

A community of believers devoted to the apostles' doctrine and fellowship in the breaking of bread and in prayers

Order of Worship - December 25, 2022

Call to worship and pastoral prayer

Hymnal #270: Joy to the World

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:1-20

Hymnal #259: Angels from the Realms of Glory

Sermon: Good News of Great Joy, Luke 2:1-20

Prayer of response to sermon

Hymnal #249: O Come All Ye Faithful

Overhead: What Love My God

The Lord's Supper

Overhead: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen Hymnal #258: Go Tell it on the Mountain

Who are to come to the Lord's Table?

Born-again baptized believers, not practicing willful unrepentant sin, who are united to Christ as part of a sound evangelical church.

Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins but nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their continuing weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith. The Heidelberg Catechism Q.81

1 Corinthians 11:27-30 admonishes us to partake of the Table with self-examination and careful regard for the body of Christ. Failure to do so may subject us to chastisement. If you have significant conflict with others in the church, please refrain from participating today and make efforts to reconcile.

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Visitors

- ▶ Put your welcome card in the offering box, we have free resources for you!
- Nursery available for children under age during the sermon.
- ▶ Free evangelism materials in the foyer upstairs.
- ▶ Elders are available after service to pray or answer questions.



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Sermon Outline

Good News of Great Joy

Luke 2:1-20

Introduction: Christmas, a message of reconciliation and hope to a divided and despairing world

Exposition: The greatest news of all time

- 1. The prophetic fulfillment of this good news (vv.4-7)
 - Born of a virgin in Bethlehem (Is 7:14; Micah 5:2)
- 2. The messengers and recipients of this good news (vv.8-14)
 - The recipients: poor shepherds (v.8)
 - The messengers: God and the heavenly host (vv.9,13)
- 3. The subject and objects of this good news (vv.10-11)
 - The subject: "Christ the Lord" (v.11)
 - The objects: "all the people" (v.10)
- 4. The content of this good news (vv.10-14)
 - Peace and reconciliation between God and man (Rom 5:5-11; Eph 2:13-16)
 - Eternal Joy and hope (1 Peter 1:3;8-9)
- 5. The impact of this good news on the first recipients (vv.15-20)
 - They believed and received Christ (vv.15-16)
 - They were filled with great joy (vv.17-20)

Application:

- 1. The message of Christ's birth is good news, all year long
- Christmas assures us of Christ's second coming, in fulfilment of scripture