

4. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE OCCUPATIONS OF MAN –
Luke 2:8-12
 - a. Shepherds in Scripture – Psalm 23:1, Micah 5:2-4,
John 10:11
 - b. Bethlehem's Shepherds
5. GOD IS SOVEREIGN THROUGHOUT HEAVEN AND EARTH –
Luke 2:13-20
 - a. The Angels Rejoice
 - b. Mankind Rejoices



Congregational Singing: "Joy to the World" Hymn 270

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VERSE 1

Joy to the world! the LORD is come!
Let earth receive her king!
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
And peace to men on earth.

Closing Thoughts and Benediction

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WORSHIP SHEET for the WORSHIP SERVICE
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Welcome

Ken Hunt

Call to Worship

Brian Vaught

Congregational Singing: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" Hymn 249

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VERSE 1

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful, and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

CHORUS

O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

VERSE 2

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exaltation;
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

[sing CHORUS]

VERSE 2

Yea, Lord, we great Thee,
Born this happy morning.
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father now in flesh appearing!

[sing CHORUS]

Congregational Singing: “Love Has Come!” Hymn 256

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VERSE 1

Love has come – a light in the darkness!
Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.
Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.

VERSE 2

Love is born! Come share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of His mother.
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

VERSE 3

Love has come! He never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

Scripture Reading – Luke 2:1-20

Michael Teachout

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Alex Metras

Offertory — Congregational Singing: “I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

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VERSE 1

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

VERSE 2

I thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along th’unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

VERSE 3

And in despair I bowed my head:
“There is no peace on earth,” I said,
“For hate is strong and mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men.”

VERSE 4

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
“God is not dead nor does He sleep!
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With peace on earth, good will to men.”

Message

Pastor Jerry Birkholz

GOD’S PLAN OF REDEMPTION
JESUS’ BIRTH REVEALS GOD’S SOVEREIGNTY
LUKE 2:1-20

Luke connects secular, Roman history with the sacred retelling of the birth of Jesus, revealing it is all part of God’s perfect plan.

1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE IDEAS OF MAN – Luke 2:1-3
 - a. A Census
 - b. A Movement – Luke 6:15
2. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE MOVEMENTS OF MAN – Luke 2:4-5
 - a. Necessity – Matthew 1:1, 16-17, Luke 3:23, 31
 - b. Timing
 - c. Situation
 - d. Location – Genesis 35:19-21
3. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF MAN – Luke 2:6-7
 - a. The Unexpected Event – Galatians 4:4
 - b. Fulfillment of Prophecy – Micah 5:2, 4:8