

# Joy To the World

## THE WONDER OF HEAVEN REVEALED

### John 1:1-5,14

- What makes Christmas so special?
  - His Glory is with us
    - **Exodus 25:8** – His desire has always been to be with us
    - **Exodus 40:34** – His glory filled the tabernacle
    - **1 Kings 8:10** – His glory filled Solomon’s Temple
    - **John 1:14** – He is the full expression of the glory (shekinah) of God
    - **Psalms 16:11** – His presence brings fullness of Joy
  - All who embraced His coming experienced this Joy
    - **Luke 2:8-14** – The Angels declared it
    - **Luke 1:41-44** – Elizabeth and her baby (John) shouted and danced
    - **Luke 1:46-55** – Mary spontaneously sang
    - **Luke 2:20** – The Shepherds broke out in exuberant praise
    - **Matthew 2:10-12** – The Wise Men lost themselves in rejoicing and then blessed Him with lavish gifts
    - **Luke 2:25-38** – Simeon & Anna prophesied and knew their life was complete
  - The whole world senses the Joy of Heaven but only those who embrace Him experience it!
- He comes in Love to reveal Truth & Grace
- **Truth** – lighted pathway of freedom
  - **Grace** – ability to walk this path