



For what we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants
for Jesus' sake.

2 Corinthians 4:5

It is in the old Christmas carols, hymns, and traditions—those which date from the Middle Ages—that we find not only what makes Christmas poetic and soothing and stately, but first and foremost what makes Christmas exciting.

The exciting quality of Christmas rests on an ancient and admitted paradox. It rests upon the paradox that the power and center of the whole universe may be found in some seemingly small matter, that the stars in their courses may move like a moving wheel around the neglected outhouse of an inn.

G.K. Chesterton

The First Sunday of Advent — December 2, 2018 A.D.

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! If you are a guest with us, please be sure to sign our Welcome Pads when they are passed around before the service. Children are welcome in our worship. We have a nursery available for children 3 and under. Children 4 to 6 years of age may be dismissed to Children's Worship prior to the sermon. Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

Song of Assembly¹

We Have A Savior

Glover/Morgan

A child has been given, The King of our freedom. Sing for the light has come, This is Christmas.
Come and adore Him, and bring gifts before Him. Joy to the world, worship the Son, This is Christmas.

*Jesus, Emmanuel here with us, tell all the world, We have a Savior, We have a Savior.
We are no longer lost, 'cause He has come down for us, We have a Savior, We have a Savior.*

Sing with angels, and lift up your voices, Join in the song of hope, This is Christmas.

His love will reign forever. His love will reign forever. His love will reign forever.

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Matthew 2:6 & 1 Timothy 3:16 & Psalm 32:11

Pastor: And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

People: Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory!

Pastor: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 119:169-176

Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World

Watts

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth receive her king;
Let every 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 world! 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.

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The Reading for the First Sunday of Advent: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Brian Morales

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Lord, we come to you this morning to confess our sins. In the busyness of life we forget to acknowledge your authority over us and our need of you. We try to set up our own kingdom, instead of dwelling in the kingdom you are establishing in our midst. We pray that you would cut through all the noise that surrounds us, and cut through the pretense that we construct, and lead us to Jesus. Please forgive us our sins, for the sake of our Savior ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!

Sins Blotted Out; A People Redeemed

from Isaiah 44:21-22 & Titus 2:11-13

Remember these things, O my people, for you are my servants; I formed you; you are my servants; you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.... For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

A Light Has Dawned

Light

A light has dawned, a King has come, To redeem every heart and soul,
Born unto us, Emmanuel, the Savior of the world. Let us adore and praise His name.

Angels rejoice and shepherds bow, At the sight of the holy Child,
Men from afar searching to find the Savior of the world. Let us adore and praise His name.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, let us sing. Hosanna in the highest, we give glory to the King, Glory to the King.

You are the Christ, the Son of God, And the nations will rally to You.
Let every heart come recognize the Savior of the world. Let us adore and praise His name.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

English Carol

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 power when we were gone astray;

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

(Men Only) From God our heav'nly 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.

(Women Only) 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 power and might.

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
And with true love and fellowship, each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas may your heart be filled with grace.

Come, Oh Redeemer, Come

Ortega

Father enthroned on high, Holy, holy ancient and eternal Light, Hear our prayer.

Come, oh Redeemer, come; grant us mercy. Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark, Of our striving faithless and troubled hearts, Weighed down.

Look now upon our need; Lord be with us. Heal us and make us free, From our sin.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

Singing to the Lord

Gloria

Worship Choir

For all of the seeking, through valleys and hills, of shepherds and Wise Men for glory revealed,
Seems like the greatest journey of all was Heaven now searching for the hearts of the lost.

Gloria! Our Savior found us. Gloria! O night divine!

Through the darkness He won't relent. Mercy so great will find a way.

Gloria! For all of the riches laid at His feet, the best we could offer to honor a King.

Seems like the greatest Treasure of all was found in a manger; God come to us!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end!

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

Series: Let Not Your Hearts Be Troubled (John 14:1)

Pastor Tommy Lee

II. The Demonstration Plot

John 13:12-17 (page 900)

We Respond: with the taking of vows

The Lord Adds to His Church

To read more about our new members, see page 5.

*Sadie Casteel, Mary Clare Gable,
& Alice Smith*

² 4, 5, & 6 year-old children may be dismissed before the sermon to Children's Worship in room 132.

The Membership Vows (PCA Book of Church Order §57-5)

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope except through His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes followers of Christ?

Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your abilities?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayers for the New Members

Pastor Rick Stark

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to share in this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and their neighbor, and who seek strength to live in a deeper communion with Jesus. If you are not a Christian, or you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.

(Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; please speak to the pastor before the service or alert your server during communion.)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Moultrie

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;

Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our Lord to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture, 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 of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish, 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!"

Benediction³

from 1 Thessalonians 3:12,13

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

³ Just as God called us into His presence at the beginning, so now He commands His blessing upon us as we depart. We look up and extend our hands in a posture of thanksgiving as we receive this great gift. Our final response to God's assurance of His peace and presence upon those who are in Christ is a chorus of joyful song.

Song of Faith

Let There Be Light

Let there be light, let it shine bright,
Piercing the darkness with dazzling white.
Hope for the hopeless was born on that night
When God sent His Son and said let there be light.

Introduction of New Members

Alice Smith is retired from Champion International after thirty-two years. She is a widow and has a sister and two nephews living in Decatur. It has been such a blessing living at Greystone close to her family and all the wonderful friends she has made here.

This Week

Tuesday 6:30am

Men’s Bible Study @ Java Jaay (Joshua)

Tuesday @ Noon

Men’s Bible Study @ Kent’s Office (Romans)

Tuesday 6:30pm

Women’s Bible Study @ NCC (Armor of God)

Wednesday 5:00pm

Middle School Choir / Soli Deo Gloria

Wednesday 5:30pm

Church Family Meal

Wednesday 6:00-6:30pm

Kids Choirs:

5 Year Old - 2nd Grade / Kids of the King

3rd Grade - 5th Grade / Dare 2 Declare

Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm

DPC Youth! (6th-8th Grade)

DPC Youth! (9th-12th Grade)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Worship Choir Practice

Wednesday 6:15-7:15pm

Adult Open Door Study (Prayer)

Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm

Life Groups

Wednesday 6:30-7:30pm

4 Year Olds & Kindergarten / Kid’s Quest

1st - 2nd Grade / Kid’s Quest

3rd - 5th Grade / Kid’s Quest

Wednesday 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

Friday 6:30am

Men’s Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Ezekiel)

DPC Announcements

Midweek Ministries: Come join us every Wednesday night! Church family meal at 5:30 pm, followed by several ministry opportunities.

Church Family Meal: Wednesday nights, 5:30pm. Cost is \$5.00/per person, with a \$20.00 cap per family. The menu for this Wednesday, December 5: Elena is Cooking Salad, Bread, and Drink. Sign ups are not needed

Christmas Tree Sale! Help Young Life by purchasing your Fraser Fir - all sizes - at the Young Life Life House, 425 Moulton St., Mon-Thurs 4-8pm, Fri 11am-8pm, Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 1-8pm.

NextGeneration Ministries Event: Your children are invited to sing at Presbyterian Towers today, December 2nd. A taco bar will be provided for your family to enjoy for lunch following the worship service, and then we'll head that way around 2:00. Please join us as we show love to the residents and invite them to worship with us at DPC!

B*A*S*H* (Building a Servant's Heart): This Tuesday, December 4, 3:30-5:00pm, the youth group will be serving at the 3rd Street Boys and Girls Club Christmas store! See Nathan for details.

Gifts For Nursery Workers: We want to thank our nursery workers for the love they have shown our children over the past year! We have 5 workers. If you'd like to participate, please bring 5 of any type of item (lotions, candy, stationary, gift cards, etc.) to fill a gift basket for each worker. Please give these items to Erika Ladner by Dec. 5th.

Iron Man Night: Friday, 12/07 @ 6pm out at Dale Cook's place (2525 Poovey Road). Dale will cook the main dish. You bring a favorite snack, side and/or dessert. We'll enjoy great food & discuss: *"When Our Heroes Don't Live Up To All That."* Pick up a copy of the discussion material as you enter the church on Sunday. Hope to see you there!

Christmas Cantata: Please join us and invite your friends next Sunday, Dec. 9th, 5:00-6:00 pm as the Worship Choir, Soli Deo Gloria, Dare 2 Declare and Kids of the King present "The King is Here". Come hear the story of our Savior's birth through music and scripture. Nursery will be provided. Reception to follow.

JOY Christmas Coffee: Join us for a time of fun and fellowship at the Chism's home (2804 Montrose Drive SW). Tuesday, December 11, 10:00-Noon. Questions? See Barbara Brownlee, Nancy Waldron, or Susan Brooks.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service: A Festival of Lessons and Carols, "Joy to the World! The Lord is Come!", Sunday, December 24, 5:00 pm.

Secret Sister: will be starting again in January. If you would like to participate, there is a sign up form on the desk in the gathering room. Please return your form by December 30. For more information about Secret Sister, see Elizabeth Lee or the secret sister letter on the desk.

Missions Sunday: Plan to join us on Sunday, February 3 to hear Dr. Paul Kooistra preach on "Missions: The Heart of God". Dr. Kooistra will be speaking for both the worship service and a joint Sunday school.

DPC 2019 Christian Faith & Life Conference: Pastor Sandy Willson will return! To hear more from Sandy, in preparation for the conference go to youtube and type in Sandy Willson The Gospel Coalition. Our conference will be February 22-24

Sermon Outline Notes: for adults and children are available on the back table.

"I have stored up your word in my heart..."

Psalms 119:11

“On the Day of Pentecost (the Jewish holiday being celebrated when the Holy Spirit [was poured out on the church in power]), the Apostle Peter was suddenly inspired by God to stand and preach to the crowds about Jesus. Much of what he said consisted of quotations from the Old Testament (see Acts 2:14-40). Although there's a qualitative difference between Peter's uniquely inspired sermon and our Spirit-led conversations, his experience illustrates how Scripture memory can prepare us for unexpected witnessing or counseling opportunities that come our way.”

Donald S. Whitney

On various tables around the church, you'll find stacks of cards. Pick one up and stick it in your pocket. Throughout the month of December, read and reflect and pray through the verse you find printed there. You'll find yourself memorizing it. And, as Donald Whitney says above, you'll find that Scripture memory will help prepare you for unexpected witnessing or counseling opportunities that God sends your way.

There's only one verse printed on the card per month, but if you're feeling ambitious, there are enough Bible references on the card to take you through the entire month, one verse per week.