



The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.  
Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out  
laborers into His harvest" Luke 10:2

Second Sunday of Advent,  
December 10, 2017

# Welcome!

**For God's glory and by His grace, Harvest Fellowship exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ who are progressively growing in their love of God, their love of people, and their commitment to help others grow as disciples.**

**If you are visiting with us today, we would love to have a record of your attendance. Please fill in the 'Welcome' card and place it in the offering plate."**

*"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." 2 Corinthians 4:6*

## Prelude

### Call to Worship

*Taken from 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; Revelation 22:20*

**Leader:** For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.

**People:** *For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.*

**Leader:** For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

**People:** *Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

**Leader:** Therefore encourage one another with these words. He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

**People:** *Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*

### **Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Words by Charles Wesley, Music by Rowland H Prichard

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth Thou art,

Dear Desire of ev'ry nation,  
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see Thee,  
Day-spring from on high, appear;  
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse,  
of Thy birth we long to hear!  
O'er the hills the angels singing news,  
glad tidings of a birth:  
"Go to Him, your praises bringing;  
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,  
He whose glories knew no end;  
By His life He brings us gladness,  
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number,  
born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder,  
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all-sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Trinity Hymnal #196.

## Advent Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11; Jeremiah 33:14-17 Lighting of Advent Candles.

### ***O Little Town Of Bethlehem***

Words by Phillips Brooks, 1867. Music by St. Louis, Lewis H Redner, 1868

O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting Light;  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;  
and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep

their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars together  
proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him still,  
the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel.

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### ***We Adore You***

Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Tim Janis

Holy Child, Emmanuel;  
hope of all the ages,  
and the cry of ev'ry heart.  
Bowing down, we lift You up;  
You're the one we worship, You're the one we love.

**We adore You, we adore You,  
we adore You, Jesus.  
We adore You, we adore You,  
we adore You, Jesus.**

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### ***A Christmas Alleluia***

written by Chris Tomlin and Jonas Mylin

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

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## Collection of Tithes & Offerings

*"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside, as he may prosper." 1 Corinthians 16:2*

## Reading of God's Word

**Luke 1:67-79**

## Preaching of the Word

*Children aged 4 yrs – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade may now be dismissed for 'My Father's House'*

***"Songs for the Savior: Zechariah's Song"***  
***Pastor Rich Good***

## ***Christmas Special by My Father's House***

### ***Light of the Stable***

Words and music by Steve and Elizabeth Rhymer

Hail, hail to the newborn King  
Let our voices sing Him our praises  
Hail, hail to the guiding Light  
That brought us tonight to our Savior

*Halle, hallelujah*

*Halle, hallelujah*

*Halle, hallelujah*

*Halle, hallelujah*

Come now, let it shine so bright  
To the knowing Light of the stable  
Kneel close to the Child so dear  
Cast aside your fear and be thankful

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## Benediction

## SERMON TEXT

*Our Scripture reading this morning is taken from:*  
**Luke 1: 67-79 (ESV)**

<sup>67</sup> And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

<sup>68</sup> “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people

<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,

<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies  
and from the hand of all who hate us;

<sup>72</sup> to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

<sup>74</sup> that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,

<sup>78</sup> because of the tender mercy of our God,  
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high

<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of  
death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”