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Christmas Playlist: Joy to the World



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PRELUDE / COUNTDOWN

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor

WELCOME OF GUEST

Pastor

PASSING THE PEACE

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH / CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Liturgist: When the people were looking for deliverance, the prophet Micah declared, "But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah...from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient day." (Micah 5:2). But what if Micah is also talking to us, proclaiming, "But you, O [Chaires Church], from you shall come forth for me..." What? What might God be calling forth from us?

Congregation: God invites us to receive the promise of God's salvation and the sustenance of God's mercy and grace, enabling us to live the promise as God-bearers to the world. As Christ was born in Bethlehem, so too we answer God's invitation to have Christ born among us today and every day.

Liturgist: We light this candle of love as a sign of our commitment to live as people of God's promise, a promise of salvation and flourishing for all people that springs forth from God's love for all creation. (Light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath.)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel
The Little Drummer Boy*

See screens.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Advent Creed

Liturgist

We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see. Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us; Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!

*GLORIA PATRI

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**Please stand as you are able.*

GOSPEL READING Matthew 1:18-25 (NKJV)

Liturgist

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

Liturgist: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Kerry Foote

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God, we are filled with joy by the many lessons we learn when we accept Jesus as God's son. Help us read your Word and listen as you give us the answers to life's difficult questions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:3-4 (NKJV)

Liturgist

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. 4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

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Congregation: Thanks be to God.

MISSION MOMENT

PRESENTATION OF PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Rev. Kerry Foote

Prayer cards are on the information table. If you have a prayer that you would like to share with the congregation, please fill out the card and pass it toward the center aisle of the congregation as we are singing the Hymn of Preparation. The pastor will collect them during the hymn and pray over cards at the chancel rail.

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Emmanuel

See screens.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor

SERMON

Pastor

Title: Christmas Playlist

Theme: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Main Idea: No matter where we find ourselves today, God is close to us and so is redemption.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND SACRIFICES (Celebrating Our Gifts)

Rev. Kerry Foote

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Giver of all good gifts, bless the offering we make this morning, a small token to all the blessings you have poured down on us. Into our human weakness, you gave the greatest gift of all: Emmanuel, your presence with us, in Jesus the Christ. Not just a presence, but an invitation: through him, to be your children and heirs to your Kingdom. May our gifts, hymns, prayers, and promises help us realize that Kingdom in our hearts and in our world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

COLLECTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG

That Little Baby

Sheila Novak

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings

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*HYMN OF CELEBRATION *O Come All Ye Faithful / His Name Shall Be* See screens.

*COMMISSION & BENEDICTION Rev. Kerry Foote

(Inspired by Revelation 21: 1-6)

God invites us into his future, where the one who makes all things new has made his home among us. We are called and chosen, together embraced by the God in whom tears, mourning, crying, pain and even death will be no more. Remember God's future, for this is our story. Our Lord says, "See, I am coming soon!" and we respond, "Come, Lord Jesus!" ...and all of God's children said...**Amen.**

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