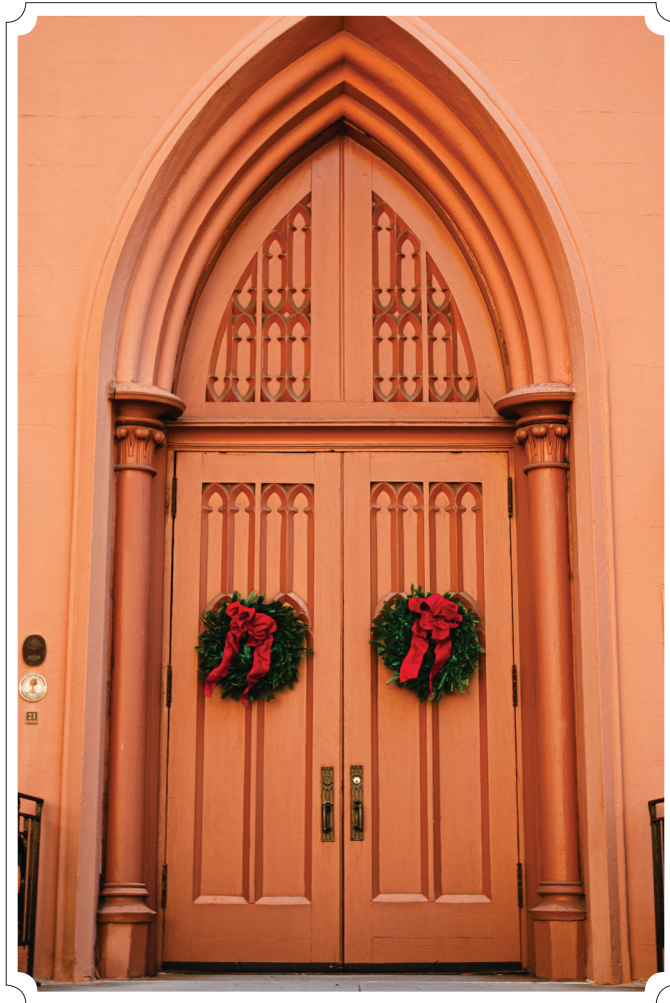


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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Josh Squires

PRELUDE *What Love, My God* Johnny Robinson, Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson

What love, my God, could bring You down to earth?
What king would take a low and lonely birth?
Yet to this dark and broken place You came
To sleep beneath the stars that You had made.

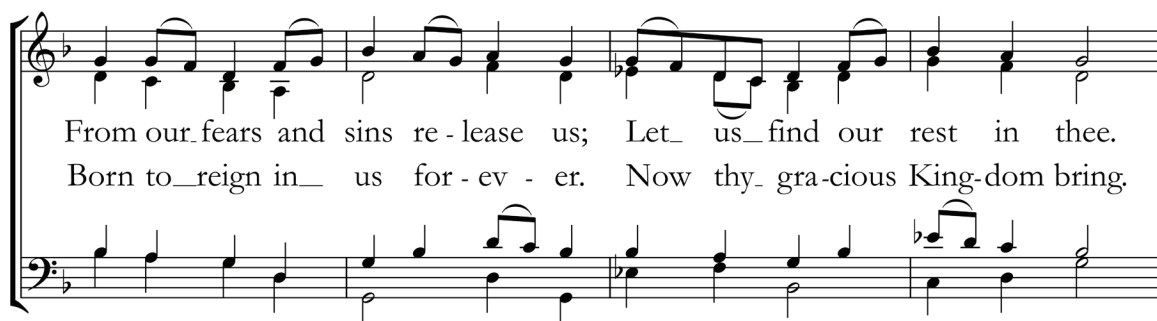
What love, my God, would send the Way of Life
To walk the road rejected and despised,
That You might know the weakness I possess
And be my rock of strength and righteousness?

O Your love, my God, like a flood
As heaven opened up pouring out on us.
O praise the King who came to the world
In His love like a mighty flood.

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1. Come, thou long-ex - pec - ted Je - sus, Born to set thy peo-ple free;
2. Born thy peo ple to de - li - ver, Born a child and yet a king;



From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in thee.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er. Now thy gra-cious King-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con - so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spi-rit Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na-tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
By thine all suf - fi - cient mer-it Raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

+ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONGS OF ADVENT

MUSICAL MEDITATION *O Savior of Our Fallen Race*

Keith and Kristyn Getty

O Savior of our fallen race,
O Brightness of the Father's face;
O Son who shared the Father's might
Before the world knew day or night.
O Jesus, very Light of Light,
Our constant star in sin's deep night:
Now hear the prayers Your people pray
Throughout the world this holy day.

Remind us, Lord of life and grace,
How once, to save our fallen race,
You put our human vesture on
And came to us as Mary's son.
Today, as year by year its light
Brings to our world a promise bright,
One precious truth outshines the sun:
Salvation comes from You alone.

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1. All praise to Him, the God of light, who formed the moun-tains by His might.
2. All praise to Him Whose love is seen in Christ the Son, the ser-vant King,
3. All praise to Him Whose pow'r im-parts the love of God with-in our hearts.



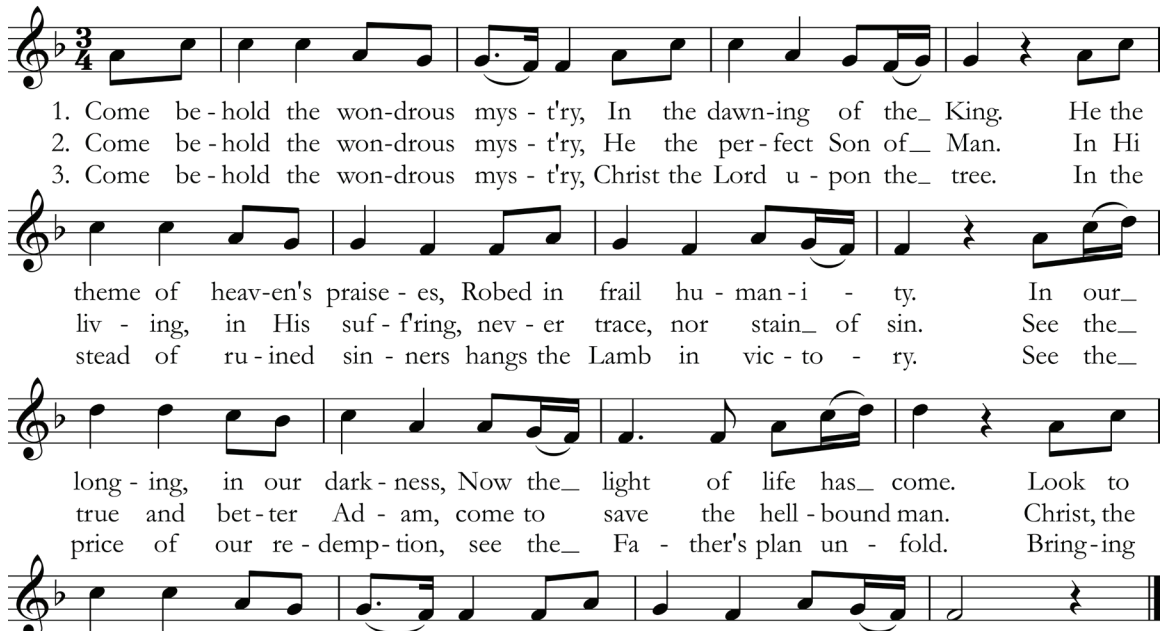
All praise to Him who names the stars, that sing His fame in skies a - far.
Who left be-hind His glo-rious throne to pay the ran som for His own.
The Spir - it of all truth and peace, the fount of joy and ho - li - ness.



All praise to Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the gal - ax - ies a -
All praise to Him Who hum - bly came to bear our sor - row, sin, and
To Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit now our souls we lift, our wills we



bove, yet bends to hear our ev -'ry prayer, with sov-'reign pow'r and ten-der care.
shame, Who lived to die, Who died to rise, the all - suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.
bow. To You the Tri - une God we raise with lov - ing hearts our song of praise.



1. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, In the dawn - ing of the_ King. He the
 2. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, He the per - fect Son of_ Man. In Hi
 3. Come be - hold the won - drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord u - pon the_ tree. In the

theme of heav - en's praise - es, Robed in frail hu - man - i - ty. In our_
 liv - ing, in His suf - fring, nev - er trace, nor stain_ of sin. See the_
 stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the_

long - ing, in our dark - ness, Now the_ light of life has_ come. Look to
 true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell - bound man. Christ, the
 price of our re - demp - tion, see the_ Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing

Christ, who con - de - scend - ed, Took on flesh to ran - som_ us.
 great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in Him we_ stand.
 man - y sons to glo - ry; grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.

4. Come behold the wondrous myst'ry,
 Slain by death, the God of life.
 But no grave could e'er restrain Him.
 Praise the Lord, He is alive!
 What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope.
 Christ in power resurrected, as we will be when He comes.

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EVENING PRAYER

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And one day You will return.
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You will conquer every evil thing,
Every sorrow, pain and wrong.
They will cease with Your return, our King.
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+ DOXOLOGY

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
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Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 1:18–25
(Pew Bible page 807, Children's Bible page 1019)

SERMON “Immanuel: God With Us”

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PRAYER

+ **HYMN** *Joy Has Dawned*

Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

1. Joy has dawned up - on the world, pro - mised from cre - a - tion:
2. Sounds of won - der fill the sky with the songs of an - gels,
3. Shep - herds bow be - fore the Lamb gaz - ing at the glo - ry.

The first staff of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It contains four measures: the first measure has a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, and a quarter note F#4; the second measure has a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, and a quarter note C4, with a '2' above the first two notes indicating a pair; the third measure has a quarter note B3, an eighth note A3, and a quarter note G3; the fourth measure has a quarter note F#3, an eighth note E3, and a quarter note D3.

God's sal - va - tion now un - furled hope for e - v'ry na - tion.
As the might - y Prince of Life shel - ters in a sta - ble.
Gifts of men from dis - tant lands pro - phe - sy the sto - ry.

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Not with fan - fares from a - bove, not with scenes of glo - ry,
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in dark - ness,
God, a King is born to - day; In - cense, God is with___ us;

but a hum - ble gift of love, — Je - sus born of Ma - ry.
Cling now to a moth - er's breast — Vul - ner' - ble and help - less.
Myrrh, His death will make a way and by His blood, he'll win — us.

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+ BENEDICTION

+ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Joy Has Dawned (Stanza 4)

Son of Adam, Son of heaven, given as a ransom,
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion.
What a Savior, what a Friend, what a glorious myst'ry.
Once a babe in Bethlehem, now the Lord of hist'ry.

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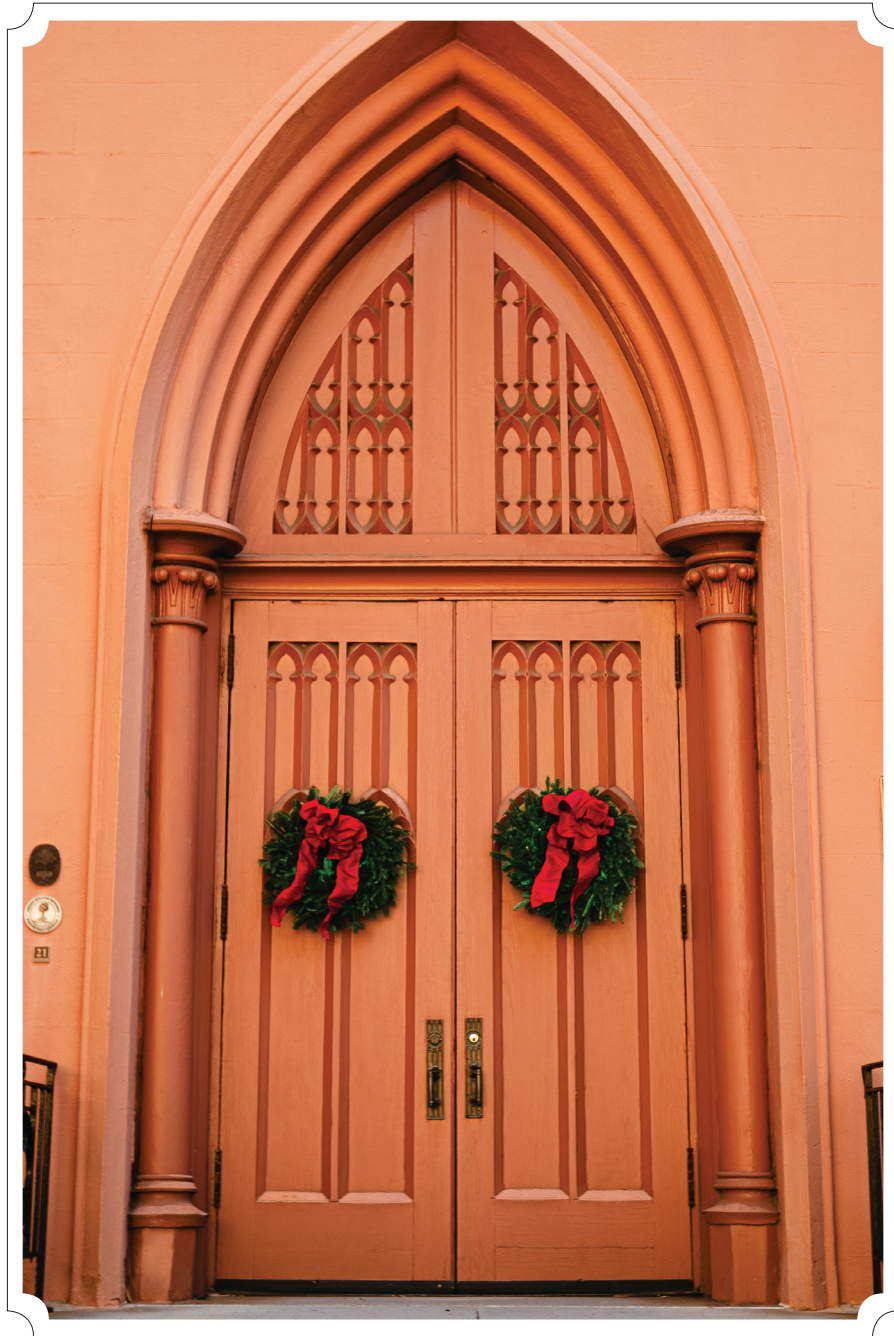
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In His love like a mighty flood.

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+ **HYMN** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

JEFFERSON

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.
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,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

Text by Charles Wesley

Tune from Tennessee Harmony

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One precious truth outshines the sun:
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+ **HYMN** *All Praise to Him*

Matt Merker & Bob Kauflin

All praise to Him, the God of light,
Who formed the mountains by His might.
All praise to Him Who names the stars,
That sing His fame in skies afar.
All praise to Him Who reigns in love,
Who guides the galaxies above,
Yet bends to hear our every prayer,
With sovereign pow'r and tender care.

All praise to Him Whose love is seen
In Christ, the Son, the servant King,
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame.
Who lived to die, Who died to rise,
The all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts.
The Spirit of all truth and peace,
The fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow.
To You, the triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise.

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Based on a hymn by Horatius Bonar

+ HYMN

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Matthew Bleeker, Matt
Boswell, & Matt Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ, who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured, love untold

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¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

SERMON

Dr. Mark Ross

“Immanuel: God With Us”

PRAYER

+ **HYMN** *Joy Has Dawned* Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

Joy has dawned upon the world,
Promised from creation:
God's salvation now unfurled,
Hope for every nation.
Not with fanfares from above,
Not with scenes of glory.
But a humble gift of love:
Jesus born of Mary.

Sounds of wonder fill the sky
With the songs of angels,
As the mighty Prince of Life
Shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place,
Shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast,
Vulnerable and helpless.

Shepherds bow before the Lamb,
Gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands
Prophecy the story.
Gold, a King is born today,
Incense, God is with us,
Myrrh, His death will make a way,
And by His blood He'll win us.

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