

CEDAR SPRINGS MORNING WORSHIP

December 9, 2018 - 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

The Second Sunday in Advent

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Once In Royal David’s City”

arr. Duncan

WORSHIPING GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Call to Worship

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

“Joy Has Dawned”

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Joy has dawned upon the world, promised from creation: God’s salvation now unfurled, hope for every nation. Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory, but a humble gift of love: Jesus, born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels, as the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable. Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness, cling now to a mother’s breast, vuln’rable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory; Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy a story. Gold, a King is born today; Incense, God is with us; Myrrh, his death will make a way and by his blood he’ll win us.

Son of Adam, Son of Heav’n, given as a ransom; Reconciling God and man – Christ our mighty Champion! What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious myst’ry: Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist’ry.

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“God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen - Good Christian Men Rejoice - Joy To The World”

arr. Duncan

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

“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.” O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, and left their flocks afeeding, in tempest, storm, and wind: and went to Bethlehem straightway, the Son of God to find. O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

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 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!

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.

Offertory

“Who But The Lord”

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Who but the Lord can give the shadows light, can break into the dark, draw morning from the night? Who but the Lord will hear our cry and answer, “Here am I”? Who but the Lord makes blinded eyes to see, gives music to the deaf, sets the lonely captive free? Who but the Lord will by His glory show the paths of peace? Who but the Lord? O shine on us the brightness

of Your face, to earth's remotest end, every people, every race. O shine on us until to each is shown Your saving grace. O shine on us! Who but the Lord can give the shadows light? Who but the Lord?

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Prayers of Intercession

Announcements & Peace

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons

(After each reading the people respond, "Thanks be to God.")

Psalter	Psalm 1	p. 448, Kids p. 92
Old Testament	Ezekiel 19:10-14	p. 707, Kids p. 136
Sermon text	John 15:1-11	p. 901, Kids p. 254
Sermon	"Jesus As The True Vine Brings Us Joy"	

TASTING AND SEEING GOD'S GRACE

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"The Lord Is My Salvation"

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The grace of God has reached for me, and pulled me from the raging sea. And I am safe on this solid ground: The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls, his strength will help me scale these walls. I'll see the dawn of the rising sun: The Lord is my salvation.

Chorus: Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love. My debt is paid and the victory won: The Lord is my salvation.

My hope is hidden in the Lord, he flows each promise of his Word. When winter fades I know spring will come: The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak. I know his grace will renew these days: The Lord is my salvation.

And when I reach the final day, he will not leave me in the grave., But I will rise He will call me home: The Lord is my salvation.

Bridge: Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son, glory be to God the Spirit. The Lord is our salvation.

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SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

Postlude

All first-time and returning visitors are invited to the Visitor's Reception room just past the Welcome Center (down the hall on the right) for refreshments following each morning service. Drop by and let us welcome you.