

GRACE



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The Lord's Day Worship

A.D. December 20, 2015

NOTE: All Scripture is taken from the English Standard Version except where stated otherwise.

* Denotes congregation standing

Announcements and Welcome

Pastor David Thibault

Cleansed By God

God's Law-Word for His People: Micah: 6:6-8

Silent Prayers of Confession and Repentance

Assurance of Pardon: Micah 7:18-20

Called By God

* Call to Worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 28:19)

Amen.

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. The Lord be with you. (cf. I Timothy 1:2)

And also with you. Amen! (cf. Ruth 2:4)

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. (Luke 2:10)

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12)

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

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord. Amen.

* Hymn # 214 "Angels We Have Heard on High"

* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

* Hymn # 734 "Gloria Patri"

Consecrated by God

Responsive Reading of God's Word: Matthew 1:18-2:12

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.

But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife,

but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;

and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over

the place where the child was.

When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

* Hymn # 201 “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Sermon Text: Micah 5:1-5a “The Great Ruler of the Helpless People”

Prayer of Application

* Hymn of Response # 225 “Once in Royal David’s City”


Communion with God

Prayers of God’s People

* Confessing the Faith Together – The Nicene Creed

(Found in the back of the Trinity Hymnal on page 846)

Invitation to the Lord’s Supper

 **Come to the LORD’s Table** You are cordially invited to participate in the Lord’s Supper if you are a believer in Christ, have been baptized, are a communicant member in a Bible-believing church, and regularly attend church worship. We use wine in our celebration of the Lord’s Supper.

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Reverend Charles McIlhenny

Distribution of Bread: # 211 “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen”

Distribution of Wine: # 215 “While by the Sheep We Watched at Night”

Commissioned by God

* Hymn # 203 “Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Benediction

Tithes and Offerings to God

An integral part of our worship is to bring God a token of our increase. Your tithes and offerings may be placed in the small box at the back of the room. As we will give thanks to God for his gifts *during* the service, we encourage you to make your offering *before* the service.



***NURSERY** is provided for children under 3 from the sermon through the remainder of the worship service. The nursery is located behind the bathrooms of this building (Nursery Worker Today: Susan Wood)

“The Great Ruler of the Helpless People”

I. The Helpless People

- A. Their E_____ Were G_____
- B. Their E_____ Was G_____ (Micah 3:1-7, Ephesians 2:1-3)

II. The Great Ruler

- A. The One Born in B_____ of a
W_____ (Titus 3:4-6)
- B. The E_____ S_____ of G_____ (Isaiah 9:6 and 63:16, Daniel 7:9, John 1:1-4 and 14, Revelation 5:13)
- C. The U_____ of His B_____ (Hebrews 2:10-13)
- D. The S_____ of God’s F_____ (Micah 2:12 and 4:8, John 10:27-30, Psalm 23:4-6)
- E. The Ruler to the E_____ of the E_____ (Micah 4:1-5)
- F. The P_____ of His P_____ (Isaiah 9:6, Ephesians 2:13-14)

<i>Refreshments</i>	Today	Marisa
	December 27	Amy
	January 3	Patty
	January 10	<i>Need a Volunteer</i>
	<i>Lord's Supper</i>	<i>Usher</i>
December	Patty	Matthew & Thomas
January	Icela	Jan
<i>Greeter</i>	December	Adam Thibault
	January	<i>Need A Volunteer</i>



Today

- 11:00 am Fellowship
- 11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 5:30 pm Christmas Program and Dinner

Next Sunday (December 27)

- 9:30 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Fellowship
- 11:30 am Sunday School for All Ages
- 5:00 pm SCPA Caroling
- 6:00 pm Faith Family at the Andruss' Home

Upcoming

- January 15-16 Youth Base Camp at Westminster OPC
- January 31 Congregational Meeting at 1:00 pm
- February 12-15 Senior High/Collegian Winter Camp - Paul Viggiano
- February 19-21 Junior High Winter Camp – James Lim



Happy Birthday

- Patty (Jan. 20),
- Donna (Jan. 21)
- Ruth (Jan. 31)

Happy Anniversary

- Jan and Icela (Jan. 18)



