

2. In the Midst of Overwhelming Circumstances
– 2 Chronicles 20
3. In the Unlikely Election of a Child King
– 2 Chronicles 34 - 35

Communion

Fellowship Fund Offering

Congregational Singing: "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Hymn 244

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VERSE 1

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.

VERSE 2

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.

Closing Thoughts and Benediction

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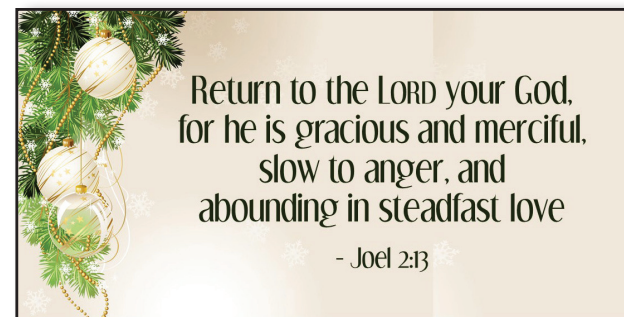
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Welcome and Call to Worship

Brian Vaught

Congregational Singing: "Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"

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VERSE 1

Sing we the song of Emmanuel,
This the Christ who was long foretold.
Lo, in the shadows of Bethlehem
Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.
God Most High in a manger laid.
Lift your voices and now proclaim:
Great and glorious, Love has come to us!
Join now with the hosts of heaven.

VERSE 2

Come we to welcome Emmanuel,
King who came with no crown or throne.
Helpless He lay, the invincible;
Maker of Mary, now Mary's son.
O what wisdom to save us all.
Shepherds, sages, before Him fall.
Grace and majesty, what humility.
Come on bended knee, adore Him.

VERSE 3

Go spread the news of Emmanuel,
Joy and peace for the weary heart.
Lift up your heads for your King has come.
Sing, for the light overwhelms the dark.
Glory shining for all to see. Hope alive, let the gospel ring.
God has made a way. He will have the praise!
Tell the world His name is Jesus.

Congregational Singing: “The First Noel” Hymn 265, adapted
Text, Trad. English carol; vv 2-4, Lacy Hudson. MUSIC, W. Sandys’ Christmas Carols, 1833.
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VERSE 1
The first Noel(*) the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.

CHORUS
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

VERSE 2
The first noel earth and heaven embraced
As a virgin beheld her newborn babe.
From realms on high to a manger on earth,
Salvation had dawned in a ho-ly birth.

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 3
The Son of God in obedience came
To love the hopeless, the lost, and the lame.
Our sins He bore, yet His name we despised,
And the hands that brought healing were pierced as He died.

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 4
The Author of Life, there lifeless He lay
As the grave cast a shadow and darkness reigned.
Then out of death broke forth a great light
As He rose up in vict’ry, the glorious Christ!

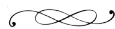
[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 5
Then let us all, with one accord,
Sing praises to our heav’n-ly Lord
Who has made heav’n and earth of naught
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

[sing CHORUS]

Pastoral Prayer

Dave DeGear



(*) “Noel” – French for “the Christmas season” or “Christ/birth season”; from the Latin *natalis*, English *natal*, “of or relating to birth.” A “noel” is literally a carol sung during the Christmas season about the birth of Jesus Christ.

Offertory — Congregational Singing: “Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”
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VERSE 1
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.

VERSE 2
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.

VERSE 3
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.

VERSE 4
Come, behold the wondrous mystery, 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.

Message

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

**THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD
PROVIDES HOPE TO GOD’S PEOPLE**
2 CHRONICLES, SELECTED
(see expanded outline on insert)

A. INTRODUCTION

B. THE STEADFAST LOVE OF THE LORD PROVIDES HOPE TO GOD’S PEOPLE

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