

WE EXIST TO... GROW IN CHRIST, LOVE LIKE CHRIST, LIVE FOR CHRIST

# **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2020**

# WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

# IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

Verse 1
It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to men,
From heav'n's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

# Verse 2

Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long, Beneath the angel strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong; And man, at war with man, hears not The love song which they bring: O hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing!

# Verse 3

All ye, beneath life's crushing load, Whose forms are bending low, Who toil along the climbing way With painful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and golden hours Come swiftly on the wing: O rest beside the weary road And hear the angels sing! Verse 4
For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

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# CORPORATE PRAYER

# SERMON: THE GLORIOUS HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD — ISAIAH 40:1–11

#### COMMUNION

# **FULLNESS OF GRACE**

Verse 1
Fullness of grace in man's human frailty;
This is the wonder of Jesus.
Laying aside His power and glory,
Humbly He entered our world.
Chose the path of meanest worth;
Scandal of a virgin birth.
Born in a stable, cold and rejected:
Here lies the hope of the world.

Verse 2
Fullness of grace, the love of the Father Shown in the face of Jesus.
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, Walking the Calvary road.
Christ the holy innocent
Took our sin and punishment.
Fullness of God, despised and rejected:
Crushed for the sins of the world

Verse 3
Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for, Promise of God in Jesus,
Through His obedience we are forgiven,
Op'ning the floodgates of heav'n.
All our hopes and dreams we bring
Gladly as an offering.
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable:
God's gift in love to the world.

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# JOY HAS DAWNED

Verse 1
Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creation—
God's salvation now unfurled,
Hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory,
But a humble gift of love—
Jesus born of Mary.

Verse 2 Sounds of wonder fill the sky With the songs of angels As the mighty Prince of Life Shelters in a stable. Hands that set each star in place, Shaped the earth in darkness, Cling now to a mother's breast, Vulnerable and helpless.

Verse 3
Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophesy the story.
Gold– a King is born today,
Incense– God is with us,
Myrrh– His death will make a way,
And by His blood He'll win us.

Verse 4
Son of Adam, Son of heaven,
Given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man,
Christ, our mighty Champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend!
What a glorious mystery!
Once a babe in Bethlehem,
Now the Lord of history.

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#### BENEDICTION

**Giving:** If you feel led to give to the

ministry of TVC, there is an offering box in the back of the sanctuary or online giving is

available

**Dec 20:** There will be no Rooted or Thrive

this morning

**Dec 24:** Christmas Eve Service @ 6 PM.

Please RSVP on the TVC website. If need be, we will offer

a second service at 4 PM.

**Dec 27:** There will be no Rooted or Thrive

this morning

Members' Meeting following the

morning worship service

**Read Ahead:** Isaiah 53:1–12

# **General Info:**

Sundays @ TVC: We will gather each Sunday morning for worship @ 10 AM. Age appropriate note sheets and coloring sheets are available for the children as you enter the sanctuary. Please

know that you are welcome to stay and fellowship after the service as you feel comfortable.

We strive for family integrated worship and want to encourage parents to keep their children in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. However, we understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, please feel free to do so. There is a kid friendly area in the Fellowship Hall, geared for children ages 0–4 years old, that can be used by families who have children that may need to get some wiggles out. Please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

<u>Face Coverings:</u> We are asking that masks be worn at all times regardless of whether you can adequately distance physically. The masking requirement would include while you are inside or outside the building. This is just one tangible way we can love one another and our neighbors during this season.

Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs): GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family. GGCs will begin regathering in homes over the coming weeks. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of the elders. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings. The Norton GGC meets Sunday afternoons. The Sorterup GGC meets Monday evenings.

#### **Notes:**

- 1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God's character)?
- 2. What has God done (how do I see God's character in action)?
- 3. Who am I (how does God's character and action shape how I see myself)?

respond and relate to others)?

4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I

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