

STAY *Connected* AT CCC

NO YOUTH GROUP OR SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Youth Group or Sunday School classes **December 22nd & 29th** due to Christmas break. Plan to join us in January!

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will be closed **December 23rd through January 3rd** for Christmas and New Year. We will resume normal office hours on **Monday, January 6th**

NO CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL OR CHOIR AND BELLS

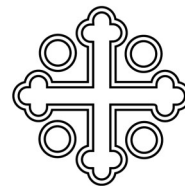
We will not have Children's Ministry Choir and Bells or 9:30 Sunday School classes **December 29th** due to Christmas break. Classes will **resume January 5th**.

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

Nathan Wilson will be baptized on **December 29th**. Be on the lookout for a baptismal letter next week!

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING IN JANUARY

You are invited to join Kathryn Baird in a **virtual Bible study** that will begin in January! This group has in mind women in our church family who may not be able to meet regularly in person, but can connect through a resource like Voxer or Marco Polo. The group will study the **book of Ephesians using the Hinged Bible Study video and book resources**, produced by CDM and written by women in the PCA, and connect virtually to discuss and share with one another. **Reach out to Kathryn to let her know you'd like to participate** (klpbaird@gmail.com)!



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OUR VISION:

TO SEE THE GOSPEL CHANGE HEARTS, LIVES, AND COMMUNITY
BY MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES IN NORTHWEST ATLANTA AND BEYOND
CHANGED HEARTS, CHANGED LIVES, CHANGED COMMUNITY

OUR *Worship* CELEBRATION

December 22, 2024

Prelude

~The instrumental cue to gather and prepare for worship

Welcome

***Call to Worship - Psalm 110**

~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 - *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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

***Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon - Mark 1:14-15**

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

***Congregational Response: Amen!**

Song of Comfort - *The First Noel

~Our praise of Jesus as our Savior

Pastoral Prayer - Parakaleo Ministries and Seven Hills Fellowship, Rome

~Our prayer for the church gathered near and far

Sermon - For to Us a Child Is Born, To Us a Son Is Given Isaiah 9:1-7

Preparation of the Table

Partaking of the Table

~Practiced on a regular basis to make the Word visible.

***Doxology**

Song of Response - *O Come, All You Unfaithful

~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 Peter 3:14,18**

~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.

Response SONG OF

O Come, All You Unfaithful

O come, all you unfaithful
Come, weak and unstable
Come, know you are not alone

O come, barren and waiting ones
Weary of praying, come
See what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you*

O come, bitter and broken
Come, with fears unspoken
Come, taste of His perfect love

O come, guilty and hiding ones
There is no need to run
See what your God has done

*Christ is born, Christ is born
Christ is born for you*

*He's the Lamb who was given
Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace
For those who believe
He's the Lamb who was given
Slain for our pardon
His promise is peace
For those who believe*

So come, though you have nothing
Come, He is the offering
Come, see what your God has done
(Chorus)

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

CALL TO Worship

¹ The Lord says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”

² The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies!

³ Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments: from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

⁴ The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁵ The Lord is at your right hand; he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.

⁶ He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses; he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.

⁷ He will drink from the brook by the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

Who, for us and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and on the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

“FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN, TO US A SON IS GIVEN”

ISAIAH 9:1-7

CAMERON BARHAM

Key Truth: Jesus comes to reign as a just and righteous king over a growing and peaceful kingdom without end.

Introduction:

Q: Why do you think Jesus came the first time?

“This remarkable passage has brought together almost everything God has been doing since Eden!...Capture the meaning of the passage and you have the key to the Old Testament.”

Derek Thomas, *Isaiah: God Delivers*

Isaiah 9:1-7: Jesus Reigns as a Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace:

“As always, the people of God must decide what reading of their experiences they will live by. Are they to look at the darkness, the hopelessness, the dreams shattered and conclude that God has forgotten them? Or are they to recall his past mercies, to remember his present promises and to make a great affirmation of faith? Isaiah insists here that hope is a present reality, part of the constitution of the ‘now’. The darkness is true but it is not the whole truth and certainly not the fundamental truth.”

J. Alec Motyer, *The Prophecy of Isaiah: An Introduction & Commentary*

Application Questions:

1. *Which reading of your experiences are you living by?*
2. *How have you experienced Jesus as a Wonderful Counselor? Mighty God? Everlasting Father? Prince of Peace?*

Isaiah 9:1-7 teaches us that Jesus comes to reign as a just and righteous king over a growing and peaceful kingdom without end.

Communion

Benediction: 2 Peter 3:14, 18

SONG OF
Comfort

The First Noel

The First Noel, the Angels did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay
In fields where they
Lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Then entered in those Wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven
And earth of naught
And with his blood mankind has bought
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

SONG OF
Praise

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 angelic host proclaim
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
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 Godhead see
Hail, the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King"

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 man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

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 often fail to enjoy Jesus as
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, and Prince of Peace. **(Isaiah 9:1-7).**

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.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into
Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and
saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom
of God is at hand; repent and believe in the
gospel."

Mark 1:14-15

(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!