



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

Third Sunday of Advent,  
December 16, 2018

# 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."

*"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he," Zechariah 9:9a*

## Prayer of Invocation

## Call to Worship

### **Good Christian Men Rejoice/Rejoice**

Words and Music by Aaron Shust

Good Christian men rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Give ye heed to what we say  
Jesus Christ is born today  
Ox and lamb before Him bow  
He is in the manger now  
Christ is born today  
Christ is born today

**So rejoice, O rejoice**  
**Hallelujah Christ has come**  
**So rejoice, lift your voice**  
**Sing Emmanuel with us, O rejoice**

Good Christian men rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Now ye hear of endless bliss  
Jesus Christ was born for this  
He has opened Heaven's door  
And man is blessed forever more  
Christ was born for this  
Christ was born for this

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

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### ***Joy Has Dawned***

Words & Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Joy has dawned upon the world,  
Promised from creation—  
God's salvation now unfurled,  
Hope for ev'ry 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'erable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,  
Gazing at the glory;  
Gifts of men from distant lands  
Prophecy the 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 heaven,  
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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**Advent Reading: Luke 2:8-14**  
**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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## Reading of God's Word

**Isaiah 12:1-6; Luke 2:10-11**

## Preaching of the Word

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

***“The Gifts of Christmas: Joy”***  
***Pastor Rich Good***

## Confession of Sin

Almighty God,

We acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you!

Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will.

Amen.

## The Lord's Supper

*Harvest Fellowship welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation to partake in the Lord's Supper with us. Please note that we serve both wine and grape juice during Communion—the cups in the outer ring of the trays contain grape juice.*

## 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*

### **Joy to the World! The Lord is Come**

Words by Isaac Watts, Music by Lowell Mason

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns:

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

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.

He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of His righteousness,

And wonders of His love.

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## Benediction

## Sermon Texts

### **Isaiah 12:1-6**

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

### **Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.