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# The Lord's Day — December 3, 2017 A.D.

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

### \*Hymn of Praise

#### As With Gladness Men Of Old

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As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.  
As with joyful steps they sped, to that lowly manger bed.  
There to bend the knee before, Him whom heaven and earth adore.  
So may we with willing feet, ever seek the mercy seat.  
As they offered gifts most rare at that cradle rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy, pure, and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.  
Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.

### \*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Confession of Sin

Leader: Eternal and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty.

**People: we acknowledge that we have frequently and grievously sinned and deserve nothing less than eternal death.**

Leader: We continually transgress your laws; failing to do what you have commanded

**People: And doing that which you have expressly forbidden.**

Leader: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way

**People: We confess our waywardness and our humiliation for our disobedience.**

Leader: Our transgressions are innumerable and our debt is so great that we cannot begin to repay

**People: We are not worthy to be called your children, nor to lift our eyes heavenward to you in prayer**

Leader: But, O Father, we know that you will have mercy on those who confess their sins.

**People: Forgive all our sins, for Christ's sake.**

Leader: Have mercy upon us in our infirmities

**People: Wash us in the pure fountain of Christ's blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow**

Leader: Cover us with Christ's innocence and righteousness

**People: And deliver us from all foolishness and rebellion, through Christ our Lord, Amen**

## Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32:5

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## \*Hymn of Forgiveness

### A Light Has Dawned

Light

A light has dawned, a King has come,  
To redeem every heart and soul,  
Born unto us, Emmanuel, the Savior of the world.  
Let us adore and praise His name.  
Angels rejoice and shepherds bow  
At the sight of the holy Child,  
Men from afar searching to find the Savior of the world.  
Let us adore and praise His name.

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, let us sing. Hosanna in the highest, we give glory to the King, Glory to the King.*

You are the Christ, the Son of God,  
And the nations will rally to You.  
Let every heart come recognize the Savior of the world.  
Let us adore and praise His name.

## Welcome New Members

*Sean & Noelli McGowan, Sarai and Levi  
Aidan Swanner*

## Prayers of the Church

## Tithes & Offering

## Hymn of Preparation

### What Child is This

Traditional

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 ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, 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 the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby:  
Joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary.

**Sermon**

**Genesis 11:10-32 (page 8)  
“Marching Toward Fulfillment”**

**Pastor Jeff Hooker**

**\*Hymn of Response**

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**Wesley**

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.  
Joy to those who long to see Thee, Day-spring from on high, appear;  
Come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear.  
O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;  
"Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories knew no end;  
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.  
Leaving riches without number, born within a cattle stall;  
This the everlasting wonder, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king;  
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**\*Benediction**

**Corporate Response**

**O Come All Ye Faithful**

**Wade/Chapman**

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