



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 3, 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."

"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end" Luke 1:32,33

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!*

I Sing The Almighty Power Of God

Words by Isaac Watt, 1715, arr by Ralph V Williams, 1906

Traditional English Melody

I sing th' almighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how Your wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow by order from Your throne.
While all that borrows life from is ever in Your care,
And everywhere that man can be, you, God, are present there.

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Advent Reading: Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:26-38
Lighting of Advent Candle.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Words translated by John M Neale, Music : Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, Thou Dayspring from on high
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

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Manger Throne

Words and Music by Julie Miller

What kind of king would leave His throne
In heaven to make this earth His home
While men seek fame and great renown
In loneliness, our King comes down.

**Jesus, Jesus, precious one,
how we thank you that You've come;
Jesus, Jesus, precious one,
a manger throne for God's own Son.**

You left the sound of angels praise
To come for men with unkind ways
And by this baby's helplessness
The pow'r of nations is laid to rest.

What kind of king would come so small
From glory to a humble stall
That dirty manger is my heart too
I'll make it a royal throne for You.

My heart is a throne for God's own Son.

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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

"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

Reading of God's Word

Luke 1:39-56

Preaching of the Word

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

"Songs for the Savior: Mary's Song" **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 confess 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 that person of the Son has been inseparably united and joined together with human nature, in a 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.

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
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Benediction

SERMON TEXT

Our Scripture reading this morning is taken from:

Luke 1: 39-56 (ESV)

³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

⁴⁶ And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;

⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.