

CEDAR SPRINGS MORNING WORSHIP

December 30, 2018 - 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome

Prelude

“Thou Who Was Rich”

No. 230

WORSHIPING GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Call to Worship

Psalms, Hymns and Spiritual Songs

“The First Noel”

English Carol

The first Noel, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, that hath made heav'n and earth of naught, and with his blood mankind hath bought. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

“Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)”

Tomlin/Cates/Ingram

All of creation all of the earth, make straight a highway a path for the Lord. Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint. Let ev'ry nation shout of your fame. Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus: Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for you. Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing “Even so come Lord Jesus come. Even so come Lord Jesus come.”

There will be justice, all will be new. Your name forever faithful and true. Jesus is coming soon.

Bridge: So we wait, we wait for you. God we wait, you're coming soon. (repeat)

Chorus 2: Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for you. Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing. Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a Church ready for you. Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing “Even so come Lord Jesus come. Even so come Lord Jesus come.”

Bridge 2: God we wait, we wait for you. God we wait, you're coming soon. God we wait, we wait for you, yes, we wait, you're coming soon. God we wait, you're coming soon.

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“O Holy Night”

Copeau/Dwight/Walker-Smith

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope – the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn! Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine. O night, when Christ was born. O night divine, O night, O night divine.

Truly he taught us to love one another; His law is love and his gospel is peace. Chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name, all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; Let all within us praise his holy name. Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine. O night, when Christ was born. O night divine, O night, O night divine.

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Offertory

“A Christmas Alleluia”

Tomlin/Myrin

Alleluia, alleluia, Christ the Savior of the world. He has come. Alleluia, alleluia to the highest name of all. Alleluia. The heavens roar, the angels sing all glory to our God and King. O night divine, forevermore, alleluia. You're the highest name of all, alleluia.

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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.")

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

p. 1, Kids p. 2

Prophetic Reading

Isaiah 8:11-9:2

p. 572, Kids p. 118

Gospel Reading

John 1:1-14,16, 8:12, 9:4-5

p. 886, 894-895, Kids p. 182

Sermon

"Jesus As The Light of The World"

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

Benediction

"Joy To The World"

No. 195

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.

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.