

DECEMBER 8, 2024

THE LORD'S DAY

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

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

***Supplement Hymn #45** **“Let Us All, with Grateful Praises”**
BEECHER

*Prayer of Invocation

Offertory **“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.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Scripture Reading **Matthew 2:1-23**

Choral Anthem **Psalm 110**

The LORD said to my Lord, "At my right take your seat,
Until I've made your foes a footstool for your feet."
The LORD from Zion spreads your power:
"Among your foes be conqueror."

Your people freely serve throughout your day of power;
Arrayed in holiness, born in the dawning hour,
Your youth have now become to you
Refreshing as the morning dew.

The LORD has made an oath, and he will not turn back:
"You'll always be a priest, and like Melchizedek."
At your right hand the Lord will stay,
He'll crush kings on his wrathful day.

The nations he will judge, their dead will fill the land;
In many lands he'll strike their rulers in command.
He will drink from the waterside;
Victorious, lift his head on high.

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn #154** **“As with Gladness Men of Old”**
DIX

Sermon **“The Inextinguishable Light:
Herod's Murder of the Infants”**

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son, according to the covenant made between them both, to be the mediator between God and man; the prophet, priest, and king; head and saviour of the church, the heir of all things, and judge of the world; unto whom he did from all eternity give a people to be his seed and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

The Son of God, the second person in the Holy Trinity, being very and eternal 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 Judah, 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.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter VIII
“Of Christ Our Mediator,” Sections 1-2

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

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

*Prayer of Invocation

Hymn #153 **“Behold a Branch Is Growing”**
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Scripture Reading **I Corinthians 1:18-2:5**

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Offertory **“What Child Is This?”**
What Child is this who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

*This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!*

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

***Hymn #158** **“See Amid the Winter's Snow”**
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Sermon **“The Power of God in Preaching the Cross”**

The light of nature shews that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all; is just, good and doth good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served, with all the heart and all the soul, and with all the might. But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God, is instituted by himself, and so limited by his own revealed will, that he may not be worshipped according to the imagination and devices of men, nor the suggestions of Satan, under any visible representations, or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scriptures.

Religious worship is to be given to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to him alone; not to angels, saints, or any other creatures; and since the fall, not without a mediator, nor in the mediation of any other but Christ alone.

Prayer, with thanksgiving, being one part of natural worship, is by God required of all men. But that it may be accepted, it is to be made in the name of the Son, by the help of the Spirit, according to his will; with understanding, reverence, humility, fervency, faith, love, and perseverance; and when with others, in a known tongue.

Prayer is to be made for things lawful, and for all sorts of men living, or that shall live hereafter; but not for the dead, nor for those of whom it may be known that they have sinned the sin unto death.

The reading of the Scriptures, preaching, and hearing the Word of God, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord; as also the administration of baptism, and the Lord's supper, are all parts of religious worship of God, to be performed in obedience to him, with understanding, faith, reverence, and godly fear; moreover, solemn humiliation, with fastings, and thanksgivings, upon special occasions, ought to be used in an holy and religious manner .

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XXII
“Of Religious Worship and the Sabbath Day,” Sections 1-5

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing