

Sermon Notes

Announcements

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING

Partner with Grace Church to fund our partners well in 2021. We want to bless our Partners in Belarus, Redeeming Hope Church in Clarksville, TN as well as other new works in 2021. We also give 50% of this offering to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our goal is the equivalent of 1 Days salary for each family. We would love to raise \$4000 for our Christmas Offering to kick start our missions efforts in 2021.

REGISTER FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve Service is one of the highlights of the year for Grace Church. This year, we will be joined by the First Free Methodist Church. Additionally, we will be offering 2 service options @ 4pm & 5:30pm. Families will need to register online through the Church Center App or on our webpage.

BURN - A Grace Men's Bonfire - December 19th @4:30

This event was postponed due to rain but we are still excited to gather our men together next Saturday. Beverages and snacks will be provided. If you wish to bring your own dinner, feel free to do so.

GRAB AN ESV "GOSPEL OF JOHN" SCRIPTURAL JOURNAL

Since we will be a prolonged study through the Gospel of John, we are providing this resource to take Sermon Notes as well conduct personal study through out the week.

FIND A GROUP CONNECTION

Grace Church has several opportunities for members and guests to connect. The primary way we seek to do this is through Sunday Bible Study and DNA Groups. Sunday Bible Study is suspended until January. If you would like to find out more about one of our DNA groups that meet at varying times through the week, please contact Pastor Tom or his wife Amanda.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

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| Receipts for Nov. 2020 | \$ 13,007.20 |
| Receipts 2020 YTD | \$139,684.94 |
| Expenses 2020 YTD | \$120,365.34 |
| Balance as of Dec 1 | \$ 31,035.30 |

Thank you for your faithfulness!

Pastor/Elders & Deacons

Lead Pastor.....Tom Agnew
ElderJosh Lafave
Elder.....Delon Bradley
Elder.....Justin Long

Diaconate & Ministry Directors

Deacon of Worship.....Jordan Williams
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Deacon of Prayer Initiatives.....Del Curtis
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COMFORT & JOY

BORN OF GOD
JOHN 1:9-13



Call to Worship

Show us your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,

And grant us your salvation.

Listen to what the Lord our God says:

He promises peace to his people, And our God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever. who are his beloved saints.

The Lord will indeed give what is good.

Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.

May the Lord make his holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship.

May we see God's face and so know peace. Amen.

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion

We will sing with our hearts restored

He has done great things we will say together

We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire

He is the Lord our God

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld protected gathered up

[Chorus]

Verse 2

In the dark of night before the dawn

My soul be not afraid

For the promised morning oh how long

Oh God of Jacob be my strength

[Chorus]

Verse 3

Every vow we've broken and betrayed

You are the faithful one

And from the garden to the grave

Bind us together bring shalom

[Chorus]

Josh Lafave

Worship Team

Celebration of Advent

Lighting the Candle of Joy

What brings the most joy in our lives? What is it that brings a smile to our face whenever we think about it? God sending His Son Jesus was and is incredible news of great joy. The King of the universe coming to earth was a big deal, and it brought joy to many people who saw what God was doing.

***Congregational Prayer**

May this church become an increasingly joyful community in the face of hardships, pain, doubt, and celebrations; that in the midst of life circumstances, we would have joy in the nearness of God made possible by Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Allow our joy to be expressed in words and deeds of gratitude, celebration, and giving. We long that all gifts would always lead us to joy in the Giver rather than the gifts themselves and that our joy would be constantly turned to praise.

Tom & Katie Garrett

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Worship Team

Verse 1

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 hosts proclaim

Christ is born in Bethlehem

ark the herald angels sing

Glory to the newborn King

Verse 2

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

Verse 3

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

Verse 4

Come Desire of nations come

Fix in us Thy humble home

Rise the woman's conqu'ring seed

Bruise in us the serpent's head

Adam's likeness now efface

Stamp Thine image in its place

Second Adam from above

Reinstate us in Thy love

Hark the herald angels sing

Glory to the newborn King

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Worship Team

Verse 1

Come Thou long expected Jesus

Born to set Thy people free

From our fears and sins release us

Let us find our rest in Thee

Israel's strength and consolation

Hope of all the earth Thou art

Dear desire of every nation

Joy of every longing heart

Verse 2

Born Thy people to deliver

Born a child and yet a King

Born to reign in us forever

Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring

By Thine own eternal Spirit

Rule in all our hearts alone

By Thine all sufficient merit

Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Worship & Sacrament

Sermon - Tom Agnew

The Light Brings New Birth- John 1:9-13

Communion - Delon Bradley

Sending of the Church

God has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.—from Micah 6:8

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heav'nly host

Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Benediction

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. - **1 Thess 4:12-13**