



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

Second Sunday of Advent,
December 2, 2016

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.

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Philippians 2:3-4

Call to Worship

Taken from Zephaniah 3:14-17

Leader: Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Men: *The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.*

Women: *The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.*

Leader: The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;

All: *he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.*

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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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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Second Advent Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12 Lighting of Advent Candles

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." 1Corinthians 16:2

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

Reading of God's Word

Philippians 2:1-11

Preaching of the Word

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

"The Character of the New King" 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, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and...might serve him without fear. Luke 1:68-69; 74

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
Christ was born to save

Benediction

SERMON TEXT

Zechariah 9:9-12 (ESV)

⁹ 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, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Philippians 2:1-11 (ESV)

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.