

GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN | November 29, 2020

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Generation 2 generation (G2g) - This week we will have a game night for the older kids from 6:00-8:00. We will play some large group games and also have some time for smaller board games or other fun. We will pick up our normal G2g night next week.

Service Opportunity - Forest Lake schools are looking for tutors in reading and math. [click here](#) for more information. In addition, we would love to find ways for Grace to serve our community. If you have ideas or opportunities, or want to help find ways to serve, please contact pastormike@gracewyoming.com.

Women's Prayer Morning - Join us Saturday, December 5th at 7am for prayer. We'll meet at the church. Questions contact laurenrgilkerson@gmail.com.

Grace Church Ministry Update - As we sort through the Governor's latest orders, we wanted to clarify how we are thinking through these things as elders. We recognize that no one wants this situation, and no one is probably completely satisfied. We're prayerfully doing our best to honor God and lead our church well. Please continue to check News & Notes for all the current updates and details.

Additional Announcements - Communion Info, Advent, Christmas Eve Service, and more are found in News & Notes.

As always, News & Notes contains everything you need to stay current with all that is happening at Grace Church.
Please notify an elder if you would like to be added to our digital newsletter.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Leader) Insofar as you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins know that your sins have already been forgiven. *(All) Thanks be to God.*

(Leader) Know also that by the blood of Jesus you are welcomed into the presence of God as his beloved sons and daughters. *(All) Praise be to God.*

(Leader) Lift up your hearts. *(All) We lift them up to the Lord.*

WORSHIP SONGS

O Come All Ye Faithful

Verse 1

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;

Chorus

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

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 84:9-12

[Leader] 9 Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed! 10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

[All] 11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. 12 O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!!

WORSHIP SONG

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Verse 1

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 angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King"

Verse 2

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ the everlasting Lord;
Late in time behold him come,
Offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel
Hark the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

Verse 3

Hail! the heaven-born Prince of
Peace.
Hail the son of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen 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
Hark the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new King"

What Child Is This

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

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.

Verse 3

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.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and Angels sing;
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Refrain

Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

SERMON OUTLINE Various Texts

Jesus in the Prophets | David VanAcker

JESUS TAUGHT THE WHOLE OT POINTED TO HIM (Luke 24:27; John 5:39)

JESUS WAS SPIRITUALLY PRESENT IN THE OT

JESUS' PHYSICAL PRESENCE WAS PREDICTED IN THE OT

The Messiah Would Defeat the Devil (Genesis 3:15)

The Messiah Would Be a Guiding Light for and from the Line of Jacob (Numbers 24:17)

The Messiah Would Be a Greater Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-18)

The Messiah Would Rule on David's Throne Forever (2 Samuel 7:12-13)

The Messiah Would Be Born of a Virgin (Isaiah 7:14)

The Messiah Would Be Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)

The Messiah Would Enter Jerusalem on a Donkey (Zechariah 9:9)

The Messiah Would Bring Grace and Mercy by Being Pierced and Killed (Zechariah 12:10)

The Messiah Would Come a Second Time in Fullness of Power (Daniel 7:13-14)

The Messiah Would Come to Restore and Rule Over Jew and Gentile Forever (Amos 9:11-15)

IT IS RIGHT FOR US TO CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH AND ANTICIPATE HIS RETURN

Treasure These Things in Your Hearts

Tell Them to the World

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The overall aim of this series is to help you grow in amazement at the fact that Jesus' birth was foretold in significant detail and that it happened exactly as it was foretold and to help you grow in amazement at the significance of the One who was born and what He accomplished. And the specific aims of this sermon are to set the stage for understanding the way the OT describes Jesus and give you a taste of the specific glory of Jesus as told by the OT prophets.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. What has advent looked like in your home in the past? Does it look similar or different from the home you grew up in? What things have you added, eliminated, or changed?
3. Did you realize that Jesus claimed the OT was about Him? What do you think it would have been like to hear Him explain how the OT talked about Him?
4. Had you ever thought about the fact that Jesus was every bit as present and active in the OT as in the NT? Had you ever considered that His presence was spiritual before it was physical? How does this change things for you? Which of the OT "Christophanies" seems most significant to you and why?
5. What about the OT's promises of Jesus coming stands out to you the most and why? What might advent look like in your home if you were to truly believe all of these things?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

6. Spend some time this week studying (on your own or with a friend/family member) the OT Christophanies and prophecies about the coming of Jesus. Make a list of the ones that most stir your heart and display them.
7. Commit to having a quiet time each day focusing on a particular OT Christophany or Christmas prophecy. Try to find a particular song that captures the essence of the appearing or promised appearing.
8. Send a text each day to a different person describing one particular glory of Christmas.
9. Try to find a specific way to capture the wonder or a particular aspect of Jesus' coming in the flesh. Perhaps you will write a song or paint a picture or make a sculpture or something else. Consider taking a picture of it, sending it to an unbeliever in your life, and explaining its significance.
10. Name one specific thing that you mean to do differently by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER POINTS

11. Adoration. Praise God for being worthy of all our worship. Praise Him for His mercy, grace, and salvation. Praise Him for sending His Son to give us a perfect example, sacrificial death, forgiveness of sins, and everlasting life.
12. Confession. Confess any indifferent or ignorantly excited advent celebrations. Confess any things you've treasured more than Jesus. Ask God for forgiveness for failing to share the glories of Christmas with others.
13. Thanksgiving. Thank God for the chance to celebrate differently this year. Thank Him for loving you such that He sent Jesus and revealed the good news of great joy that is available through Him.
14. Supplication. Ask God to save your friends, family, and neighbors through the way you celebrate advent. Ask God to fill your heart with the treasuring of Jesus above all things.

WORSHIP SONGS

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Verse 4

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.

Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

The Lord is My Salvation

Verse 1

The grace of God
Has reached for me
and pulled me from a raging sea;
and I am safe on this solid ground,
the Lord is my salvation.

Verse 2

I will not fear when darkness falls,
His strength will help me
Scale these walls;
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun,
the Lord is my salvation.

Chorus

Who is like the Lord our God,
strong to save, faithful in love?
my debt is paid, and the victory won;
the Lord is my salvation.

Verse 3

In times of waiting, times of need,
when I know loss, when I am weak,
I know His grace
Will renew these days;
the Lord is my salvation.

Verse 4

And when I reach my final day,
He will not leave me in the grave;
but I will rise, He will call me home.
The Lord is my salvation.

Bridge

Glory be to God the Father,
glory be to God the Son,
glory be to God the Spirit;
the Lord is our salvation.
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BENEDICTION

Hebrews 13:20-21 - Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.