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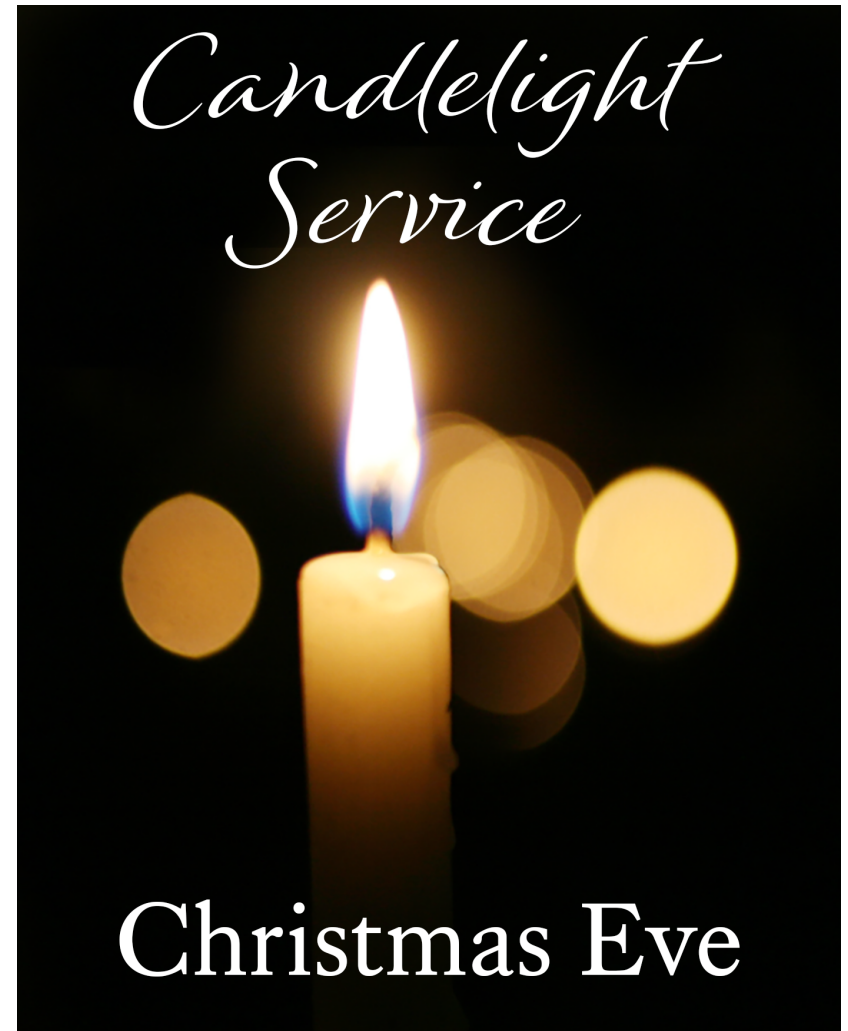


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For To Us A Child Is Born...

Isa. 9:6

**Christmas Eve
Worship Service**
December 24, 2024– 6:30 p.m.

Call to Worship: “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Singing Together: (Congregation Stands)

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Congregational Reading: Luke 2:4–14
Prayer For Celebration

The Lord’s Prayer

Doxology (Congregation Stands)

Special Music: “I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day”

Scripture Reading: Isa. 9:6
Prayer For Illumination

Message: “Celebrating Jesus”

Prayer For Understanding

Response Song: “Away in a Manger” (Congregation Stands)

Benediction

Choral Benediction: “Peace, Peace/Silent Night”

Scripture Reference: Isa. 9:6 (ESV)

Is. 9:6. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Synopsis: “Celebrating Jesus”

In this Christmas Eve meditation the objective is simple and straight forward-- to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We will do this by turning to one of the most beloved prophecies concerning the coming of the Christ-- “For to us a child is born...” . We will analyze every phrase and word in this glorious verse written 700 years before the first Advent of Christ. Through it, we will celebrate the extraordinary nature of the Deliverer God sent to save the world from the darkness of sin. We will notice Isaiah’s clear presentation of the great paradox of a Messiah who is wholly God and wholly man. But our focus will be that of adoration and adulation as we delight in the Gospel (the Good News!) as Isaiah presents it-- and simply Celebrate Jesus!

Sermon Outline: “Isa. 9:6”

I. Introduction

II. Exposition of the text, Isa. 9:6.

A. Context, Isa. 9:2, 7:14, John 8:12.

B. Celebrating the long-awaited Christ.

1. Celebrating the paradox of Jesus.

a. Celebrating the child.

i. A child of blessing.

ii. A human child.

iii. A paradoxical child.

iv. A personal child.

v. A righteous child, Heb. 4:15.

b. Celebrating the Son.

i. A divine Son.

ii. A personal Son, Gen. 9:2, Luke 2:11.

iii. A Redeeming Son, John 3:16.

c. Celebrating His dominion.

i. An everlasting, boundless dominion, Isa. 9:7;

Dan. 7:14; Phil. 2:9–11.

ii. A personal, engaged King, Isa. 8:17–18.

2. Celebrating His attributes.

a. Wonderful

i. A wonderful Lord, Ex. 15:11; Psa. 89:5.

ii. Wonder-inspiring.

b. Counselor

i. The source of wisdom, Luke 2:46–47.

ii. The Incarnation of truth, John 1:14, 8:12, 14:6.

iii. The Teacher of truth, John 3:2; Col. 2:3.

c. Mighty God.

i. That Jesus is divine.

ii. That He is mighty to save, Isa. 63:1.

iii. That He is mighty to protect, Eph. 6:12; Phil. 4:13.

d. Everlasting Father, Heb. 2:10.

e. Prince of Peace, Phil. 4:7.

III. Conclusion.

Christmas Eve
Worship Songs
December 24, 2024

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains;
And the mountains in reply,
Echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
Which inspire your heav'nly song?
(Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem, and see,
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
(Refrain)

See within a manger laid,
Jesus, Lord of heav'n and earth!
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
With us sing our Savior's birth.
(Refrain)

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend on us, we pray.
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord, Emmanuel.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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!"

Refrain

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 God-head see;
Hail th'incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
(Refrain)

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His Glory by,
Born that men no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
(Refrain)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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!

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him-
Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
(Refrain)

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n:
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
(Refrain)

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Congregational Reading: Luke 2:4-14

Luke 2:4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David,

Luke 2:5. to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Luke 2:6. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

Luke 2:7. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:8. And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Luke 2:9. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

Luke 2:10. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

Luke 2:11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:12. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Luke 2:13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Luke 2:14. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

I Heard The Bells on Christmas Day

I heard the bells on Christmas day,
Their old familiar carols play.
And mild and sweet their songs repeat,
Of peace on Earth, good will to men.

And the bells are ringing (peace on Earth),
Like a choir they're singing (peace on Earth).
In my heart I hear them,
Peace on Earth, good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head.
"There is no peace on Earth," I said.
For hate is strong and mocks the song.
Of peace on Earth, good will to men.

But the bells are ringing (peace on Earth).
Like a choir singing (peace on Earth).
Does anybody hear them?
Peace on Earth, good will to men.

Then rang the bells more loud and deep.
God is not dead, nor doth He sleep.
(Peace on Earth, peace on Earth).
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
With peace on Earth, good will to men.

Then ringing, singing on its way,
The world revolved from night to day.
A voice, a chime, a chant sublime,
Of peace on Earth, good will to men.

And the bells, they're ringing (peace on Earth),
Like a choir they're singing (peace on Earth).
And with our hearts, we'll hear them,
Peace on Earth, good will to men.

Do you hear the bells, they're ringing? (Peace on Earth).
The life, the angels singing (peace on Earth).
Open up your heart and hear them (peace on Earth),
Peace on Earth, good will to men.
Peace on Earth, peace on Earth, Peace on Earth, good will to men.

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus - no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Peace, Peace/Silent Night

Peace, peace, peace on earth,
and good will to all.
This is a time of joy;
this is a time for love.
Now let us all sing together
of peace, peace, peace on earth.

Silent Night! Holy night!
All is calm, all is bright,
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child!
Holy infant, so tender and mild;
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.