



Sunday Morning Service November 30, 2025

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Welcome & Announcements

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism # 35 & 36

Q 35. What does it mean that [Jesus] “was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary”?

A. That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature so that he might also become David’s true descendant, like his brothers and sisters in every way except for sin.

Q 36. How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

A. He is our mediator and, in God’s sight, he covers with his innocence and perfect holiness my sinfulness in which I was conceived.

Memory Verse

Psalms 86:10-11

For You are great and do wondrous things; You alone are God. Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

Call to Worship & Prayer

Psalms 121:1-4

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Rowland Hugh Prichard and Charles Wesley
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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 every nation, joy of every 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 throne
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Corporate and Silent Confession

Psalm 24:1-6

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation. Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Psalm 130:1-8

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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

Chorus

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

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come again with us to dwell

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.

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Rev. Matthew Duraski

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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.

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!”

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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.**

9:00 a.m.....Sunday School
10:15 a.m.....Worship Service
6:00-7:30 p.m.....Youth Group
Sunday school classes will not meet on November 30th. Our normal schedule will resume December 7th.

Please pick up the Advent devotional, *The Coming of the King* - a compilation of Advent Readings by J.C. Ryle, in the church foyer today. These are provided for our church family (1 copy per family please) to help us in this season to focus on and celebrate Jesus and His coming to redeem lost sinners. Ryle will also give attention to Jesus' second advent when He comes again in the future and that great hope we have. Our King and Savior has come and is coming again! May the Holy Spirit use this devotional to stir you and encourage you this Advent/Christmas season!

We also have a few copies left of last year's Advent Devotional. Feel free to take a copy of *Everyday Gospel* by Paul David Tripp to a friend or family member.

Based on our last officer nomination cycle in August, there will be a **congregational vote on Sunday, December 14**, immediately following the worship service. The slate of candidates, approved by the session, will include the following candidate for deacon: Matt Sharp.

9:30 a.m..... Moms in Prayer (childcare not provided)

9 a.m.....Women's Bible Study – Song of Solomon by James L. Harvey, III (childcare provided)

Wednesday, December 3

4:30 p.m.....Prayer Meeting – everyone is welcome
5:30 p.m.....Dinner followed by classes for all ages
Adults: Learning to Love the Psalms by W. Robert Godfrey
Ladies: Song of Solomon by James L. Harvey, III
Youth Group 7th – 12th grades: Psalms of Ascent, Psalms 120-134
3rd – 6th grades: The Biggest Story
K - 2nd grades: The Biggest Story
Nursery is also available

The meal for December 3rd is Soup & Salad. Please remember to sign up using the link that was emailed last week.

December 10

5:30 p.m..... Christmas Caroling at Spring Grove Apartments

Deacon of the Month: Chris Long (November); Phillip Smith (December)
Please see the deacon of the month for thermostat changes outside of office hours.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for December 8th at 5:15 p.m.

GRACE CHURCH DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR		
DAY	CHURCH FAMILY	MISSIONARY / MINISTRY
SUNDAY	Karen Stout	Anna & Brad Owens RUF, UAB
MONDAY	Bryan & Kristen Vaughn AJ, Riley & Hannah	Anastasiya & Oleg Panasenکو International Partnerships, Ukraine
TUESDAY	Linda & Gary Wagoner	Provee Ministries (students Dulce & Stacy)
WEDNESDAY	Shelby Weatherly	The Summit of Fort Payne
THURSDAY	Alethea Wofford	Pamleihpy & Apam Vashum REF Missions, Manipur, India
FRIDAY	Ashley Wofford	Women’s Care Center Fort Payne, AL
SATURDAY	Judy Wood	Jana and Jade Alger Trans World Radio, Slovakia

Prayer Concerns

Anne Bearden – recovery from hip replacement
Linda Wagoner – recovery from surgery
Martha Baba (AmyLaura Duraski’s grandmother) – mental strength and healing
Anne Duraski (Matt’s mother) – upcoming medical decisions regarding back surgery
Brandy Smith – balance/gait therapy through January

Various Cancer Treatments

Leanne Burkett Weatherford, Roy Brittain, Rhonda Stewart, Rachel Davis, John Harris

2025 Projected Missions Expenditures: \$157,100.00 2025 Faith Promise Giving: \$90,203.50
2025 Faith Promise Commitment: \$94,700.00

2025 General Fund Giving: \$327,655.52

Women’s Ministry Events

Weekly Song of Solomon Bible Study:
Tuesday morning study at 9:00 a.m. and Wednesday evening study at 6:30 p.m.

December 7 – Christmas Gathering at 4 p.m.