

*Congregational Singing: "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" Hymn 277*

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VERSE 1

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise!  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

CHORUS

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."

VERSE 2

Christ, by highest heav'n adored;  
Christ, the everlasting LORD!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the God-head see;  
Hail th'incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 3

Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that men no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

[sing CHORUS]

*Closing Thoughts and Benediction*

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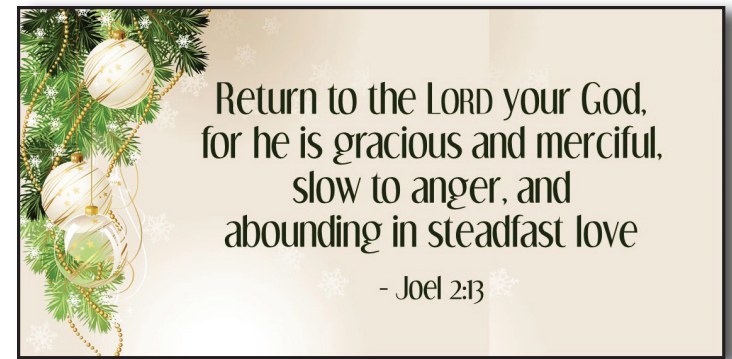
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*Congregational Singing: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Hymn 245*

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VERSE 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

VERSE 2

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

VERSE 3

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high and order all things, far and nigh.  
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

VERSE 4

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease;  
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

## *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.

Scripture Reading

Keith Kruizenga

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Kevin Morris

## *Offertory — Congregational Singing: “Fullness of Grace”*

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### VERSE 1

Fullness of grace in man’s human frailty;  
This is the wonder of Jesus.  
Laying aside His power and glory  
Humbly He entered our world.  
Chose the path of meanest worth;  
Scandal of a virgin birth.  
Born in a stable cold and rejected;  
Here lies the hope of the world.

### VERSE 2

Fullness of grace – the love of the Father  
Shown in the face of Jesus.  
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity;  
Walking the Calvary road.  
Christ, the Holy innocent,  
Took our sin and punishment.  
Fullness of God, despised and rejected,  
Crushed for the sins of the world.

### VERSE 3

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for;  
Promise of God in Jesus.  
Through His obedience we are forgiven,  
Op-‘ning the floodgates of heav’n.  
All our hopes and dreams we bring  
Gladly as an offering.  
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable:  
God’s gift in love to the world.

*Message*

Pastor Kevin Morris

## A LOVE STORY IN A LOVE STORY SELECTED SCRIPTURES

1. A Time-Bound Love Story
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3. A Love Story in a Love Story
4. A Love Story in Progress