

CEDAR SPRINGS MORNING WORSHIP

December 23, 2018 - 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome

Prelude

"Noel"

Redman/Tomlin/Cash

WORSHIPING GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Call to Worship

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

arr. Duncan/Breedlove

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 Godhead 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."

"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.

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Neale/Walker-Smith

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Offertory

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

arr. Prentice

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel. Of our Lord and Savior we the tidings tell. Sing we noel, for Christ the King is born. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel. Angels from on high say, "Shepherd, come and see; He is born in Bethlehem, a blessed Lamb for thee." Sing we noel, for Christ the King is born. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel. Shepherds found the child lying in a manger stall. Joseph standing by, and mother Mary mild. Sing we noel, for Christ the King is born. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel. Magi oriental journeyed from afar. They did come to greet him, 'neath the shining star. Sing we noel, for Christ the King is born. Sing we now of Christmas, sing we all noel.

Prayers of Intercession

Announcements & Peace

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Lessons

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

Old Testament

Leviticus 16:1-22

p. 95, Kids p. 40

New Testament

Hebrews 2:14-18

p. 1002, Kids p. 294

Sermon text

Hebrews 4:14-16, 7:22-28

p. 1002, 1004, Kids p. 266

Sermon

"Jesus As The Great High Priest Brings Us Peace"

TASTING AND SEEING GOD'S GRACE

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"Of The Father's Love Begotten"

Traditional

Instrumental

"Before the Throne of God Above"

Bancroft/Cook

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea. A great High Priest whose name is Love who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart. I know that while in heaven he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart, no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within. Upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died my sinful soul is counted free; for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the Risen Lamb my perfect spotless righteousness. The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace. One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God, with Christ my Savior and my God.

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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.