

Hope Chapel Greensboro – December 6, 2009

CALLED BY GOD

Welcome & Call to Worship

⁵ "The days are coming," declares the LORD,
"when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ **In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteousness.**

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Opening Songs

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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;

*O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.

Emmanuel

We have come today to worship, we have come to praise the One
Who came down into our darkness, born a lowly virgin's son
You who did not come with splendor,
Pomp and strength and majesty
You who came to us in weakness, born to us in poverty

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
In You alone we hope and trust;
Jesus, Savior, God with us, Emmanuel.*

We were blind and lost and godless, wandering a trackless waste
Then hope arose, a glorious beacon, like the star the wise men chased
Down from heaven came a Savior, born a child, so small and frail
Taking up our pain and troubles, conquering where we had failed

You who with a word created sun and moon and seas and sand
Lay there sleeping in a manger, cradled by Your mother's hand
You who made the mighty forests would lie down upon a tree

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Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming:
We confess that we do not know
how to prepare for your Advent.
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.
Forgive us, God. Now, in the quiet of our hearts,
we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

The Lord redeems the life of His servants;
None of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Psalm 34:22

Prince of Peace

You are holy (ECHO), You are mighty (ECHO),
You are worthy (ECHO), Worthy of praise (ECHO).
I will follow (ECHO), I will listen (ECHO),
I will love You (ECHO), All of my days (ECHO).

Women:

*You are Lord of lords
You are King of kings
You are mighty God
Lord of ev'rything
You're Emmanuel
You're the Great I Am
You're the Prince of Peace
who is the Lamb
You're the living God
You're my saving grace
You will reign forever
You are Ancient of Days
You are Alpha Omega
Beginning and End
You're my Savior Messiah
Redeemer and Friend*

Men:

*I will sing to
And worship
The King who
Is worthy
And I will love
And adore Him
And I will bow down
Before Him
I will sing to
And worship
The King who
Is worthy
And I will love
And adore Him
And I will bow down
Before Him*

You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You

Amazed

You dance over me while I am unaware,
You sing all around but I never hear the sound.

*Lord I'm amazed by You, Lord I'm amazed by You,
Lord I'm amazed by You, how You love me.*

How wide, how deep,
how great is Your love for me.

Satisfied

All my life long I had panted
For a drink from some cold spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
Of the thirst I felt within.

*Hallelujah! He has found me, the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through His blood I now am saved.*

Feeding on the filth around me
'Till my strength was almost gone.
Longed my soul for something better,
Only still to hunger on.

Poor I was and sought for riches;
Something that would satisfy.
But the dust I gathered 'round me
Only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of Life, so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me.

Children are dismissed at this time

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Prayer of Renewal

Let us pray for the church...
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the city...
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the world...
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

**Give ear to our prayers, O Father,
for the sake of your son Jesus,
our only mediator and advocate.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning.

³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

⁶There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. ⁹The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹²Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'"
¹⁶From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. ¹⁷For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.

John 1:1-18

Sermon- Todd Jones
The Word Became Flesh

Offering

This Is the Christ

Good news from heaven the angels bring
Glad tidings to the earth they sing
To us this day a child is given
To crown us with the joy of heaven

*This is the Christ, our God and Lord.
Who in all need shall aid afford?
He will Himself our Savior be
And from our sins will set us free.*

All hail, Thou noble Guest, this morn,
Whose love did not the sinner scorn.
In my distress thou com'st to me,
What things shall I return to Thee?

Were earth a thousand times as fair,
Beset with gold and jewels rare,
She yet were far too poor to be
A narrow cradle, Lord, for Thee.

Praise God upon his heavenly throne
Who gave to us His only Son
For this His hosts, on joyful wing,
A blessed new year of mercy sing

Sending Song

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Shepherds were watching over their flocks by night,
Out of the darkness shone a heavenly light.
Feared and they trembled, high about the earth,
Singing an angel chorus, telling of the Savior's birth.

*Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. X2*

When I was a seeker, I sought him both night and day,
I asked the Lord to help me and He showed me the way.
Down in the manger the humble child was born,
God sent salvation on that Christmas morn.

Community Life

Blessing and Sending

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you,
Scatter the darkness from before your path,
And make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Musicians

Ryan Bowles, acoustic guitar
Patrick Collins, percussion
Francie Dorich, acoustic guitar, vocals
Dana Northrup, vocals
Charlie Swing, electric guitar
Michael Van Patter, acoustic guitar & vocals

Song Information

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O Come, All Ye Faithful—John Wade (1743)
Emmanuel—Mark Altrogge, 2006
Prince of Peace—Marc Imboden, Tammi Rhoton (1994)
Amazed—Jared Anderson (2004)
Satisfied—Clara Williams (1875), Karl Digerness (1997)
This is The Christ—Martin Luther (1535), Sandra McCracken (2009)
Go Tell It On the Mountain—John Work (1907), African-American spiritual