



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

First Sunday of Advent,  
December 2, 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."

*"To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." Colossians 1:27*

## 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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## Advent Reading: Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2-5a Lighting of Advent Candle.

### ***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.

### ***Offering – Christmas Version***

Words and music by Paul Baloche

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star  
while angels sang to lowly shepherds.  
Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar,  
hoping to find the Child from Heaven;  
Falling on their knees, they bowed before the humble,  
Prince of Peace.

**I bring an offering of worship to my King;  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing;  
Jesus, may You receive the honor that you're due;  
O Lord, I bring an offering to You.**

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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.**

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## Reading of God's Word

**Lamentations 3:19-26; Titus 2:11-14; 1 Peter 1:3-9**

## 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: Hope"***  
***Pastor Rich Good***

## Affirmation of Faith

*Adapted from the Belgic Confession articles 18 & 19*

### **Q: Christian what do you believe about the Incarnation?**

A: We believe that God fulfilled the promise which he had made to the early fathers by the mouth of his holy prophets when he sent his only and eternal Son into the world at the time set by him. The Son took the "form of a servant" and was made in the "likeness of man" truly assuming a real human nature, with all its weaknesses, except for sin; being conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. In this way he is truly our Immanuel—that is: "God with us."

We believe that by being thus conceived the person of the Son has been inseparably united and joined together with human nature, in such a way that there are two natures united in a single person, with each nature retaining its own distinct properties.

Thus, we confess him to be true God and true man—true God in order to conquer death by his power, and true man that he might die for us in the weakness of his flesh.

## 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*

*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Mathew 25:40*

### **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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## Benediction

## Sermon Texts

### **Lamentations 3:19-26 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup> Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood and the gall!

<sup>20</sup> My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me.

<sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

<sup>25</sup> The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

### **Titus 2:11-14 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

### **1 Peter 1:3-9 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.