

Worship Guide 12/21/2025

Call to Worship

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”

Luke 2:8-14

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.”

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The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heav'n and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

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Worshiping God by Confessing Our Sins

Gracious God,
we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we long for are like shadows, but you are the truest fulfillment of our desires. Forgive us in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our sin-defiled works, his death for our life.

Amen.

Worshiping God by Confessing Our Hope

Jesus said, “All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

John 6:37-40

Worshiping God by Singing

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten
Ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega
He the source, the ending He
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore

O that birth for ever blessed
When the virgin, full of grace
By the Holy Ghost conceiving
Bore the Savior of our race
And the babe, the world's Redeemer
First revealed His sacred face,
evermore and evermore

This is He whom heav'n-taught singers
Sang of old with one accord
Whom the Scriptures of the prophets
promised in their faithful word
Now He shines, the long-expected
Let creation praise its Lord,
evermore and evermore

O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him
Angel-hosts, His praises sing
All dominions bow before Him
And extol our God and King
Let no tongue on earth be silent
Ev'ry voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore

Christ to Thee, with God the Father
and, O Holy Ghost, to Thee
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving
and unwearied praises be
Honor, glory, and dominion
And eternal victory,
evermore and evermore

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Prayer

Missionary of the Week: Child Evangelism Fellowship

Community Church of the Week: Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Marion Newton

Presbytery Church of the Week: Reedy Creek Presbyterian Church

Worshiping God by Hearing His Word

Series: *One of Us*

Sermon: *Why the God-Man?*

¹⁷ 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.

Hebrews 2:17

The Son of God became _____ in
_____ (except he did not _____).

He did this to serve as a _____ and _____.
_____.

As high priest, Jesus _____ God's _____ against
the sins of all who trust in him.

The question for all of us, then, is this: do _____
_____ Jesus?

Let's _____ as the high priest who is
_____ to save us to the _____.

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

Benediction

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17