

# Order of Worship

## December 3, 2023

### Prelude

### Welcome & Announcements

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*The Prophecy Candle*

*Isaiah 9:2, 6-7*

### Preparation for Worship

*She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.* (Matthew 1:21 ESV)

### Call to Worship

Pastor: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

**People: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder,**

Pastor: And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**People: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,**

Pastor: On the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

**People: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.**

**All: Praise the LORD!** (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 ESV)

### Invocation

### Praise and Adoration

#### Joy to the World

Joy to the world the Lord is come/Let earth receive her King.

Let every heart prepare Him room/ And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing/ And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns/Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy/Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow/Nor thorns infest the ground.  
He comes to make His blessings flow/Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found/Far as far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace/And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness/And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love/And wonders wonders of His love.

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### Angels We Have Heard on High

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

*Chorus: Gloria, in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be,  
Which inspire your heav'nly song? (Chorus)

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Chorus)

"Angels We Have Heard on High"  
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### Scripture Reading

*The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David the king. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.* (Matthew 1:1-17 ESV)

Pastor: This is the Word of the LORD.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come, Thou Dayspring come and cheer,  
Our spirits by Thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Chorus)

O come Thou Wisdom from on high,  
And order all things far and nigh,  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And cause us in her ways to go. (Chorus)

O come, Desire of nations bind,  
All peoples in one heart and mind;  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease,  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (Chorus)

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
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### Reception of New Members

*John and Candy Burnett*

*Dillon and Julie Lisk*

*Olivia Busk*

*David and Sami Pottorf*

*Daniel and Abigail Wood*

*Bonnie Stock*

*Keith, Shana, Oliver, and Evie Klemmer*

*Travis Gaulden*

### Membership Vows:

- 1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?*
- 2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?*
- 3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?*
- 4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?*
- 5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?*

### Pastoral Prayer

*Mr. Chris Moody, Director of Student Ministries*

## Offertory

*“Sing We the Song of Emmanuel”*

## Preaching of the Word

*Rev. Wilson A. Shirley, Senior Pastor*

*“The Genealogy of Christmas: Jesus, the Name”*

*Matthew 1:21*

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## Song of Response

### 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.

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.

*“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”*

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### Sing We The Song of Emmanuel

*Sing we the song of Emmanuel  
This the Christ who was long foretold  
Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem  
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold*

*Chorus 1: God Most High in a manger laid  
Lift your voices and now proclaim  
Great and glorious Love has come to us  
Join now with the hosts of heaven*

*Come we to welcome Emmanuel  
King who came with no crown or throne  
Helpless He lay the Invincible  
Maker of Mary now Mary's son*

*Chorus 2: O what wisdom to save us all  
Shepherds sages before Him fall  
Grace and majesty what humility  
Come on bended knee adore Him*

*Go spread the news of Emmanuel  
Joy and peace for the weary heart  
Lift up your heads for your King has come  
Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark*

*Chorus 3: Glory shining for all to see  
Hope alive let the gospel ring  
God has made a way He will have the praise  
Tell the world His name is Jesus (REPEAT)*

*“Sing We The Song Of Emmanuel”*

*Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Stuart Townend*

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Guest** - Welcome to Cornerstone Presbyterian Church. We're glad you're here! If you'd like more information about our church and its ministries, please fill out the “Connect Card” and visit our website. Another great way to connect is through Sunday School. There are classes for all ages at 9:45 am.

**Connect Cards** - Please take a “Connect Card” from the chair pocket in front of you, fill out one per family, and place it in the offering plate.

**Communion** - Communion will be held next Sunday, December 10.

**Christmas Poinsettias** - If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone, please fill out the order form in the chair pocket in front of you, enclose your payment of \$12 (cash or check), and place in the offering plate.

**Youth Bonfire** - Please join us tonight from 3-7 pm at the Wendorfs' house.

**Christmas Giving Announcement** - This year, we are partnering with Sacred Road and Joni & Friends to assist them with Christmas donations. Please take an ornament from the tree in the lobby and follow the instructions. The gifts to Sacred Road will be financial gifts and there will be a collection box for the Joni & Friends gifts available until December 10.

#### Cornerstone Christmas Events

**Adult Sunday School Parties** - Check with your Sunday School leader for details.

**Youth Christmas Party** - Wednesday, December 13 at 6 pm in the FLC

**Christmas Brunch** - Sunday, December 17 in the FLC during Sunday School. For more details and to sign up, visit [www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news](http://www.cornerstonehuntsville.org/news) and scroll down to “Upcoming Events”.

**Joni & Friends Caroling & Gift Delivery** - Sunday, December 17 from 2-4 pm.

We will meet in the FLC lobby.

**Christmas Eve Morning Service** - Sunday, December 24 at 10 am

**Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service** - Sunday, December 24 at 5 pm

**New Year's Eve Morning Service** - Sunday, December 31 at 10 am

*\* No Sunday School on December 24 or 31*

### PRAYER REQUESTS

**Pray for church members caring for family** - Diana Akridge, Susan Dupré, Bryan Gassaway, Kyle Mosier, Randy Petcher, Bill and JoAnn Sneed, Bonnie Stock, and Mike and Carol Wellfare.

**Pray for healing** - Suzi and Bill Bolton, Phil Freeze, Anne Harbarger, Loren and April De Jong, Earl Myers, and David Zimmerman.

**Pray for our homebound friends** - Ruby Petcher and Betty Baldwin.

**Pray for our expectant mothers** - Olivia Clemons (January) and Lauren Hudgins (February).

**Pray** for our transition time during construction.

**Pray** for peace in Israel, Ukraine, and Sudan.

**Praise** God for His faithfulness to the PCA celebrating 50 years! Pray that the PCA would remain faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission.

**Pray for our Missional Partnerships** - Lincoln Village Ministry, Huntsville, AL and Village Church, Huntsville, AL (Pastor Alex Shipman).