

December 24th, 2021



Prelude

Selection by CE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Opening Carol –** *Joy to the World* No. 195 (GSPC Youth Ensemble)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! 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.**

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***Invocation and Prayer of Adoration – Pastor Gretzinger**

THE FIRST LESSON – Genesis 3:1-15

THE SECOND LESSON – Isaiah 7:10-14; 9:2, 6-7

***The Carol –** *O Come O Come Emmanuel* No. 194 (V 1 & 5)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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THE THIRD LESSON – Micah 5:2-5

THE FOURTH LESSON – Luke 1:26-38

***The Carol –** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* No. 203

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th’angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

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THE FIFTH LESSON – Luke 1:46-56

THE SIXTH LESSON – Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 2:1-7

***The Carol –** *What Child Is This?* No. 213

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.

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THE SEVENTH LESSON – Luke 2:8-16

THE EIGHTH LESSON – Matthew 2:1-11

* **The Carol –**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 208

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;

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light;
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created; **(Refrain)**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God _, in the highest; **(Refrain)**

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing. **(Refrain)**

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THE NINTH LESSON – John 1:1-14

Sermon Notes:

Closing Prayer

Candle Lighting- Always tip the unlit candle. Keep lit candles upright to avoid spilling wax. Do not leave children unattended with candles. Please return the unlit candles to the basket by the doors as your exit the sanctuary.

***The Concluding Carol –**

Silent Night

No. 210

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight!
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from Thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night! Holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night! Holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace.

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* **Congregation:** Please stand as able.

Acapella Leading

Chris Erickson

Sermon, Reading, & Prayer

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