



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 17, 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.*"

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Prelude

Call to Worship

Taken from Psalm 66:1,2,5,8,16,20

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

People: *Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!*

Leader: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

People: *Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,*

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for us.

People: *Blessed be God, because he has not rejected our prayer or removed his steadfast love from us!*

Angels From The Realms Of Glory

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth;

**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
yonder shines the infant light:

Saints before the altar bending,
watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
in His temple shall appear;

All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
to th'eternal Three in One:

Trinity Hymnal # 218

Advent Reading: Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 2:1-7
Lighting of Advent Candles.

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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Glory in the Highest

Words and music by Chris Tomlin

You are the first, You go before
You are the last, Lord, You're the encore
Your name's in lights for all to see
The starry host declare Your glory

Glory in the highest

Glory in the highest

Glory in the highest

Apart from You there is no god
Light of the world, the Bright and Morning Star
Your name will shine for all to see.
You are the one, You are my glory

*And no one else could ever compare
To You, Lord, all the earth together declares ...*

**Glory in the highest,
Glory in the highest,
Glory in the highest,
To You, Lord**

The Heavenly host proclaim Your birth
Glory to God and peace be on the earth
Your name is near Emanuel
God with us here, God pleased with us to dwell

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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 2:8-20

Preaching of the Word

Children aged 4 yrs – 3rd grade may now be dismissed for 'My Father's House'

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

Confession of Sin

Father God, as we contemplate the Incarnation--God becoming man--we are confronted with our sinful hearts.

We confess that:

- While Christ turned his back on power; we are always seeking it.
- While Christ came to serve; we live as consumers--demanding that others serve us.
- While Christ lived and died for the sake of others; we are selfish and live for our own comfort, pleasure, and self-advancement.
- While Christ embraced humility; we seek for ways to impress those around us.

O Gracious Father, hear our confession and forgive us, we pray. Remove the barriers that keep us from loving You and others. Fill us with the joy of your love and the peace that comes from your presence.

Grace:

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, that we should be saved from our enemies and might serve him without fear. (Adapted from Luke 1:68-74)

The Lord's Supper

Harvest Fellowship welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to for-sake 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.

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Words by Charles Wesley, music by Felix Mendelssohn

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.

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Son 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.

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Benediction

SERMON TEXT

Our Scripture reading this morning is taken from:
Luke 2:8-20 (ESV)

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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