

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

DECEMBER 26, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Phillips, Pastor of Ministries
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The Song of Ascent

God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.

Congregation

Angels from the Realms of Glory

#218

Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Refrain: *Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen his natal star:

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In his temple shall appear;

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising To th'eternal Three in One:

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ, the Lord."
—Luke 2.10-11

Quieting of Hearts, Confession of Sin and Invocation

Declaration of Truth: (Responsively)

Psalm 98.2-9

Leader: The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed His righteousness to the nations.

All: He has remembered His love and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn— shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

All: Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Leader: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; let them sing before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth.

All: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Hymns of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High

#214

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: *Gloria in excelsis Deo. (x2)*

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.

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen #211

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;

*Refrain: 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 Rejoic-ed 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.

CMPC MISSION AND FAMILY LIFE

Mission Moment

Pastoral Prayer

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering

The Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hymn of Testimony

What Child is This?

#213

(Children ages three through third grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

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 Christians, 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.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, 2 for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully. 5 He will receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. Selah
7 Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
9 Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! Selah

All: *The grass withers, the flowers fade, but the word of our God will stand forever.*

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Are You Ready for Christmas Now?

Pastor John

Christmas Mini-Series: *The Wonder of Emmanuel*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Joy to the World

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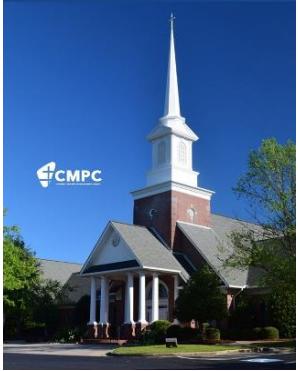
Joy to the World , the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

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.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen



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CMPC Sermon Notes for December 26, 2021
Pastor John Batusic

- **Sermon series:** The Wonder of Emmanuel
- **Message:** “Are You Ready for Christmas?”
- **Text:** Psalm 24

‘Tis the day after Christmas

- What draws people to Christmas?
- Did our Christmas celebrations get us ready for Christmas?

What Prompted David to Write this Psalm?

- Historical context
 - o David brings the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem
 - o The Ark and its history
 - o The Ark's impact
- Future events?
 - o The King arrives at Bethlehem
 - o The King rides into Jerusalem
 - o King Jesus ascends to heaven
 - o King Jesus comes again

Christmas Perspective on Preparing, 24.1-2

- Everything that is, is His: so what do we do?

Christmas Introspection in Preparing, 24.3-6

- Worship requirements: Who can meet these?
- Jesus meets the requirements
 - o Righteousness
- Our hope: seeking Him
- Did Christmas prepare us for Christ's return?

Correct Post-Christmas Expectations, 24.7-10

- Looking back at the King's coming
- David repeats the ritual—why?
- The King compels our worship

So What About Us?

- The box
- Psalm 24 in worship
- Keeping Christmas all year through