

### **This Sunday at CMPC...**

This Sunday is a special Sunday at CMPC! Sunday morning's worship service will focus on the 'Note' **Glory** as the choir, orchestra, present their cantata and Pastor John looks at Isaiah 40.3-5 and other passages in our series *Christmas Notes from Christmas Carols*.

Then on Sunday Evening the *Kids of the Kingdom* present **Just Believe** in the Covenant Life Center at 6:30. Come and see the talent and hard work of our children! If able, please bring something for the Finger Food reception that will follow.

Our carols this Sunday are all familiar ones. We will gather with *Angels We Have Heard on High*. This is French carol... and one of the few times we as a congregation sing in Latin, which we do on the chorus. The age of the carol is unknown; it was first published in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Our hymn of praise will be *Angels from the Realms of Glory*, a 19<sup>th</sup> century carol that summons the angels, the shepherds, the sages (magi), the martyred saints in heaven, and ultimately all of us to come and worship. James Montgomery, a well-known poet in his day, wrote this hymn. Born to Scottish parents who went to be missionaries, he was then raised in Ireland after his parents died, before moving to Sheffield, England, as an adult. During the cantata we will sing the Polish carol *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*, and then we will respond to celebrating the gospel in word and song with Isaac Watts' *Joy to the World*. Some of you will remember he originally wrote this paraphrase of Psalm 98 for celebrations of the resurrection.

What a joy is to be a singing people!

### **CMPC Sermon Notes**

**Series:** *Christmas Notes from Christmas Carols* **Message:** "Glory" **Text:** Isaiah 40.3-5

#### **The Darkness before the Glory**

- Glory
- Moses: Show me your glory, Exodus
- Isaiah: the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, Isaiah 40
- John: We have seen his glory, John 1.14
- Glory- important, heavy, weighty
- How do we get there?
- Atheists and singing

#### **The Glory of Incarnation**

- Job 10.20-22
- Isaiah 9.1-2
- The light of Messiah/Emmanuel
- John 1.4
- Isaiah 60

#### **Responding to Glory**

- A royal visit
- A second royal visit
- Angels... shepherds.. Simeon... Anna... magi
- Peculiar Glory: the kind the world has never seen

#### **Celebrating the Glory**

- Jesus in John 17

- His shared glory with the Father, 1-3
- Sharing his glory with us, 4, 25
- The cross

***So What About Us?***

- A kind of glory the mighty never see
- What do you do with the glory?

## WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

DECEMBER 11, 2022

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP

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

**Welcome and Announcements** John Batusic, Pastor

**The Song of Ascent** *God's people sang together as they gathered and traveled together up to Jerusalem to worship God.*

*Angels We Have Heard on High* #214

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: *Gloria in excelsis Deo. (x2)*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

### Call to Worship

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory,  
the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.  
—John 1.14

### Invocation

**Hymn of Praise** *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #218  
Angels, from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story, Now proclaim Messiah's birth;

Refrain: *Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.*

Shepherds in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing, Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations; Ye have seen his natal star:

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In his temple shall appear;

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising To th'eternal Three in One:

### Proclaiming the Incarnation through Word and Song

**Reading of God's Word** Isaiah 40.3-5  
**All:** The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

## GLORY

*Mini-series: Christmas Notes from Christmas Carols*

### **Worship His Glory, Worship the King**

The shepherds seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down:  
"Fear not!" he said, nothing to dread; and glory shown all around.  
"To you, a Child is born, a Savior who is Christ, the Lord.  
This shall be a sign: the Baby you will find, just follow the star!"

*Worship His glory; worship the King!  
Come to the cradle, worship the newborn King!  
Welcome the Baby; glory we sing!  
God has sent His Son! Glory to the One, glory to the King!*

"Glad tiding of great joy we bring," the angels now in chorus sing.  
Star was shining bright, on this holy night, the glory shone all around!  
All glory be to God on high! The Christ Child is born tonight.  
And to the earth be peace, goodwill to never cease; Just follow the star!

Refrain: *God has sent His Son! Glory to the One, glory to the King!*  
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### The Darkness Before the Glory

#### **The People Who Now Walk in Darkness**

The people who walk now in darkness, who stumble and fall in the night,  
Will soon see our God in His fullness, will soon see His glorious Light!  
For He will come just as He promised, the land of death's shadow will fade,  
A Light soon will dawn, bringing to us provision that our God has made.

Come, O come our promised Light. End the darkness of the night.  
Bring us sight!

The people who walk now in darkness, who stumble and fall in the night,  
Will soon see our God in His fullness, will soon see His glorious Light!  
For He will come just as He promised, the land of death's shadow will fade,  
A Light soon will dawn, bringing to us provision that our God has made.

Provision that our God has made. They will soon see the glorious Light!  
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### The Glory of Incarnation

#### **One King**

Kings of earth on a course unknown, bearing gifts from afar.  
Hoping, praying, following yonder star.  
Silhouette of a caravan painted against the sky.  
Wise men searching for the Holy Child.

*One king held the frankincense, one king held the myrrh,  
one king held the purest gold, one King held the hope of the world.*

A star hangs over Bethlehem; a journey ends in the night.  
Three kings trembling behold the glorious sight.  
Heaven's treasure, Emmanuel, drawing men to bow down.  
Tiny Baby, born to wear a crown.

Refrain

God rest ye merry, gentlemen; let nothing you dismay.  
Remember, Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas day.  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
Oh, tiny Baby born to wear a crown.

Refrain (x2)

One king held the purest gold, one King held the hope of the world.  
*Words & Music by Jeff Borders, Gayla Borders & Lowell Alexander*

### Our Gifts to God

His Tithes and Our Offerings *Christmas Overture* Orchestra

**Hymn of Thanksgiving** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* #216

Infant holy, infant lowly,  
for his bed a cattle stall;  
oxen lowing, little knowing  
Christ, the babe, is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing,  
noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the babe is Lord of all,  
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping  
vigil till the morning new  
saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.

Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the babe was born for you.  
Christ the babe was born for you.

Angels lifting praise before You  
Sing throughout this holy night  
Joyful, joyful they adore You  
God of glory, Lord of light.  
Praise resounds as earth rejoices  
Trumpets sound and anthems raise  
And with joy our hearts are lifted  
Joined in wonder, love and praise.

### Responding to the Glory

#### **Glory All Around**

The star was shining in the East, never been there before.  
Wonder where this star would lead to the baby boy?

*Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty Prince of Peace, Son of God and Son of Man,  
born to set us free.*

Wise men followed the brightest star, I will follow the King. Live my life to  
know Him more let Him shine in me.

Refrain

Hallelujah, Jesus reigns! Hallelujah, sing His praise!  
Hallelujah, forever Jesus will shine! Glory all around this God of mine!

If you've never known the love of this wonderful King, let His light shine in  
your heart, come and worship Him.

Refrain

Hallelujah, Jesus reigns! Hallelujah, sing His praise!  
Hallelujah forever Jesus will shine! Glory all around this God of mine!

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Hallelujah forever Jesus will shine! Glory all around this God of mine!

May Jesus shine! Glory all around this God of mine!  
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## Celebration of Glory

### *And the Glory of the Lord*

And the glory, the glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

#### **Congregation Sings:**

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.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.  
Glo-ry to God in the high-est! O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with heal-ing 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."

**Choir Sings:** Gloria! To God sing Gloria! Christ is born!

Rejoice! Sing Gloria to God on high!

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#### **Our Response**

##### **Prayer of Application/A Moment of Reflection**

**Hymn of Response** *Joy to the World (vs. 2-4)*

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

#### **The Benediction and Three-Fold Amen**

### **EVENING SERVICE 6:30PM**

**Join us tonight as the *Kids of the Kingdom* present**

**JUST BELIEVE!**

**in the Covenant Life Center**

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



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