



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

Fourth Sunday of Advent,  
December 23, 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.*"

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6*

## Prayer of Invocation

### ***O Come, All Ye Faithful***

Words and Music by John F Wade

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

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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  
Prophesy 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: Matthew 1:18-23

### Lighting of Advent Candles.

### ***Christmas Alleluia***

Words & music by Chris Tomlin & Jonas 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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## Reading of God's Word

**Isaiah 43:1-3, 10-15; 1Timothy 1:15-16; Hebrew 9:28**

## Preaching of the Word

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

### ***"The Gift of Christmas: A Savior"*** **Pastor Rich Good**

#### ***What Child is This?***

Adapted by William Dix, 1865; Music-Greensleeves

What Child is this who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and lamb are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise a song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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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*

## ***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

Ministry Update: GNC Christmas Party

## SERMON TEXT

### **Isaiah 43:1-3, 10-15 (ESV)**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>10</sup>"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

<sup>11</sup>I, I am the LORD, and besides me there is no savior.

<sup>12</sup>I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and I am God.

<sup>13</sup>Also henceforth I am he; there is none who can deliver from my hand; I work, and who can turn it back?"

<sup>14</sup>Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I send to Babylon and bring them all down as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships in which they rejoice.

<sup>15</sup>I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King."

### **1 Timothy 1:15-16 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.

### **Hebrews 9:28 (ESV)**

<sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.