



SOUTH CLT PRES CHURCH

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Worship Service

Welcome

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Call to Worship

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Isaiah 9:2, 49:6; John 1:1-5

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

People: I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Leader: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

All: In him was life, and the life was the light of men. He light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Worship in Song

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 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 THE 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

AWAY IN A MANGER

AWAY IN A MANGER NO CRIB FOR A BED
THE LITTLE LORD JESUS LAID DOWN HIS SWEET HEAD
THE STARS IN THE SKY LOOKED DOWN WHERE HE LAY
THE LITTLE LORD JESUS ASLEEP ON THE HAY

THE CATTLE ARE LOWING THE BABY AWAKES
BUT LITTLE LORD JESUS NO CRYING HE MAKES
I LOVE THEE LORD JESUS LOOK DOWN FROM THE SKY
AND STAY BY MY CRADLE 'TIL MORNING IS NIGH

BE NEAR ME LORD JESUS I ASK THEE TO STAY
CLOSE BY ME FOREVER AND LOVE ME I PRAY
BLESS ALL THE DEAR CHILDREN IN THY TENDER CARE
AND FIT US FOR HEAVEN TO LIVE WITH THEE THERE

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL, JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT!
O COME YE, O COME YE TO BETHLEHEM
COME AND BEHOLD HIM, BORN THE KING OF ANGELS

O COME LET US ADORE HIM
O COME LET US ADORE HIM
O COME LET US ADORE HIM
CHRIST THE LORD

GOD OF GOD, LIGHT OF LIGHT
LO! HE ABHORS NOT THE VIRGIN'S WOMB
VERY GOD, BEGOTTEN, NOT CREATED

SING CHOIRS OF ANGELS! SING IN EXULTATION!
SING ALL YE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN ABOVE
GLORY TO GOD! ALL GLORY IN THE HIGHEST

YEA, LORD, WE GREET THEE, BORN THIS HAPPY MORNING;

JESUS, TO THEE BE ALL GLORY GIV'N;
WORD OF THE FATHER, NOW IN FLESH APPEARING

Community Update

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Pastoral Prayer

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Scripture Reading

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Isaiah 59:14-60:3

So justice is driven back,
and righteousness stands at a distance;
truth has stumbled in the streets,
honesty cannot enter.
Truth is nowhere to be found,
and whoever shuns evil becomes a prey.

The Lord looked and was displeased
that there was no justice.
He saw that there was no one,
he was appalled that there was no one to intervene;
so his own arm achieved salvation for him,
and his own righteousness sustained him.
He put on righteousness as his breastplate,
and the helmet of salvation on his head;
he put on the garments of vengeance
and wrapped himself in zeal as in a cloak.
According to what they have done,
so will he repay
wrath to his enemies
and retribution to his foes;
he will repay the islands their due.
From the west, people will fear the name of the Lord,
and from the rising of the sun, they will revere his glory.
For he will come like a pent-up flood
that the breath of the Lord drives along.

"The Redeemer will come to Zion,
to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,"
declares the Lord.

"As for me, this is my covenant with them," says the Lord. "My Spirit, who

is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the Lord.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Dean Faulkner

We Hope for Light

Isaiah 59:14-60:3

1. The World Is Dark and God Is Displeased (59:9, 14-15)
2. The Divine Redeemer Will Come with Salvation and Judgment (59:16-21)
3. The Light Overcomes Darkness - Come to Him (60:1-3)

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Dean Faulkner

Corporate Confession of Sin:

Holy God and Lord of light, we enter your presence and see our unholiness. We feel our lack of integrity when we truly face your truth. Our transgressions are multiplied before you, and our sins testify against us; for our transgressions are with us, and we know our iniquities: transgressing, and denying the Lord, and turning back from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart lying words. O Lord, redeem us from our sin through the one Redeemer. Bring us from darkness into light through salvation and the cross. [Adapted from Isaiah

59:12-13]

*Moment of Silent Confession & Prayer

Gospel Assurance:

[Give] thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:12-13)

Lord's Supper

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Song of Response

THE FIRST NOEL

THE FIRST NOEL, THE ANGEL DID SAY
WAS TO CERTAIN POOR SHEPHERDS IN FIELDS AS THEY LAY
IN FIELDS WHERE THEY LAY KEEPING THEIR SHEEP
ON A COLD WINTER'S NIGHT THAT WAS SO DEEP

NOEL, NOEL, NOEL, NOEL
BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!

THEY LOOKED UP AND SAW A STAR
SHINING IN THE EAST, BEYOND THEM FAR
AND TO THE EARTH IT GAVE GREAT LIGH
AND SO IT CONTINUED BOTH DAY AND NIGHT

AND BY THE LIGHT OF THAT SAME STAR
THREE WISE MEN CAME FROM COUNTRY FAR
TO SEEK FOR A KING WAS THEIR INTENT
AND TO FOLLOW THE STAR WHEREVER IT WENT

THEN LET US ALL WITH ONE ACCORD
SING PRAISES TO OUR HEAVENLY LORD
WHO HATH MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH OF NAUGHT
AND WITH HIS BLOOD OUR LIFE HATH BOUGHT

Benediction

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