

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, December 21, 2014

O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with the LORD there is mercy, And with Him is abundant redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities. (Psalm 103:7,8)

[* indicates standing]

Prelude: [Welcome, Announcements]

Preparation for Worship: Psalter-Hymnal #343 (all)

***The Call to Worship** (see above)

***Confession of our need for God's grace** (Psalm 124:8):

"Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth"

***God's Welcome to His People**

***Psalm of Response** Psalter-Hymnal #332 (1,3,5)

***Opening Prayer**

God's Law Galatians 3:22-4:7

Prayer of Confession and Praise

(God's assurance of pardon: Isaiah 12:1,2)

***Psalm of Praise** Psalter-Hymnal #331 (1,2,3)

Confession of Faith & Call to prepare for Lord's Supper (see bulletin)

Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving

***Song of Preparation** Psalter-Hymnal #337 (all)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38

Sermon: **Matthew 1:21**

***Respond in Song** Psalter-Hymnal #335 (all)

***Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing)**

***(Moment of Silent Meditation)**

Sermon: **Matthew 1:21**

The announcement of the birth of our Savior.

We see:

1. This announcement is from God to the righteous but troubled Joseph.
2. This announcement includes what His name will be and what is the purpose of His birth.

CALENDAR

- Sundays: 10:00 AM—Worship Service.
- Sundays: after worship—Informal fellowship in food, singing, prayer, discussion and study.
- Pizza & Theology—Second Friday (if desired) & Last Friday (regular).
At school, 6: 30-8:30 PM

[“Theology” is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

NOTE: We will NOT have a Pizza & Theology this Friday (Dec. 26).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER: *(Let us know your requests for prayer!)*

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6)

- Pray for our country and government; and persecuted church in the world.
- Pray for King's: (SermonAudio, website, Good News Bible Study)
- **Session meeting** planned this week.
- The Lord's blessing on joyful tithing/giving (in box on back table).
- God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him.
- Families raising children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
- Burrell's school (ministering to teachers & families; enrollment).
- **HEALTH:** Each of us (young or older); Pastor Donnan (heart, thyroid, adrenals, eyes); Gloria Donnan (Alzheimers).
- Pray for Regional Presbytery and sister churches and their needs.
- Ministry of CRPC churches: Suriname (Rev. Hamid); Des Moines, Iowa (Rev. Waters); Pray for wisdom and direction for Rev. Gibson in Missouri and for Des Moines church seeking pastoral help.
- Fellowship group meeting in Italy—Giorgio Modolo (encouragement).
- Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:
- All who work in RCM, including the grading, programming, and editing for the Good News Bible Study.
- Seminary and B.Ed. students in various countries.
- Work of course production for the M.Div. program.
- The Lord's provision for various needs relating to the work of RCM.

The church is called to be a confessing church, that she may be,
the pillar and ground of the truth (1Tim. 3:15,16)

The Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 8—Of Christ the Mediator

WCF 8.1 It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man;(1) the Prophet,(2) Priest,(3) and King;(4) the Head and Savior of His Church;(5) the Heir of all things;(6) and Judge of the world;(7) unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed,(8) and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.(9)

(1)Isa. 42:1; 1 Pet. 1:19,20; John 3:16; 1 Tim. 2:5. (2)Acts 3:22. (3)Heb. 5:5,6.
(4)Ps. 2:6; Luke 1:33. (5)Eph. 5:23. (6)Heb. 1:2. (7)Acts 17:31.
(8)John 17:6; Ps. 22:30; Isa. 53:10.
(9)1 Tim. 2:6; Isa. 55:4,5; 1 Cor. 1:30.

WCF 8.2 The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon Him man's nature,(1) with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin;(2) being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance.(3) So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion.(4) Which person is very God, and very man, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and man.(5)

(1)John 1:1,14; 1 John 5:20; Phil. 2:6; Gal. 4:4. (2)Heb. 2:14,16,17; Heb. 4:15.
(3)Luke 1:27,31,35; Gal. 4:4.
(4)Luke 1:35; Col. 2:9; Rom. 9:5; 1 Pet. 3:18; 1 Tim. 3:16.
(5)Rom. 1:3,4; 1 Tim. 2:5.

LORD'S SUPPER NEXT SUNDAY

Lord willing we will again have the joy of celebrating the Lord's Supper next Sunday. In the name of our Lord we therefore call upon members to examine themselves and to prepare this week to come to this Supper in full assurance of faith, (1) believing that they are "worthy" to partake because they believe in Jesus Christ and His suffering and death in their place, and (2) purposing to live their daily lives for His glory, by obeying all that He commands.

Visitors, who are members in good standing of a Bible-believing church, are encouraged to join us and to talk to the Session so that we may welcome you.

Questions for discussion: [see on the table]

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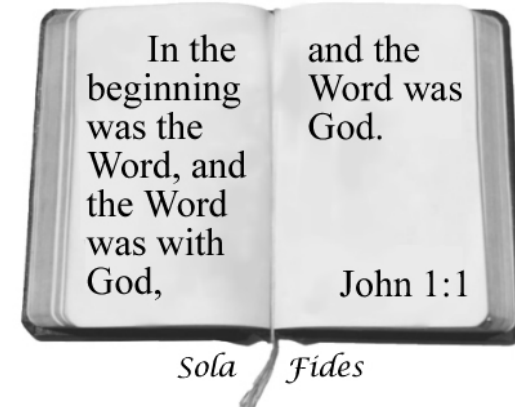
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Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M.

Lord's Day, December 21, 2014

Sermon: Matthew 1:21

Questions for discussion:

1. Why was Joseph troubled in hearing that Mary was with child?
2. How did Joseph plan to deal with the situation? Why?
3. Why is Joseph encouraged to marry his *wife*?
[Note: it was NOT because she was pregnant.]
4. What is the relationship of the name *Immanuel* (Isa. 7:4) to *Jesus* (text/Mt. 1:21)?
5. In the name *Jesus* we see the purpose of His coming; what is it?
6. Who are *His people*? How is that so important today?
7. What is it to have a truly "*Merry Christmas*"?