



## Sunday Morning Service December 1, 2024

### *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

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Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ, our God, to earth descending, comes our homage to command.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human likeness, in the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful, his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light from Light, descending from the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish, as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### Welcome & Announcements

### Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism # 124 (1563)

Which is the third petition?

**"Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven"; that is, grant that we and all men may renounce our own will, and without murmuring obey thy will, which is only good; that so everyone may attend to, and perform the duties of his station and calling, as willingly and faithfully as the angels do in heaven.**

### Call to Worship & Prayer

Psalm 72:17–19, ESV

**May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun! May people be blessed in him, all nations call him blessed!**

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory! Amen and Amen!**

### *Joy to the World the Lord is Come*

George Frederic Handel and Isaac Watts  
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Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods  
Rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows 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 glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders of His love

**Corporate and Silent Confession of Sin**

**Based on Psalm 126**

**God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things— our hearts are filled with joy.**

**Salvation is your gift to us.**

**But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect;**

**we try to add to what is already full;**

**we try to earn what we already have.**

**Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return.**

**For Jesus' sake alone, Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

**Isaiah 40:1-2**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

***O come, O come, Emmanuel***

Bob Kauflin and Steve Cook

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

O come, Thou, Dayspring from on high, and cause Thy light on us to rise  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night and death's dark shadow put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, O come, true prophet of the Lord, and turn the key to heaven's door  
Be Thou our comforter and guide, and lead us to the Father's side  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall by His word our darkness dispel

O come, our great High Priest, and intercede, Thy sacrifice, our only plea  
The judgment we no longer fear, Thy precious blood has brought us near  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel has banished every fear of hell

O Come, Thou King of nations bring an end to all our suffering  
Bid every pain and sorrow cease, and reign now as our Prince of Peace  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come again with us to dwell

**Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts\*, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*\*sins/trespases*

**Sermon**

**A Deeply-Rooted Hope (Isaiah 11:1-10)**

**Rev. Dave Latham**

***It Came Upon The Midnight Clear***

Brown Bannister, Nathan Cochran, Barry Graul, Bart Millard, Mike Scheuchzer, Edmund Hamilton Sears  
2005 Simpleville Music, Wet As A Fish Music, and Banistuici Music CCLI # 1071790

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold!  
Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King!  
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled  
And still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;  
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing.  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife, the world hath suffered long;  
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled, two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not the love song which they bring:  
O hush the noise, ye men of strife, and hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet bards foretold,  
When, with the ever-circling years, shall come the Age of Gold;  
When peace shall over all the earth, its ancient splendors fling,  
And all the world give back the song, which now the angels sing.

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**\* Benediction**

*The Doxology*

Thomas Ken, 1709

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN GOD'S GRACE**

**Sunday**

9:00 a.m.....Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.....Worship Service  
6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group  
(youth group will not meet Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>)

**December 1**

2 - 4 p.m.....Women's Christmas Gathering at the home of Sally Killian

**Wednesday**

4:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting – everyone is welcome

**December 11**

5:15 p.m.....Christmas Caroling at Spring Grove Apartments

<b>GRACE CHURCH DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR</b>		
<i>DAY</i>	<i>CHURCH FAMILY</i>	<i>MISSIONARY / MINISTRY</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Sharon & Jim Harris	Ruth and Omar Alvarado <i>Crosspoint International, Nicaragua and Honduras</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Wende & Brad Hood	Betty & Rick Aschmann <i>MTW, Ecuador</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mary Jane Hunt Caleb	Molly & Vinnie Athey <i>RUF at UAH</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Christy & Dale Jackson	Brenda Carter <i>MTW, Taiwan</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Dorothy Jackson	Sharlene & Brandon Coker <i>MAF, Canada</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Emily Jones Ford, Alice Ann, Ruthie & Margaret	Aileen Coleman <i>MAFRAQ Hospital, Jordan</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Sally & Roger Killian	Kathy & Scott Craig <i>MTW, Mexico</i>

**Prayer Concerns**

Pastoral Search Committee  
 Mary Jane Hunt – recovery from knee replacement  
 Kathleen Owen – recovery from back surgery  
 Gary Wagoner – healing and recovery  
 Nathan Smith (Kevin & Brandy Smith’s son) - severe Lyme Disease flare-up  
 Sheryl Lewis (former GPC pastor’s wife) – healing from infection

**Various Cancer Treatments**

Paula Knuckles, Leanne Burkett Weatherford, Roy Brittain, Rhonda Stewart, Rosa Weaver, Josh Brooks,  
 Teresa Barksdale, Rachel Davis, Mary Stover, Sam Franklin

**2024 Faith Promise Commitment \$106,660.00**

**2024 Faith Promise Giving: \$110,835.20**