

This Sunday at CMPC...

This Sunday we begin the new year by wrapping up the Christmas Mini-series *Christmas Notes from Christmas Carols* as Pastor John looks at Isaiah 35 and *Joy*. Remember we will have both morning worship services and Sunday School this Sunday, but we will not have Sunday evening worship. That resumes on January 8. But we will have *Wednesday Night Alive* this week on January 4.

Our hymns Sunday morning reflect our theme of Joy as well as Christmas and the New Year. We will gather with the first two verses of Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee with its historic tune. Our hymn of praise will be Joy to the World, Isaac Watts' paraphrase of Psalm 98. Our hymn of praise will be Another Year is Dawning; and we will close out the service as we usually do every Christmas season with Go, Tell It on the Mountain.

CMPC Sermon Notes

Series: "Christmas Notes from Christmas Carols"

Message: "Joy" Text: Isaiah 35

The Miracle that Brings Joy, 35.1-2

- Desert changes
- Nature's joy
- God on display

The Ministry that Joy Demands, 35.3-4a

- Encourage!
- Comfort!

The Message that Results in Joy, 35.4b

- God is coming
- He will save
- Unpacking the gospel

The Manifestation the Displays Joy, 35.5-7

- Radical change
- The confusion of John the Baptizer
- Jackal-free

The Mobilization that Comes with Joy, 35.8-10

- Highway for the redeemed
- Homeward bound

So What About Us?

- The joy of the redeemed
- Everlasting joy

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

January 1, 2023

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ben Phillips
Pastor of Ministries

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

Congregation *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowering fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee!

ADORATION OF GOD

Call to Worship:

Sing praises to the Lord... with trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord! Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes! —Psalm 98.5-9a

Invocation

Declaration of Truth: *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

This creed traditionally dates back to the early 2nd century.

The word "catholic" means "universal", meaning the one true church made up of all believers in Jesus Christ from every tribe, language, people and nation.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

The Gloria Patri's first line was sung in the church as early as the 2nd century to affirm that God is Triune. The second line was added in the 4th century to emphasize the eternal Deity of Jesus, refuting the Arian heresy that Jesus was not eternally God

Hymn of Praise

Joy to the World

#195

Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing, And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Mission Moment

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

The Gift of Music

Receiving God's Tithes and Our Offering

The Doxology

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Testimony *Another Year is Dawning*

(Children ages three through third grade may be escorted to Children's Church)

Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love;
Another year of training for holier work above.
Another year is dawning: Dear Father, let it be,
on earth or else in heaven, another year for Thee.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Reading of God's Word

Isaiah 35

p. 595, pew Bible

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

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon

Joy

Pastor John

Christmas Mini-Series: *Christmas Notes from Christmas Carols*

OUR RESPONSE

Prayer of Application

Hymn of Response

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

#224

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold! thro'-out the heavens There shone a holy light.

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.

The Benediction and Threefold Amen

New Year's Day

No evening service.

We will resume Sunday evening worship on January 8.
Wednesday Night Alive resumes January 4— this week!