

* **Call to Worship:** *based on Luke 1:46-50*
Our souls magnify the Lord!
Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!
The mighty One has done great things for us!
Holy is God's name!
Let us worship God.
For God is our Maker and our Redeemer;
from generation to generation God gives mercy.

* **Opening Prayer**

* ***O Magnify the Lord***

O magnify, O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together!
O magnify the Lord; O magnify the Lord;
And may His name be lifted high forever!

O worship Him; O worship Christ the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together!
O worship Christ the Lord; O worship Christ the Lord;
And may His name be lifted high forever!

King of kings and Lord of lords;
May His name be lifted high forever!

O magnify, O magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together!
O magnify the Lord; O magnify the Lord
And may His name be lifted high forever!

* ***Blessed Be the God of Israel***

Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free
And raises up new hope for us: a branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
The oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all,
That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
In holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord, You will prepare the way,
To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high
Shine forth and never cease
To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

* ***It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*** #197:1,3 (HFG)
It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men,
From heaven's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on
By prophet seen of old,
When, with the ever circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

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God holds this world in sovereign love.
He kept his promise,
sending Jesus into the world.
He poured out his Spirit
and broadcast the news
that sinners who repent and believe in Jesus
can live and breathe and move again
as members of the family of God.

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Evening Prayer

* ***Hark, the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes*** #335:1,4 (PH)
Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long!
Let every heart prepare a throne,
And every voice a song.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim;
And heaven's eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.

* **Scripture:** *I Thessalonians 5:14-19 (ESV)* pg. 1239
¹⁴ We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. ¹⁵ See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Preparing Our Hearts and Homes for the Holidays*

* ***Angels, from the Realms of Glory*** #190:1,2,4 (HFG)
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:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

* **God's Blessing**

* ***Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God*** #630:1,2 (PH)
Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
For He alone does wondrous works: His glorious deeds excel;
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And blessed be His glorious name through all eternity;
The whole earth let His glory fill: Amen! so shall it be;
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Preparing Our Hearts and Homes for the Holiday
1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

Rejoice always because of the grace of God.

Pray without ceasing because of the presence of God.

Give thanks in all circumstances because of the providence of God.

What God commands, He also enables.

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Pastor: Robert W

Music: Lee V

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6:00 p.m. Worship Service