

DECEMBER 22, 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

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

***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 descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, 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 **Luke 2:1-20**

Choral Anthem **“The Wexford Carol”**

Good people all, this Christmastime, consider well and bear in mind,
A tiny child to us is born in Bethlehem this blessed morn.

Now let our hearts and voices raise a song of gladness this Christmas Day.
Let all the earth rejoice and sing the birth of this our newborn King!

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;
To whom the angels did appear, which put the shepherds in great fear.

"Prepare and go," the angels said, "To Bethlehem; be not afraid,
For there you'll find, this happy morn, a holy babe, sweet Jesus born."

With hearts of love and hymns of joy, come let us greet the baby boy,
And as the angels had foretold, let all the tiny King behold.

Within a manger he was laid, and by his side his mother stayed.
Let all the earth sing with delight, the Holy King is born this night.

Pastoral Prayer

***Hymn #168** **“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”**
MENDELSSOHN

Sermon

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.

The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine, in the person of the Son, was sanctified and anointed with the Holy Spirit above measure, having in Him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, to the end that being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of mediator and surety; which office he took not upon himself, but was thereunto called by his Father; who also put all power and judgement in his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same.

This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake, which that he might discharge he was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfil it, and underwent the punishment due to us, which we should have borne and suffered, being made sin and a curse for us; enduring most grievous sorrows in his soul, and most painful sufferings in his body; was crucified, and died, and remained in the state of the dead, yet saw no corruption: on the third day he arose from the dead with the same body in which he suffered, with which he also ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of his Father making intercession, and shall return to judge men and angels at the end of the world.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter VIII
“Of Christ Our Mediator,” Sections 1-4

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —

6:00 PM **Evening Service**

— PRELUDE —

***Hymn #164** **“Angels from the Realms of Glory”**
REGENT SQUARE

***Prayer of Invocation**

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

Scripture Reading **Matthew 1:18-2:11**

Announcements

Offertory **“O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the King of angels;

O come, let us adore him, (3x)
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning:
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, late in flesh appearing;

***Supplement Hymn #50** **“Angels We Have Heard on High”**
GLORIA

Sermon

The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, which he through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, hath fully satisfied the justice of God, procured reconciliation, and purchased an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto Him.

Although the price of redemption was not actually paid by Christ till after his incarnation, yet the virtue, efficacy, and benefit thereof were communicated to the elect in all ages, successively from the beginning of the world, in and by those promises, types, and sacrifices wherein he was revealed, and signified to be the seed which should bruise the serpent's head; and the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, being the same yesterday, and to-day and for ever.

London Baptist Confession of Faith of 1689, Chapter VII
“Of Christ Our Mediator,” Sections 5-6

Benediction

— POSTLUDE —