



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

2 Corinthians 4:5

# The Lord's Day — December 24, 2023

Welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus! Thank you for joining us today and may the Lord richly bless you.

## Song of Assembly<sup>1</sup>

## Sing We Now of Christmas

## Traditional

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here!

Listen to our praises to the Babe so dear.

*Sing we Noel, the King is born Noel!*

*Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all Noel!*

Shepherds on a hillside heard the angels sing:

Glory, honor, praises to the infant King.

In the town they found Him; Son of God on high.

Sleeping in a manger was the Holy Child.

Wise Men sought and found Him, treasures did they bring;

Bowing down they worshiped Christ, the King of kings.

## Welcome and Announcements

## Responsive Call to Worship

**Zechariah 9:9, Luke 2:14**

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he.

**People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

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Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

**The Reading for the Fourth Sunday of Advent: Micah 5:2-5a**

The Zach Cameron Family

You, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Confession of Sin**

**Almighty God who inhabits eternity but dwells with those who are of a humble and contrite spirit: before you and our Lord Jesus Christ we confess our sins. We have ignored the presence of your Spirit. We have failed to look for the return of our Savior and Judge. We have been blind to your coming in the suffering of others, the exiled, the destitute, the sick, and the imprisoned. In your great goodness put away our offenses and cleanse us from our sin, for Jesus' sake ...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... Amen!**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**1 Peter 2:24-25**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## 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)

### On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Wadding

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;  
On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring;  
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad;  
Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad,  
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;  
When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;  
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light which made the angels sing this night;  
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:  
"Glory to God and peace to men, now and forevermore. Amen."

## 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

Pastor Rick Stark

*(Immediately following this prayer, 4-5 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)*

## His Tithes & Our Offerings

## Sermon

Pastor Scott Phillips

**Victorious Christian Living**  
**Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 (Page 613)**

## 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 signal the pastor to let him know. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)*

## **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

**Reed**

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings bringing;  
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping; shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of the gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

## **Benediction<sup>2</sup>**

**1 Peter 5:10-11**

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## **Song of Faith**

### **Behold Him**

Jesus, Son of God, Messiah  
The Lamb, the roaring Lion  
Oh, be still and behold Him.

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

## Church Family Reminders

**Welcome to our Visitors!** We are so grateful to God that you've come! If you are willing, please use the QR to give us as much contact information as you are comfortable with. In this way, we reconnect with you and find ways that we may be able to serve you or pray for you.



**Thank You!** On behalf of Larry, George and myself, I want to thank our congregation for all you did for mom and for us. You were the ones who visited, listened, sent flowers, food, cards, calls, verses, prayers and so much love that we could never repay you. Thank you for loving mom well. Merry Christmas! – Carol Godwin

**Christmas Eve Service:** Our Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols service is tonight, Sunday, December 24th, at 4:30 PM. Please join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ!

### **Christmas Holiday Schedule:**

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols service at 4:30pm.

Dec. 26, the church office is closed all day.

Dec. 31, no 8:15am worship; regular 9:30am Sunday school and 10:45am worship service.

Jan. 01, the church office is closed all day.

**Tuesday Women's Bible Study:** We will be taking our Christmas break December 12 - January 9, 2024 and resume on January 16, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the church gathering room. The Monday night study will begin again on January 22. Next year we are studying Luke, Part 3. Study books will be available in the Book Nook soon. Childcare is provided! For questions, contact Teresa Quinn (256)565-0897. Visitors are welcome!

**ROOTS 2024:** The next edition of ROOTS is on the calendar from 1/19-1/21 at Camp ToKnowHim. Our theme for this year is "My Savior Makes Me Whole," and the cost is \$145. To sign up, scan the QR code outside the Youth Room or email [tucker@decatupca.org](mailto:tucker@decatupca.org) for more information!

**DPC Short-Term Mission Trip:** Mark your calendars! Our 2024 mission in the Dominican Republic will be June 4-11!!

**Life Groups/Small Groups:** Looking to grow spiritually? 'Discipleship' is a key component of the DPC mission! Please use the "interest card" to indicate your desire to participate in a Life Group or other small group. For more information, contact pastor Rick Stark, [rick@decatupca.org](mailto:rick@decatupca.org).

**Wednesday Night Ministries:** We will take our Christmas break from our normal schedule of Wednesday night ministries, December 13 - January 03, and then resume on January 10, 2024! Mark your calendar!

# ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

WINTER 2023

9:30 am

**“Grandparenting Matters”:** We invite all grandparents to join us. We will be studying and discussing from the Scriptures why grandparenting matters and how do we practically love and pass along our faith to our children and grandchildren, in the classroom across the hall from the church offices.

**Sedona Class: Galatians** The class taught by George Godwin, meets in the classroom down the back hallway from the sanctuary, across from the choir room. Walk-ins are welcome!

**Study #158 - Galatians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon:** In the context of study and fellowship, we will discuss and make applications from the stories of the New Testament church - its community, doctrine, and mission - through the Letters of Paul.

## Session

George Godwin  
Jeff Keith  
Mike McMahan  
Brian Rodgers  
Connor Ross

Allen Schmidt  
Greg Smith  
Blake Temple  
Chip Walraven

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## Service Times

8:15am      Worship  
9:30am      Sunday School  
10:45am      Worship

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