



Worship Bulletin

4th Sunday of Advent,
December 21, 2025

“The Harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.
Therefore pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out
laborers into His harvest.” Luke 10:2

Welcome!

For God's glory and by His grace, Harvest Fellowship exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ who are progressively growing in their love of God, their love of people, and their commitment to help others grow as disciples.

If you are visiting us today, we would like to connect with you! Please scan the QR code in the insert or complete the yellow 'Welcome' card and place it in the offering plate by the sanctuary entrance.

God Calls Us

Call To Worship — Psalm 96:1-3,8-10,13b

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth! Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity" He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Prayer of Invocation

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Words and Music by John F Wade

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;

**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,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

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Rejoice

Words and Music by Aaron Shust

Good Christian men rejoice, with heart and soul and voice
Give ye heed to what we say, Jesus Christ is born today
Ox and lamb before Him bow, He is in the manger now
Christ is born today, Christ is born today

**So rejoice, O rejoice Hallelujah Christ has come
So rejoice, lift your voice, sing Emmanuel with us
O rejoice**

Good Christian men rejoice, with heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this
He has opened Heaven's door, and man is blessed forever more
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this

Good Christian men rejoice, with heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save

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God Renews Us

Advent Reading: Micah 5:1-5a (p. 778, 779)

¹ Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops; siege is laid against us; with a rod they strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. ² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. ³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴ And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵ And he shall be their peace.

We Adore You

Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Tim Janis

Holy Child, Emmanuel;
Hope of all the ages,
And the cry of ev'ry heart.
Bowing down, we lift You up;
You're the one we worship,
You're the one we love.

**We adore You, we adore You,
We adore You, Jesus.
We adore You, we adore You,
We adore You, Jesus.**

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Prayers of the People

My Father's House (children ages 4 yrs to 3rd grade will be dismissed)

God Speaks To Us

"Jesus: Our Newborn King"
Luke 2:1-7 (p. 857)
Barry Noll

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 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, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 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.

God Strengthens Us

Prayer of Confession

Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love.

We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive.

We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds; with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

The Lord's Supper

Harvest Fellowship welcomes all baptized Christians who are willing to forsake their sin and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation to partake in the Lord's Supper with us.

(The cups in the outer ring of the communion tray contained grape juice. The rest in pink cup is wine. Bread is gluten-free)

God Sends Us

Worship through Tithes & Offerings

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" ~ 2 Corinthians 8:9

Offerings (General & Mercy) can be made online or mail to Harvest Fellowship, P.O. Box 475, Lusby, MD 20657.



Glory in the Highest

Words and music by Chris Tomlin

You are the first, You go before
You are the last, Lord, You're the encore
Your name's in lights for all to see
The starry host declare Your glory

Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest
Glory in the highest

Apart from You there is no god
Light of the world, the Bright and Morning Star
Your name will shine for all to see.
You are the one, You are my glory

*And no one else could ever compare
To You, Lord, all the earth together declares ...*

Glory in the highest,
Glory in the highest,
Glory in the highest,
To You, Lord

The Heavenly host proclaim Your birth
Glory to God and peace be on the earth
Your name is near Emanuel
God with us here, God pleased with us to dwell

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Benediction

Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Prayer is available in the Prayer Room

Sermon Notes

For Further Reflection:

1. What kind of claims were made by Caesar Augustus and his rule (vs. 1)? How are those claims a stark contrast from the truth about the ruler born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:1-5a; Isa. 9:6-7)?
2. What is the relationship between God's sovereignty and human agency in the birth of Christ (vv. 1-5; Mic. 5:2; Mic. 5:2; Lk. 1:32; Rom. 1:3; 2 Tim. 2:8)? How does the sovereignty of God in the birth of Christ give you hope in difficulties and trials that you face (Gen. 50:20; Acts 2:22-23; Phil. 2:12-13; Rom. 8:28-29)?
3. How does Jesus being born in Bethlehem rather than Jerusalem highlight the kind of people Jesus came to save (vs. 4; Mic. 5:2)? What comfort and encouragement can you gain from this (Mk. 2:17, Lk. 5:32)?
4. How do the conditions of Christ's birth underline the humility of his incarnation (vs. 7)? What does his humility say about the lengths to which he will go to save you and the humility in which you will go to make Christ known to others (Phil. 2:1-8)?
5. What do the circumstances of Christ's birth reveal about the human heart and the readiness to receive him (Jn. 1:11; 5:43; 3:11, 32; Matt. 21:38)? How is the room of your heart prepared to receive Christ this Advent season (Jn. 1:12-13; 3:3; 1 Pet. 1:3)?