel
“let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's pow'r and might.”
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

The shepherds at those tidings
rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a feeding,
in tempest storm, and wind:
and went to Bethlehem straightway,
the Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

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Benediction

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and
from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

2 John 3