

VERSE 2

God, our fortress and our strength,
The Rock on which we can depend;
Matchless in His majesty,
His power and authority.
Unshaken by the schemes of man;
Never-changing, great I AM.
Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall –
He is faithful through it all.
Crown Him King forever, crown Him king forever,
Crown Him King forevermore.

VERSE 3

Mighty God in mortal flesh,
Forsaken by a traitor's kiss.
The curse of sin and centuries
Did pierce the lowly Prince of Peace.
Oh, lifted high, the sinless man;
Crucified, the spotless Lamb;
Buried by the sons of man;
Rescued by the Father's hand
To reign as King forever, reign as King forever,
Reign as king forevermore.

VERSE 4

King eternal, God of Grace,
We crown you with the highest praise.
Heaven shouts and saints adore:
"You're holy, holy, holy, Lord!"
What joy is everlasting life!
All is love and faith is sight.
Justice rolls and praises rise
At the name of Jesus Christ.
*King of kings forever, King of kings forever,
King of kings forevermore. - repeat from *

Closing Thoughts and Benediction

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Who grasps the power of your anger and wrath
to the degree that the fear due you should inspire?
So teach us to count our days,
so that we will become wise. - Moses, Psalm 90:11-12



WORSHIP SHEET for the WORSHIP SERVICE
of FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 29, 2024

Welcome

Pastor Kevin Morris

Call to Worship

Keith Kruizenga

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

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

Congregational Singing: "The First Noel" Hymn 265, adapted
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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.

REFRAIN

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 REFRAIN]

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 REFRAIN]

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 REFRAIN]

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 REFRAIN]

Pastoral Prayer

Brian Vaught

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.

Reflections on 2024

Pastor Alex Metras

Ken Hunt, Elder

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Pastor Jerry Birkholz

Communion

Congregational Singing: "God, the Uncreated One"

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VERSE 1

God, the uncreated One, the Author of salvation
Who wrote the laws of space and time,
Who fashioned worlds to His design.
The One whom angel hosts revere
Hung the stars like chandeliers,
Numbered every grain of sand,
Knows the heart of every man.
He is King forever, He is King forever,
He is King forevermore.

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