

DECEMBER 11, 2022

THE LORD’S DAY

10:00 AM Sunday School  
10:35 AM Congregational Prayer  
11:00 AM Morning Service

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

\*Hymn #147 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel”  
VENI EMMANUEL

\*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”  
Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand  
Christ, our God, to earth descending, comes our homage to command.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human likeness, in the body and the blood  
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heav’nly food.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Scripture Reading Hebrews 2:1-18

Choral Anthem “Come, Thou Jesu”  
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.  
Jesu, joy of our desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright.  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring soar to uncreated light.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.  
Come to earth to taste our sadness, He whose glories know no end.  
By His life He brings us gladness, our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

\*Supplement Hymn #46 “At the Birth of Christ Our King”  
ST. BEES

Sermon “The Necessity of the Incarnation”

The Son of God, the second person in the Holy Trinity, being very and eter-  
nal God, the brightness of the Father's glory, of one substance and equal  
with him who made the world, who upholdeth and governeth all things he  
hath made, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man's  
nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet  
without sin; being conceived by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin  
Mary, the Holy Spirit coming down upon her: and the power of the Most  
High overshadowing her; and so was made of a woman of the tribe of Ju-  
dah, of the seed of Abraham and David according to the Scriptures; so that  
two whole, perfect, and distinct natures were inseparably joined together in  
one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion; which person is  
very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and  
man.

This office of mediator between God and man is proper only to Christ, who  
is the prophet, priest, and king of the church of God; and may not be either  
in whole, or any part thereof, transferred from him to any other.

This number and order of offices is necessary; for in respect of our igno-  
rance, we stand in need of his prophetic office; and in respect of our alien-  
ation from God, and imperfection of the best of our services, we need his  
priestly office to reconcile us and present us acceptable unto God; and in  
respect to our averseness and utter inability to return to God, and for our  
rescue and security from our spiritual adversaries, we need his kingly office  
to convince, subdue, draw, uphold, deliver, and preserve us to his heavenly  
kingdom.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter VIII  
“Of Christ the Mediator,” Sections 2, 9-10

\*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM Lessons and Carols

— PRELUDE —

Processional “O Holy Night”

\*Hymn #153 “Behold, a Branch Is Growing”  
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\*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory “Come and Worship”

Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen his natal star:

\*Hymn #168 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”  
MENDELSSOHN

Choral Anthem “Come, Thou Jesu”

First Lesson “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Second Lesson “A Spotless Rose”

Third Lesson “Away in a Manger”

Fourth Lesson “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Fifth Lesson Psalm 110

Sixth Lesson “Joy to the World”

Seventh Lesson “All Praise to Thee”

\*Hymn #151 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”  
ADESTE FIDELES

Recessional

\*Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

\*congregation standing