

# OUR WORSHIP CELEBRATION NOVEMBER 29, 2020

## **Prelude**

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

## **Welcome - Robby Baxter, Assistant Pastor**

### **\*Call to Worship - Psalm 89:15-29**

~God's invitation for us to engage in worship in the Holy Spirit

### **\*Weekly Congregational Response**

~Our humble response to God's call to worship

### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

~The giving of thanks for God's promised presence and work among us

### **\*Song of Preparation and Praise - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

### **\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - I John 2:1-6**

~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

### **\*Prayer in Response to Our Assurance of Pardon**

### **\*Song of Comfort - His Mercy Is More**

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

## **Pastoral Prayer**

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

## **Sermon - New Life For The People of God Matthew 1:18-25**

### **\*Song of Response - While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks**

~Our commitment to apply God's Word in and through our lives

### **\*Announcements**

~Weekly opportunities to live out the Word read, confessed, prayed, sung, and preached

### **\*Benediction - Colossians 1:11-14**

~God's parting blessing as we are sent out on His redemptive mission

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# "NEW LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD" MATTHEW 1:18-25 CHRIS BLACKMAN

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**Key Truth: God's plan to bring new life to the world begins with Jesus the Messiah saving His people from their sins.**

*Q: What would a new beginning look like in your life?*

## **I. Jesus Saves Us From Our Sins (V18-21)**

*Q: What kind of Messiah are you hoping for? A political one? A therapeutic one?*

"The expression is so familiar to us that we must see how contrary it was (and still is) to popular messianic expectations... A Messiah who came now and did not at least deliver the people politically from their enemies and from their enemies' sins could hardly be considered a serious or full-blooded Messiah... But Jesus' work in this Gospel is first of all to liberate his people from their own evils... Jesus concentrates the fire of almost his entire Gospel on his church's sins... This Gospel teaches a profound self-criticism; it rarely permits God's people to descend to the cheaper, easier, and seemingly more effective demonizing of external enemies."

Frederick Dale Brunner, *Matthew: A Commentary*

## **II. Jesus Dwells With Us (V22-25)**

*Q: How does the name Immanuel (God with us) give you hope about your current circumstances?*

"The glory of the NT revelation is that the great Above-Us God came down and became one of us... The Gospel's God is so great that he can come down. Indeed, God's love is evident so entire that he wants to come down. And, to the satisfaction of believers, God has proven his love by the record that he did come down and touch our ground. The greatness of the Gospel's God, in short, is that this God not only sends, he comes. Christmas is the story of God's becoming one of us. God literally 'be-littled' himself in order to accommodate himself to us."

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## **Application:**

**Matthew 1:18-25** teaches us that:

- God's plan to bring new life starts with Jesus saving us from our sins
- God's plan to be with his people is fulfilled in Jesus the Immanuel

**Benediction: *Colossians 1:11-14***