

DECEMBER 7, 2025

THE LORD’S DAY

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

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Psalter Hymn #2 Psalm 2:1-12
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*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 Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.

Scripture Reading John 15:1-17

Choral Anthem “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.

Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near,
Calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him and the hills bow down to greet Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble as befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord now on o'er earth is shed abroad;
And all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn #79 “Though Troubles Assail Us”
JOANNA

Sermon Missionary Marcus Reyes

The covenant of works being broken by sin, and made unprofitable unto life, God was pleased to give forth the promise of Christ, the seed of the woman, as the means of calling the elect, and begetting in them faith and repentance; in this promise the gospel, as to the substance of it, was re-vealed, and [is] therein effectual for the conversion and salvation of sinners.

This promise of Christ, and salvation by him, is revealed only by the Word of God; neither do the works of creation or providence, with the light of nature, make discovery of Christ, or of grace by him, so much as in a general or obscure way; much less that men destitute of the revelation of Him by the promise or gospel, should be enabled thereby to attain saving faith or re-pentance.

The revelation of the gospel unto sinners, made in divers times and by sun-dry parts, with the addition of promises and precepts for the obedience re-quired therein, as to the nations and persons to whom it is granted, is merely of the sovereign will and good pleasure of God; not being annexed by virtue of any promise to the due improvement of men’s natural abilities, by virtue of common light received without it, which none ever did make, or can do so; and therefore in all ages, the preaching of the gospel has been granted unto persons and nations, as to the extent or straitening of it, in great varie-ty, according to the counsel of the will of God.

Although the gospel be the only outward means of revealing Christ and sav-ing grace, and is, as such, abundantly sufficient thereunto; yet that men who are dead in trespasses may be born again, quickened or regenerated, there is moreover necessary an effectual insuperable work of the Holy Spirit upon the whole soul, for the producing in them a new spiritual life; without which no other means will effect their conversion unto God.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XX
“Of the Gospel and the Extent of Grace Thereof,” Sections 1-4

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM Evening Service

— PRELUDE —

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

Hymn #153 “Behold, a Branch Is Growing”
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Announcements

Scripture Reading Titus 2:11-3:8

Offertory “The First Noel”

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
In fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay tending their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*

*Hymn #158 “See Amid the Winter’s Snow”
SEE AMID THE WINTER’S SNOW

Sermon

We cannot by our best works merit pardon of sin or eternal life at the hand of God, by reason of the great disproportion that is between them and the glory to come, and the infinite distance that is between us and God, whom by them we can neither profit nor satisfy for the debt of our former sins; but when we have done all we can, we have done but our duty, and are unprofit-able servants; and because as they are good they proceed from his Spirit, and as they are wrought by us they are defiled and mixed with so much weakness and imperfection, that they cannot endure the severity of God’s punishment.

Yet notwithstanding the persons of believers being accepted through Christ, their good works also are accepted in him; not as though they were in this life wholly unblameable and unreprouable in God’s sight, but that he, look-ing upon them in his Son, is pleased to accept and reward that which is sin- cere, although accompanied with many weaknesses and imperfections.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter XVI
“Of Good Works,” Sections 5-6

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

*congregation standing