



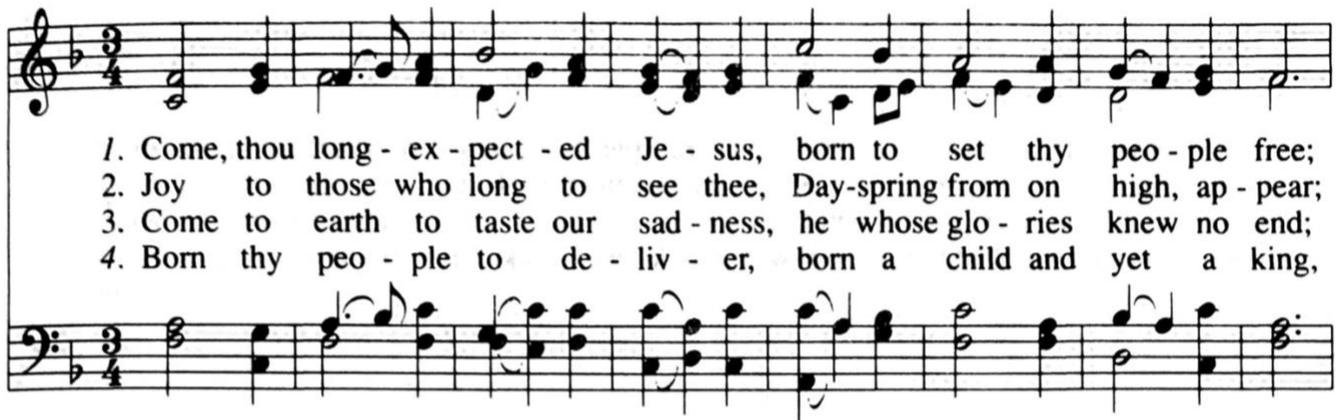
“For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.”

2 Corinthians 11:13

We gather to worship Jesus Christ, our True Bridegroom.

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PREPARATORY HYMN: COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



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dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
"Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

HOSEA 2:19-20

And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

PRAYER OF PRAISE

JOY TO THE WORLD

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
 2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns; Let men their songs employ;
 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove

Let every heart prepare Him room,
 While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 He comes to make His blessings flow
 The glories of His righteousness,

And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature
 Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding
 Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 And wonders of His love, And wonders of His

1. And heav'n and nature sing, And

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sounding joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of His love.

heav'n and nature sing,

FOR HE ALONE IS WORTHY

1. For He a - lone is wor - thy, For He a - lone is wor - thy,
2. We'll give Him all the glo - ry, We'll give Him all the glo - ry,
3. O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

For He a - lone is wor - thy, Christ the Lord!
We'll give Him all the glo - ry, Christ the Lord!
O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

Words: Attr. John F. Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)
Music: John F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, (1751)

Corporate Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)

We believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all
ages,
God from God,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made;
of the same essence as the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit,
of the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
He was crucified for us under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.
The third day he rose again,

according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the
Son,
and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke through the prophets.
We believe in one holy, catholic*,
and apostolic church.
We affirm one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins**.
We look forward
to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come.
Amen.

Explanation of the Creed:

Belief in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit is essential to biblical faith. In 381 A.D., in the city of Constantinople, elders from throughout the Roman empire formed a council to articulate the Bible's teaching concerning our Triune God. This creed, based on a prior formulation composed in Nicea in 325 A.D., is commonly known as the Nicene Creed of 381 A.D. The creed clarifies several crucial Biblical truths in dispute at the time, especially that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are truly divine. The creed remains a helpful summary of the Christian faith today.

**The word "catholic" (small-c) simply means "universal," and is not a reference to the Roman Catholic church.*

***The phrase, "We confess one baptism for the remission of sins," does not mean that baptism causes our sins to be forgiven, but that the Christian gospel depicted by baptism is the only gospel that truly saves. This creed was an appropriate response to false teaching in the past, and it remains a useful means to guard against false teaching today.*

SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 3:1-13

3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

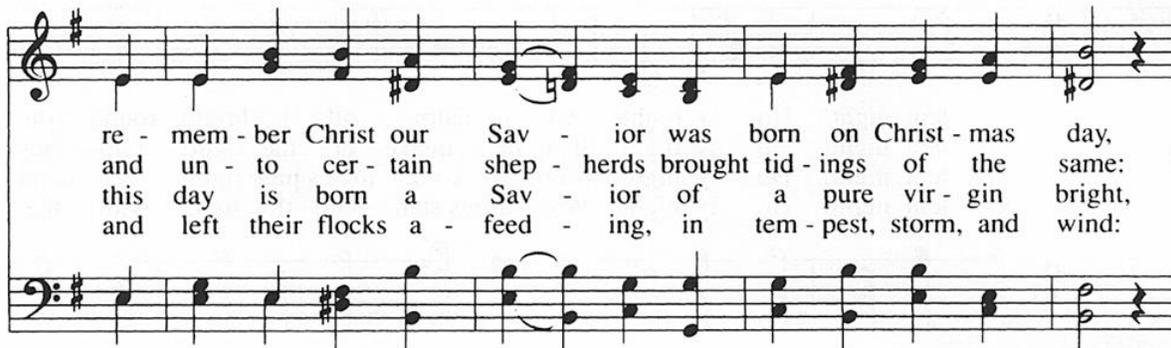
He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’”² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

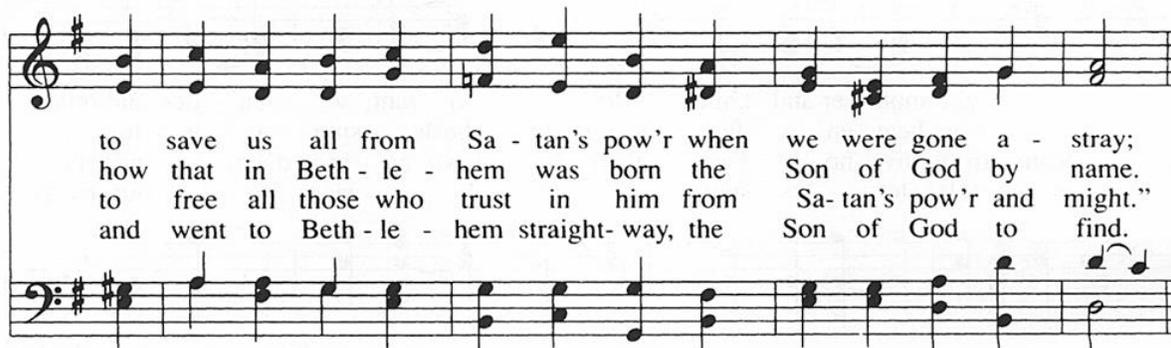
GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind:



to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

SERMON

2 CORINTHIANS 11:1-15

FALSE APOSTLES

11 I wish you would bear with me in a little foolishness. Do bear with me! ² For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. ³ But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. ⁴ For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough. ⁵ Indeed, I consider that I am not in the least inferior to these super-apostles. ⁶ Even if I am unskilled in speaking, I am not so in knowledge; indeed, in every way we have made this plain to you in all things.

⁷ Or did I commit a sin in humbling myself so that you might be exalted, because I preached God's gospel to you free of charge? ⁸ I robbed other churches by accepting support from them in order to serve you. ⁹ And when I was with you and was in need, I did not burden anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied my need. So I refrained and will refrain from burdening you in any way. ¹⁰ As the truth of Christ is in me, this boasting of mine will not be silenced in the regions of Achaia. ¹¹ And why? Because I do not love you? God knows I do!

¹² And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. ¹³ For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. ¹⁵ So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.

SERMON NOTES

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LORD'S SUPPER

SCRIPTURAL ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MICAH 7:18-20

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression
for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,
because he delights in steadfast love.

He will again have compassion on us;
he will tread our iniquities underfoot.

You will cast all our sins
into the depths of the sea.

You will show faithfulness to Jacob
and steadfast love to Abraham,
as you have sworn to our fathers
from the days of old.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Samuel J. Stone, 1866

AURELIA
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Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864



1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2. E - lect from eve - ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der, men see her sore op - pressed,
4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,
5. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
6. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,



she is His new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won;



From heav'n He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord give us grace that we,



with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
and to one hope she press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song!
a - gainst the foe or trait - or she ev - er shall pre - vail.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.



DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Geneva Psalter (1551) Edition: Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561); Public Domain

WHO IS JESUS?

Our greatest prayer for you is that you would come to know Jesus. Though we have all rebelled against God, He sent Jesus, His only Son, into our broken world. Through Jesus's obedient life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, sinners can be forgiven and reconciled to God through turning from our sins and trusting in Him.

FOLLOWING JESUS

Baptism is publicly professing your faith in Jesus and identifying with His people.

Discipleship is walking together in life and helping one another follow Jesus faithfully.

Membership is our mutual commitment to follow Jesus together in the context of a local church.

Service to the church and the world is what characterizes Jesus's followers as we seek to make Him known.

If you would like to learn more about Jesus and what it means to follow Him, we would love to talk with you. Please speak with one of our elders or submit a connect card (scan the QR code below).

VISITORS & GUESTS

Welcome! If you are new to our church, we invite you to connect with an elder in the foyer after the service so that we can welcome you personally.

You can also complete a **Connect Card**, available in the pews or via this QR code, to request more information about our church or about what it means to be a Christian. Please also take a **Visitor Gift** from the foyer on the way out. We're glad you're here!



Families with Children We offer childcare for infants to pre-K during the 10:45 worship service. Canvas 'busy bags' are available in the lobby for children to use during the service. Additional information about our Children's Ministry is available on our website.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER

Evening Service – TONIGHT

Please plan to join us tonight in the Fellowship Hall at 5PM for our evening service! All are welcome!

Membership Matters Class

If you are interested in learning more about what membership at FBC looks like but you missed this morning's session, there is still time to join! Please plan to attend this class at 9:30 on December 14 and 21. Please reach out to the church office with any questions and to register.

Christmas Eve Service

Invitations are available in the foyer for our Christmas Eve service. Please consider who you can invite to our Lessons and Carols service at 5:30 on the 24th.

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