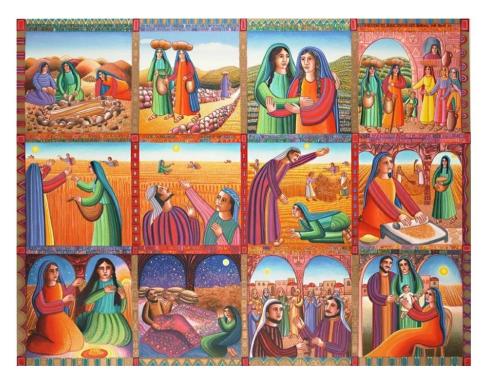
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**NO YOUTH GROUP, NOVEMBER 26** There will be no youth group tonight due to Thanksgiving.

practice and performance.

NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, DECEMBER 3 We will not have Sunday School classes on December 3rd due to Children's Choir and Bells CHRIST CHRIST



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OUR Morship CELEBEBRATION November 26. 2023

#### Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

#### Welcome

\*Call to Worship - Psalm 107:1-9 ~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 - *Good To Me* ~Our celebration of God as our good and faithful Abba Father

\*Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Luke 1:34-38 ~Our admission of our failures and need for Christ as Savior

## \*Congregational Response: Amen!

\*Songs of Comfort - Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus Angels We Have Heard On High ~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Chris & Kelsey Blackman, RUF @ KSU and Riverside Community Church, Cartersville

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - The Pursuit of Redemption, Part 1: Of Plans, Risk, and Kindness Ruth 3:1-13

\*Song of Response - O Holy Night ~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

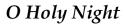
\*Benediction - 2 Timothy 2:8-13

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

## \*Congregational Response: Amen!

## \*Stand

Giving boxes are located on the table inside the sanctuary by the doors and the welcome table in the lobby.



O Holy Night The stars are brightly shining It is the night Of our dear Savior's birth Long lay the world In sin and error pining 'Til He appeared And the soul felt its worth A thrill of hope The weary world rejoices For yonder breaks A new and glorious morn

Fall, on your knees Oh hear, the angel voices Oh night divine Oh night, when Christ was born Oh night, divine Oh night, Oh night divine

Truly He taught us To love one another His law is love And His gospel is peace Chains shall He break For the slave is our brother And in His name All oppression shall cease Sweet hymns of joy In grateful chorus raise we Let all within us Praise His holy name

Christ is the King O praise his name forever His power and glory Ever more proclaim His power and glory Ever more proclaim



# "THE PURSUIT OF REDEMPTION, PART 1: OF PLANS, RISK, AND KINDNESS" RUTH 3:1-13 CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: God blesses our efforts to maintain our integrity and honor Him in tempting circumstances.

#### Introduction:

Q: What circumstances do you find tempting to compromise your integrity?

#### Ruth 3:1-13: A Desperate Risk and a Loving Redeemer:

"Properly understood, a belief in God's sovereignty does not lead to fatalism or passivity. Quite the contrary; it provides the hope and confidence to move forward." Barry G. Webb, *Judges and Ruth: God in Chaos* 

Q: What helps you to maintain your integrity and honor God in tempting circumstances?



Ruth 3:1-13 teaches us that:

-God blesses our efforts to maintain our integrity and honor Him in tempting circumstances.



<sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!
<sup>2</sup> Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble[a]
<sup>3</sup> and gathered in from the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north and from the south.
<sup>4</sup> Some wandered in desert wastes,

finding no way to a city to dwell in; <sup>5</sup> hungry and thirsty,

their soul fainted within them.

- <sup>6</sup> Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.
- <sup>7</sup> He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in.
- <sup>8</sup> Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- 9 For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

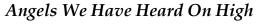
Psalm 107:1-9



# Question 27. What do you understand by the providence of God?

**Answer:** God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

# The Heidelberg Catechism



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

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.* 

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

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

# Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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 every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

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.

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# Good To Me

I put all my hope On the truth of Your promise And I steady my heart On the ground of Your goodness When I'm bowed down with sorrow I will lift up Your name And the foxes in the vineyard Will not steal my joy

Because You are Good to me, good to me You are Good to me, good to me You are good to me

I lift my eyes To the hills where my help is found Your voice fills the night Raise my head up to hear the sound Though fires burn all around me I will praise You, my God And the foxes in the vineyard Will not steal my joy

Your goodness and mercy Shall follow me All my life I trust in Your promise



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Gracious and Merciful Father,

We come before you to confess our sin as Your redeemed and beloved children. May Your Spirit alone convict us of our sin and remind us of our pardon in Christ through repentance.

(*Take a moment to silently confess.*)

We confess that we too often fail to maintain our integrity and honor You under tempting circumstances (**Ruth 3:1-13**).

We confess these things before You because You are faithful to forgive us in Christ.

Bless us with the assurance of our pardon by Your Holy Spirit in Christ alone, by faith alone, through Your grace alone, from Your Word.



<sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy – the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

# Luke 1:34-38

(Leader) - And based on the gift of this assurance of pardon to us, God's people, we all can't help but say,

(Congregation) - Amen!