

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD**DECEMBER 14, 2025****CHRISTMAS CANTATA****HOPE IS BORN—EMMANUEL!**

Prelude Parents of children ages 3-3rd grade: Children's Church will be for the entire worship service this Sunday. Please silence all phones/electronic devices as we prepare to worship our great God.

Announcements and Welcome

Pastor Steven Clark

Call to Worship and Invocation**Galatians 4:4-5**

[W]hen the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Congregational Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!*

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."

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 Godhead 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."

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 man 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."

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism is given today to

Aiden Little Dewhurst, son of Geoffrey & Nida Dewhurst

Amelia Jane Feathers, daughter of Logan & Katherine Feathers

Deborah Ikamba Gapangwa, daughter of Augustine Gapangwa & Jeannine Nyabaruta

Emma Kate Landaverde, daughter of Jay & Carolina Landaverde

Palman, son of Jim & Caitlyn Palman

Believer's Baptism is given today to

Maddox Palman

Jack Palman

Hayes Palman

Reception of New Members

Knox Geist

Trip Ives

Elijah Johnson

Jay and Carolina Landaverde

Blake and Sophia Nelsen

Jon Nyberg

Jim and Caitlyn Palman

David and Jean Warner

Pastor Ben Phillips

DECEMBER 14, 2025**Blest Be the Tie that Binds**

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Prayer**Reading of God's Word**

Pastor Steven Clark

Genesis 3:14-19, 21-24

The LORD God said to the serpent, "... I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel" ... And to Adam he said, "Because you ... have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you ... and to dust you shall return" ... And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them. Then the LORD God ... sent [them] out from the garden of Eden ... and ... he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword ... to guard the way to the tree of life.

All: The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Choir & Orchestra

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.

Glory To God

Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth!
Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest,
And peace on earth!

Goodwill toward men, Goodwill toward men!
Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!

Declaration of Truth (responsively)

Pastor Travis Brown

Matthew 1:18-23

Leader: Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit ... [A]n angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream, saying,

All: "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

Leader: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

All: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

Hymn of Testimony Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

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!

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!

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!
Glory shining for all to see,
Hope alive; let the gospel ring!
God has made a way; He will have the praise!
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Glo-ria! Glo-ria!

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!

Isaiah 9:1-7, 53:5-6

Pastor Ben Phillips
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom...But...upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace ... All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—everyone—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Ben Phillips
Our Gifts to God *Overture of Joy*
Receiving of God's Tithes and Our Offerings
Please pass and sign the Sunday Register.

Orchestra

The Doxology and Prayer

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Hope Is Born

Choir & Orchestra

In the stillness of the night, shepherds watch are keeping.

Suddenly, a brilliant light illuminates the evening.

Filled with fright, they stare in awe, angels far above them.

"Fear not!" is the angel's call, bringing peace to all, Amen.

Soon, the sky is filled with song, with angelic singing.

Singing: "Gloria!"

Message waited for so long, God is truly for us.

God is for us!

Unto us is born a Son; He will be our Savior.

Tidings glad to everyone: God displays his favor.

Angels sing their glorias, flying through the heavens.

Celebration for the one gift that has been given.

Shepherds off to see the Child as the angel told them;

Mighty God, now meek and mild, Holy Child awaits them.

Wondrous is the sight of him in a lowly manger.

Little town of Bethlehem, home to Heaven's stranger.

God has come to earth to dwell; we behold his glory!

Hope is born, Emmanuel; Love has penned this story!

In the stillness of the night, Hope is born, Emmanuel!

In The First Light

In the first light of a new day no one knew he had arrived.

Things continued as they had been while a newborn softly cried.

But the heavens wrapped in wonder knew the meaning of his birth.

In the weakness of a baby they knew God had come to earth.

As his mother held him closely, it was hard to understand;

That this baby not yet speaking was the Word of God to man.

He would tell them of his kingdom, but their hearts would not believe.

They would hate him and in anger they would nail him to a tree.

But the sadness would be broken as the Song of Life arose,
And the Firstborn of creation would ascend and take his throne.

He had left it to redeem us, but before his life began,
He knew he'd come back not as a baby but as the Lord of ev'ry man.

Hear the angels as they're singing on the morning of his birth;
But how much greater will our song be when he comes again,
When he comes again!

Hear the angels as they're singing on the morning of his birth;
But how much greater will our song be when he comes again to Earth!
When he comes to rule the Earth!

Philippians 2:1-11

Pastor Steven Clark

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Hymn of Response

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high,

Sweetly singing o'er the plains.

And the mountains in reply,

Echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

Say what may the tidings be,

Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see,

Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee,

Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

The Benediction and Three-Fold Amen

Pastor Ben Phillips



Christmas Cantata

Hope Is Born—Emmanuel!



EXALT GOD
EQUIP GOD'S PEOPLE
ENGAGE GOD'S WORLD

