



# glorious

DECEMBER 14, 2025



## \*WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

## CONGREGATION

**God So Loved**

*We The Kingdom*

Come all you weary, come all you thirsty, come to the well that never runs dry. Drink of the water. Come and thirst no more!

Well, come all you sinners, come find his mercy, come to the table, he will satisfy. Taste of his goodness, find what you're looking for!

***Chorus:* For God so loved the world that he gave us his one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in him will live forever.**

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there with open arms!

*Chorus*

The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom, for God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, praise him, for the wonders of his love.

## LORD'S PRAYER/WELCOME & OFFERTORY

**MARK RECTOR**

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

**MEREDITH, TAYLOR, HEAVEN,  
& IRENE STUTTS**

### JOY

**Leader:** Today we light the third candle in the Advent Wreath. The first one lit was the candle of hope. The second was the candle of peace, and now we celebrate our joy in Christ.

**People:** **This third candle, the candle of joy, is an expression of both our hope in Christ and the peace that he shares with us. Even when life is hard and the days are dark, our joy is in the Lord.**

**Leader:** The kingdom of God is breaking into our darkness, and the light of Christ is dispelling our fear. We trust in something more than what our eyes can see, in that which faith holds dear.

**People:** God, you gather your people from among all the nations of the world, and you replace our shame with gladness. In you we have found our home, our safe place. Our rest in you is our everlasting joy!

**ADVENT CANDLE RESPONSE**

**CONGREGATION**

**Light the Light, the Fire of Life**

arr. David W. Music

Light the light, the fire of life, let the candle reveal his glory. Jesus Christ has come to earth and for us shall come again.

*Solo: Light the candle of his joy, light the light of prophet's story. Light the candle of his joy, light the light we all must hold.*

**DOXOLOGY**

**CONGREGATION**

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

*(There is no Children's Message today. Children 3K-5K may meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to go to Preschool Worship as the congregation sings the Doxology. If you are a guest and would like for your preschooler to go to Preschool Worship, please meet Mrs. Sharon in the Narthex to be sure your child has a check-in label for security purposes.)*

**HOMILY**

**WAYNE SPLAWN**

**"God's Will for Us in Our Waiting"**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

pg. 837 (pew Bible)

**VIDEO**

**FURY & THE SILENCE**

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**CONGREGATION**

**Angels (Glory to God)**

Phil Wickham

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains. And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

*Chorus: Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? *Chorus*

Glory to God, glory to God! Glory to God in the highest, forever. For all he has done, his unfailing love, glory to God in the highest, forever.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing. Come, adore  
on bended knee Christ the Lord, the new-born King! *Chorus*

**LESSON ONE**

**HAYES HOLBERT**

**“God’s Promises to Faithful Abraham”**

Genesis 22:15-18

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**CONGREGATION**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

Neale | Coffin | Helmore

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in  
lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.

*Chorus:* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy cloud of night, and death’s dark shadow put to flight.

*Chorus*

O come, Desire of Nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid  
envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill all the world with heaven’s peace.

*Chorus*

**LESSON TWO**

**EMILY MEGGINSON**

**“The Coming of the Savior”**

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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**CONGREGATION**

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

Prichard | Wesley

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.

You draw the hearts of shepherds. You draw the hearts of kings. Even as  
a baby, you were changing everything. You called me to your kingdom  
before your lips could speak. And even as a baby you were reaching out  
for me. And now we are awaiting the day of your return when every eye  
will see you as heaven comes to earth. Until the sky is opened, until the  
trumpet sounds, the bride is getting ready, the church is singing out.

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. Come thou long-expected king!

### **LESSON THREE**

**MATT RICH**

#### **“Prince of Peace”**

Isaiah 11:1-4, 6-9

### **REFLECTION THROUGH SONG**

**HANNAH GRACE HATLEY**

#### **Of the Father’s Love Begotten**

Out of Darkness

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and  
Omega, he the source, the ending he, of the things that are, that have  
been, and that future years shall see—evermore and evermore.

O that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy  
Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race, and the babe, the world’s  
Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face—evermore and evermore.

*Chorus:* Forever, in the Father’s love we stand, forever, amen.

O ye heights of heav’n adore him! Angel hosts his praises sing! All  
dominions bow before him and exalt our God and King. Let no tongue on  
earth be silent, every voice in concert ring—evermore and evermore.

*Chorus*

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son, glory to the Holy  
Spirit, persons three yet God-head one. Glory be from all creation, while  
eternal ages run—evermore and evermore.

### **LESSON FOUR**

**KIM HOBBS**

#### **“Revelation to Mary”**

Luke 1:26-35, 38

### **REFLECTION THROUGH SONG**

**GRACE DUNN**

#### **Mary’s Song**

William Kimbrough

My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit rejoices in God! My Savior has seen  
his servant in need, and behold the great things he has done.

He scatters the proud and rich. He lifts up the humble and weak. The  
kings of the earth, he casts from their thrones, and the hungry he  
welcomes to feast.

*Chorus:* Oh, behold, my Savior has come! And my soul will tell of his  
praise For he who is strong has come to the weak and, at last, he will reign  
as our King of Peace.

From now to the end of time the nations will know me as blessed. For God has made new his promise of love and mercy through Abraham's seed.

## **LESSON FIVE**

**KEELY CULPEPPER**

### **“Jesus’ Birth”**

Luke 2:1, 3-7

## **REFLECTION THROUGH SONG**

**CONGREGATION**

### **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

Edith M. Reed

Infant holy, infant lowly, heaven's highest love come down. For the poor you left your glory and you laid aside your crown. Weak and helpless, here you slumber in a stable with your mother. As the shepherds gather 'round. do they know you've left your crown?

Infant holy, infant lowly, you who once held heaven's power. Now you lie here, cold and hungry in the silent midnight hour. With your parents wrapped in worry, still exhausted from their journey, you were helpless in that hour, yet you set aside your power.

Infant holy, infant lowly, King of kings and Lord of lords. You have come to us with nothing, as the poorest of the poor. So we come to you in wonder, see you helpless as you slumber, and we lay our gifts before, Christ the Savior, weak and poor.

## **LESSON SIX**

**DOTSON NELSON (VIDEO)**

### **“The Word Became Flesh”**

John 1:1-14

## **CLOSING WORDS**

**WAYNE SPLAWN**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

**CONGREGATION**

### **Go Tell It on the Mountain**

arr. Joel Burks

*Chorus:* Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Chorus*

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Chorus*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Chorus*

# *Glorious Team*

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## **MUSICIANS**

**Acoustic Guitar:** Joel Burks

**Electric Guitar:** Douglas Grant, Josh McPherson

**Bass Guitar:** Thomas Wills

**Percussion:** Angel Torres, Justin Aldridge

**Piano Guitar:** Claire Alford

## **STRING QUARTET**

**Cello:** Payton Ahlemeyer

## **VOCALISTS**

Joel Burks, Sara Burks, Ada Burris, Grace Dunn,

Hannah Grace Hatley, Kely Hatley

## **PRODUCTION TEAM**

**Sound:** Connor Shaddix

**Lighting:** John Phillips

**Lighting:** Michael Megginson

*Special thanks to everyone who made Glorious 2025 happen!*

*Grace Dunn and Chris Hills went above and beyond in  
coordinating, writing music, and planning for this event.*

*Thanks to Kely Hatley for all of his support and guidance.*

*And thank you to all of our wonderful readers!*

\*Congregation standing

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