



Worship Meeting:
Deep Creek Overlook
Harford County 4-H Camp
6 Cherry Hill Rd.
Street, MD 21154

10:00 AM Sunday Mornings

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Forest Hill Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

December 20, 2020

Praising

^God Calls Us to Worship: Isaiah 60:1-3 & Luke 2:13-14

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising. - Isaiah 60:1-3, ESV*

*And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly
host praising God and saying,
"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"
- Luke 2:13-14, ESV*

^We Respond in Praise: "Angels We Have Heard on High," #214

Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French Carol; Arranged by Edward S. Barnes (1937)

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!

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Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

^We Praise God in Prayer & Ask Him to Meet Us

Confessing

We Confess Our Sin: Elder-Led Prayer

God Assures Us of Our Forgiveness: Isaiah 60:4-9

*Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.
All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered to you;
the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you;
they shall come up with acceptance on my altar,
and I will beautify my beautiful house.*

*Who are these that fly like a cloud,
and like doves to their windows?
For the coastlands shall hope for me,
the ships of Tarshish first,
to bring your children from afar,
their silver and gold with them,
for the name of the Lord your God,
and for the Holy One of Israel,
because he has made you beautiful.* - Isaiah 60:4-9, ESV

^We Give Thanks: "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen," Hymn #211

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

English Carol from the 18th Century

*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 pow'r when we were gone astray;*

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

*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.*

*"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 pow'r and might."*

*The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,
and left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest, storm, and wind:
and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find.*

We Confess Our Faith: Heidelberg Catechism #35

Q. What do you confess when you say:

He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?

**A. The eternal Son of God,
who is and remains true and eternal God,
took upon Himself true human nature
from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary,
through the working of the Holy Spirit.
Thus He is also the true seed of David,
and like His brothers in every respect,
yet without sin.**

God Hears Us as We Confess Our Need to Him in Prayer

We Offer to God His Tithe and Our Offerings

^We Prepare to Hear: “Good Christian Men, Rejoice!” Hymn #208

Good Christian Men, Rejoice!

Latin Hymn, Translated by John Mason Neale (1859)

*Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;
earth and heav'n before him bow, and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!*

*Good Christian men, rejoice, with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!*

*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!*

God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:6, ESV

“Everlasting Father” by Pastor Jason Van Bommel

*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. - Isaiah 9:6, ESV*

Responding

^We Respond in Praise: “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” Hymn #201

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Words by Phillips Brooks (1868); Music by Lewis Redner (1868)

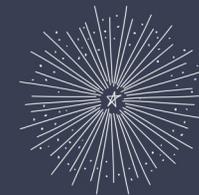
O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him still,
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

^God Dismisses Us with His Blessing



The Child Born, The Son Given

ADVENT AT FOREST HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sermon Notes
Everlasting Father
Isaiah 9:6
By Pastor Jason Van Bommel

Review: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God

A. Fatherhood

Protector

Provider

Example

Guide

B. Everlasting

Unchanging

Unfailing

Unending

Unerring

C. Father-King

Father: Trust

King: Obey



Upcoming Events:

Young Adult Bible Study & Fellowship: On Break Until January

Men's Group: On Break Until Early January

Ladies' Morning Bible Study: Meeting on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month, 10 a.m.—12 p.m. Studying the book *Truth Unchanged, Unchanging* by Martyn Lloyd Jones; If you are interested in study, please contact Jean Comes (443-567-9833).

Christmas Caroling This Afternoon: Meet at 4 p.m. outside 1716 Chrisara Ct in Forest Hill . Please park on Spenceola Parkway. Please wear masks.

Prayer Requests

Marriages and Families during the Christmas season

Christ unity, faithfulness, and outreach

Missionaries:

Jacob and Carol Lee in Uganda with Reaching Africa's Unreached

Souls Winning Ministries / Reformation Hope in Haiti

Jacob Jasin and Terry Mitchell with RUF-I at Johns Hopkins

Medical:

Renna Abbott, cancer

David Ball, recovering from surgery

Sue Mack, recovering from knee replacement surgery

Mike Rupprecht, awaiting knee replacement #2 in January

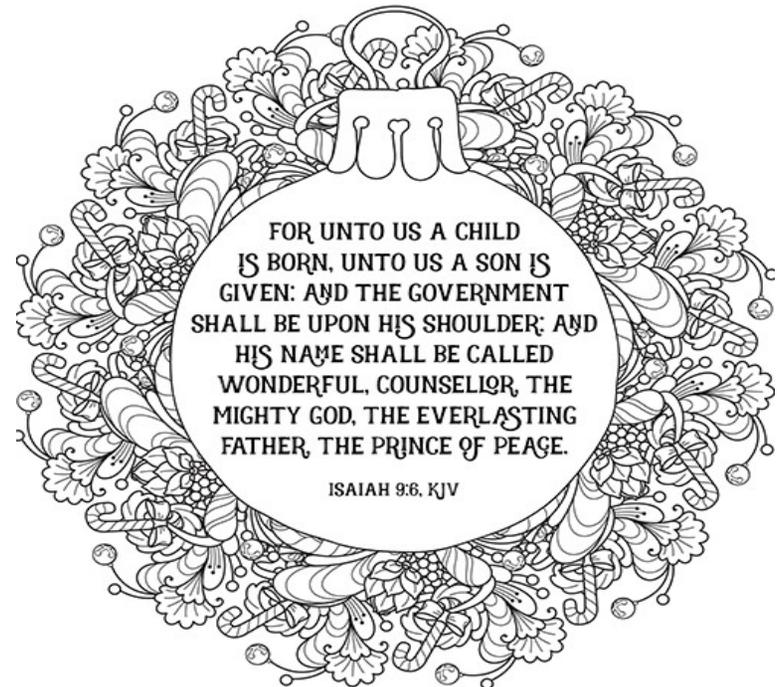
Sermon Follow-Up Everlasting Father

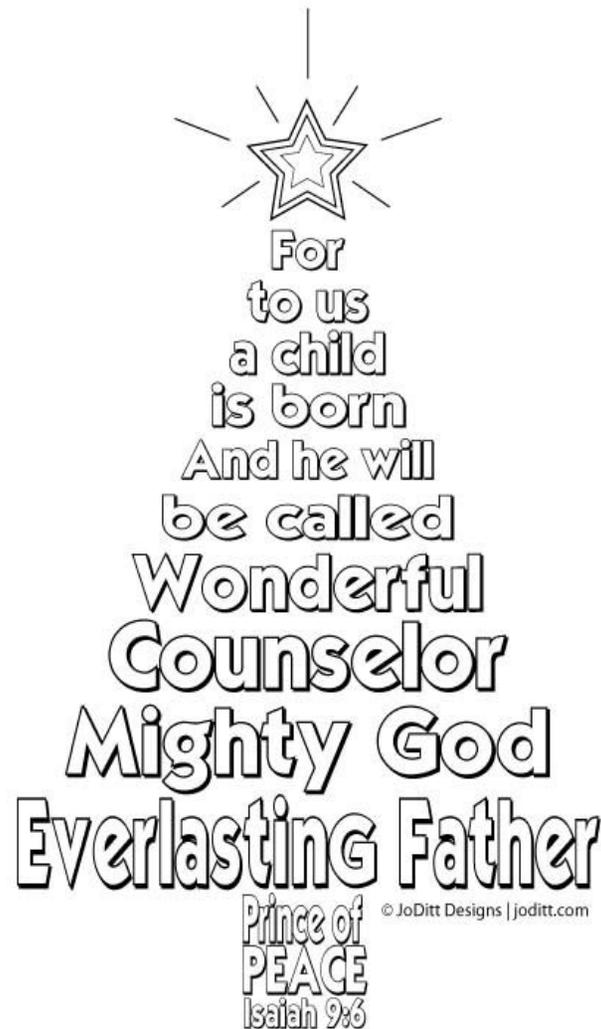
Isaiah 9:6

Questions for Discussion:

1. How can Jesus be the Father when God the Father is the Father?
2. What is the significance of Everlasting Father as a Throne Name of Jesus?
3. What should fathers provide for their children?
4. Why do all earthly fathers fall short?
5. How is Jesus being the Everlasting Father so much better?
6. What makes Jesus Everlasting as Father to His people?
7. What should the heart of Jesus draw out of us?
8. What should the kingship of Jesus draw out of us?
9. How will you respond to this message today?

Other Passages: John 10:28-38; John 14:6-10; Colossians 1:14-17; Hebrews 13:8





Forest Hill Presbyterian Church

Mission Statement:

Forest Hill Presbyterian Church is committed to being deeply rooted in God's Word and reaching our neighbors and the nations with the love of Jesus Christ.

Mission Passage:

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck-measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."
- Matthew 5:13-16

Sunday Morning Schedule:

Set-Up: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Church Leadership:

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