

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

GATHERED ON DECEMBER 22, 2024

WELCOME / PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE FIRST NOEL Hymns of Grace, 223

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

SERMON: "MARY'S SONG OF PRAISE" LUKE 1:46-55

COMMUNION

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He arose again. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy and universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SING WE THE SONG OF EMMANUEL

Verse 1 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.

Verse 2

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.

Verse 3 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]

Bridge Gloria. Gloria. Gloria. Gloria. [Repeat]

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BENEDICTION

Dec 24:	Christmas Eve / Candlelight Service @ 6 PM
Jan 5:	We would love to have you join us for our Fellowship Lunch following the morning worship service - please bring a dish to share
Jan 12:	Members' Meeting following the morning worship service

Read Ahead: Acts 2:42-47; Ephesians 4:1-16

General Info:

<u>TVC Kids:</u> We strive for family-friendly worship & want to encourage parents to keep their children

in the sanctuary or East Hall for worship. To help families, backpacks filled with a note sheet, a coloring page, and snacks are available on the table in the East Hall for children Pre-K - 5th grade. Note sheets are also available for children in 5th - 8th grade.

We also offer Rooted which is a time of teaching & learning for children in grades K–4 that meets downstairs in the Fellowship Hall classroom. The children who participate in Rooted will be dismissed by Pastor Phil prior to the sermon.

We also offer a volunteer staffed Nursery that meets in the Fellowship Hall during the sermon. We are thankful & appreciate the opportunity to serve you & your children.

We understand that children can get restless & squirmy, so if you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so; but please know that you are welcome to rejoin the service at any time.

<u>Gospel Growth Communities (GGCs):</u> GGCs are just one way you can purposefully & intentionally invest in your church family as we seek to grow in Christ, love like Christ & live for Christ. If you are interested in joining a GGC, please contact one of your elders. The Reed GGC meets Sunday evenings in Nobleboro. The Sorterup GGC meets Wednesday evenings in Damariscotta. The Holladay GGC meets Thursday evenings in Bristol. The Nicewonger GGC meets in the evening on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month in Warren.

Discussion Questions:

- 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)?
- 4. What do I do (if I believe 1–3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

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