



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

Medieval Latin carol,
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"
(#207 in the Red Hymnals)
Translated by John Mason Neale, 1853

The Second Sunday of Advent — December 9, 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

Glory In The Highest

Tomlin

The heav'nly host proclaim Your birth, "Glory to God, and praise be on the earth!"
Your name is near, Emmanuel, "God with us here, God pleased with us to dwell."

Glory in the highest, glory in the highest, glory in the highest

Apart from You there is no God, light of the world, the bright and morning star

Your name will shine for all to see, You are the one, You are my glory

And no one else could ever compare to You, Lord, All the earth together declares.....

Glory in the highest, glory in the highest Glory in the highest to You, Lord, to You, Lord

All the earth will sing Your praise, the moon and stars, the sun and rain

Every nation will proclaim You are God and You will reign

Glory, glory Hallelujah, glory, glory to You, Lord. Glory, glory Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

from Philippians 2:5-8; Psalm 66:1,2

Pastor: Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,

People: Being born in the likeness of men, being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Pastor: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;

All: Give to him glorious praise!

Prayer of Adoration & Praise

based on Psalm 120

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Wesley

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, Day-spring 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."

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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.

The Reading for the Second Sunday of Advent: Malachi 3:1-4

Marshall & Zhefei Lemmond

Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the Lord. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Confession of Sin

Psalm 25:6,7

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! ...*Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin...* Amen!

With His Wounds We Are Healed

Isaiah 7:14, 53:4,5

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.... Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Worship with Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

O Come All Ye Faithful

Chapman

Come let us adore Him, Come let us adore Him (2x)

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him born the King of angels; O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
Let us adore Him, Come let us adore Him.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.
Let us adore Him, Come let us adore Him.

Yea, Lord we bless Thee, born for our salvation: Oh, Jesus forever be Thy name adored.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. (2x)
Let us adore Him, Come let us adore Him. (4x)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

McDonald

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

What Child is This

Traditional

What child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.
Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me, for you:
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary.
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition

Elder Blake Temple

...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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Singing to the Lord

Unto Us

All Choirs

Who are we that a King would trade Heaven's riches for a stable and a manger low?
Can it be great I AM bending down to reach us? Morning Star, let this dark world know.

Here is our Promised One. Jesus, our Hope, has come!

Unto us, unto us a Child is born. Unto us, unto us a Son is given. Glory to God in the highest.

Wonderful, Prince of Peace, Emmanuel has come to set captives free.

With the angels we sing, "Glory to God in the highest." He has brought this great Love unto us. Unto us.

Who are we that a King would still walk among us, knowing He would only live to die?

Cross of shame, crown of thorns He still chose to carry. Beauty broken, breathing us new life.

Emmanuel! God with us! Love has come. God with us, You are God, You are God with us.

His Tithes & Our Offerings

Sermon²

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

Pastor Tommy Lee

III. "On the night when he was betrayed..."

John 13:18-30 (page 900)

We Respond: with the taking of vows

The Lord Adds to His Church

Mary Clare Gable

To read more about our new members, see page 6.

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

Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner 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 yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Prayers for the New Member

Pastor Kent Quinn

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.)

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

Because of Your Tender Mercy

Moffitt/Smith

Because of Your tender mercy, The morning light from heaven is about to shine, Is about to shine.
Because of Your tender mercy, Though we have walked in darkness, You will end our night, You will end our night.
Let the heavens rejoice, let the angels sing, Let earth receive the King of kings. So holy, so worthy, You come to us.
Because of Your tender mercy, To ev'ry generation You have shown Your love, You have shown Your love.
Because of Your tender mercy, You are forever faithful, reaching down to us, Reaching down to us.
Because of Your tender mercy. Because of Your tender mercy.

Benediction³

from Philippians 1:9-11

May your love abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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.

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 7:30pm

Praise Worship Band Practice

Friday 6:30am

Men's Bible Study @ Temple, Inc. (Mansfield's Book of Manly Men)

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.

DPC Announcements

Thank You from the Joseph family: We would like to thank our church family for all the ways in which you lovingly cared for us during Annah's recent illness and surgery. Your prayers for us, the meals you brought, and all the other ways you helped our family mean more to us than we can ever express. The love you showed was a strong witness to Annah's family members who helped us during this time. Thank you for loving us with Christ's love.

Thank you so much for the love you have shown my family and myself after the loss of Stan. The prayers, calls, cards, and food meant so much to all of us. Thank you for loving us well, Dale Moore and the family

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

Get More Connected: Sign up for the weekly email by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org.

Next Up! The next four books of Scripture that we'll be reading together via the Cultivate daily readings will be Philemon, Zechariah, Romans, & Malachi. Sign up today by emailing Tonya at tonya@decaturpca.org

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.

Christmas Cantata: Please join us and invite your friends TONIGHT, 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), this Tuesday, December 11, 10:00-Noon. (optional fun): Hide your name on an ornament to hang and exchange. What a privilege to pray for the person on your ornament selection all next year! Questions? See Barbara Brownlee, Nancy Waldron, or Susan Brooks.

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.

Baby Shower: A Table Baby Shower for Jonathan and Megan Davis on the birth of their son, John Grady. A table will be set up on Sunday, January 5. Feel free to bring your gift or some diapers or other practical gifts and leave them on the table. See Elizabeth Lee with questions.

DPC 2019 Christian Faith & Life Conference: Pastor Sandy Willson will return! To hear another sermon from him, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y894cbr4> Recommendation: Our Chief End. Our conference will be February 22-24.

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

Introduction of New Members

Mary Clare Gabel was born Episcopalian, but grew up Methodist. She graduated from Decatur High School in 2014 and then attended Appalachian State University where she actively hiked and participated in RUF. She graduated in May with a degree in public health. She is back in her hometown saving and preparing for graduate school. She is an avid sports fan who follows Alabama football and all professional Philadelphia teams.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

FALL 2018

SUNDAYS @ 9:30 AM

The Fun Adult Class! Join us as we study the Westminster Confession of Faith, a study of the doctrinal foundation of the Presbyterian Church. We discuss the daily spiritual implications of good theology. Led by Kent Quinn, Mike McMahan, Blake Temple and Scott Mayo. We meet down & across the hall from the church office.

Foundations of the Faith: Join us as we study 1 Samuel, where God raises up a great prophet and priest in Samuel and a great king in David. God was preparing his people for a much greater King, who would conquer sin and death forever! This class, led by Stuart Smith, meets in the Parlor and is open to everyone.

Young Adult Class: The Young Adult class, led by Nathan White, is going through the book of Jude. Join us in the choir room, down the back hallway from the sanctuary.

Sedona Class: Led by George Godwin, we are currently studying through the Book of Acts. The class meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Guests are always welcome!

Ladies Sunday School Class: We are studying Galatians in the library at 9:30 am. This is a discussion based Bible study, facilitated by Barbara Brownlee, Elizabeth Lee, Julie Missildine and Holly Vinson. Open to all ladies, please join us!

Session

George Godwin
Jeff Keith
Mike McMahan
Kent Quinn

Greg Smith
Blake Temple
Chip Walraven

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Wade Littrell
John Lyons
Scott Missildine
Bill Nelson
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Sam Thompson
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9:30am Sunday School
10:45am Worship

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