

Worship Guide 12/7/2025

Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, “The LORD reigns!” Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

1 Chronicles 16:31-34

Worshiping God by Singing

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel’s strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art,
dear Desire of ev’ry nation,
joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!

O'er the hills the angels singing
news, glad tidings of a birth:
“Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious home.

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Worshiping God by Confessing Our Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth;
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of his Father before all worlds:
 God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made:

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
 and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father.

And he shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord, and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Worshiping God by Singing

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love a-right
she bore to men a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air;
Dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God;
from sin and death he saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.

O Savior, child of Mary,
who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
who dost our weakness know,
Bring us at length, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven
And to the endless day.

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Prayer

Missionary of the Week:	Brian Howard RUFi Clemson
Community Church of the Week:	First Baptist Missionary Church Rev. George Windley
Presbytery Church of the Week:	First Presbyterian Church Rev. Matt Adams

Worshiping God by Hearing His Word

Series: *One of Us*

Sermon: *The Mystery of the Incarnation*

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.

¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.

¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ 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

The incarnation is a _____ and _____.

At the same time, the incarnation is _____ to _____ God and _____ salvation.

The appropriate response to the mystery of the incarnation is _____.

So let's _____ the reality of Jesus, God in the flesh, that we would _____ and _____ him.

Worshiping God by Celebrating the Lord's Supper

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty

concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Worshiping God by Singing

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice!
Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice!
Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice!
Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice!
Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

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Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

2 Thessalonians 3:18