

GRACE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

SUNDAY

DEC. 8, 2013

The organ prelude marks the beginning of the worship service. It calls us to quiet ourselves and to direct our hearts and minds toward Him.

Prelude	"How Great Our Joy" by Mary McDonald	
Introit	"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"	20
Lighting of Advent Candles		Olivia Thomas Emma Thomas
Invocation		
Gloria Patri		Insert
Announcements		
Hymn	"Angels from the Realms"	99
Hymn	"How Great Our Joy"	144
Hymn	"First Noel"	91
Praise and Prayer		Ron Blackman
Music Special	"Bethlehem Skies"	
Advent Reading		Matt. 1:18-25
In His Word	"Joseph's Christmas"	
Benediction		
Closing Chorus	"Freely, Freely"	Insert

"your joy no man taketh from you."
John 16:22

Pastor
Organist

David M. Pointer
JoAnn Pointer

Before the Paling of the Stars

Before the paling of the stars,
Before the winter morn,
Before the earliest cockcrow,
Jesus Christ was born:
Born in a stable,
Cradled in a manger,
In the world His hands had made
Born a stranger.

Priest and king lay fast asleep
In Jerusalem,
Young and old lay fast asleep
In crowded Bethlehem;
Saint and Angel, ox and ass,
Kept a watch together
Before the Christmas daybreak
In the winter weather.

Jesus on His mother's breast
In the stable cold,
Spotless Lamb of God was He,
Shepherd of the fold:
Let us kneel with Mary maid,
With Joseph bent and hoary,
With Saint and Angel, ox and ass,
To hail the King of Glory.

Christian Rossetti

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

12/08	Sun.	10:30 AM	Sunday School
		11:30 AM	Fellowship & Refreshments
		11:45 AM	2nd Advent Service
12/11	Wed.	7:00 PM	Mid-Week Service
			Prayer, Praise, and Bible Study
			Adult Study: "The Gospel of Luke"
			Kids Club: "Young Explorers"
			Youth: "Let's Talk"
12/23	Mon.	7:30 PM	Christmas Candlelight Service
			Kids Club Christmas Musical
			The Christmas Gathering

Remember soup collection for Metropolitan Ministries.

On the table at the entrance to the sanctuary you will find visitor cards, prayer cards, the attendance register, and the offering box. If you have never completed a visitor card, please complete one and place it in the offering box. If you have completed a visitor card on a previous visit, please register your attendance today by signing the attendance register.

A MERRY HEART DOETH GOOD LIKE A MEDICINE

MESSAGES: T-SHIRTS, BUMPER STICKERS, & PLAQUES

If you don't like my driving....stay off the sidewalks.

PARAPROSDOKIANS

Paraprosdokians (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. 13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

PUNOGRAPHY

I tried to catch some Fog.. I mist.

SMILE

Tom, Dick and Harry went to a party. After the party they returned to the hotel. The hotel was 600 stories high. Unfortunately for them, the elevator was not working. They made a plan for the first 200 stories, Tom will crack jokes. The second 200 stories Dick will tell a happy story and lastly Harry will tell a sad story. They then started up the steps. After 2 hours it was Harry's turn. He turned to the other two and said "Ok guys, here's my sad story. I forgot the keys downstairs.

WHY MOTHER YELL



PROVERBS FOR LIVING

"A prudent *man* foreseeeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished."

Proverbs 22:3

English melody
From Sandys' Christmas Carols, 1833

English carol, before 1823

1. The first no-el the an-gel did say Was to cer-tain poor
2. They look-ed up and saw a star Shin-ing in the
3. And by the light of that same star, Three wise men
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O'er Beth-le-
5. Then en-tered in those wise men three, Full rev-'rent-
6. Then let us all with one ac-cord Sing prais-es

shepherds in fields as they lay— In fields where they lay keep-ing their
east, be-yond them far; And to the earth it gave great
came from coun-try far; To seek for a king was their in-
hem it took its rest; And there it did both stop and
ly up-on their knee, And of-fered there, in His pres-
to our heav'n-ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of

sheep, On a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
light, And so it con-tin-ued both day and night.
tent, And to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went. No-el, no-
stay, Right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay.
ence, Their gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense.
naught, And with His blood man-kind hath bought.

el! No-el, no-el! Born is the King of Is-ra-el!

Traditional

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1. God rest you mer-ry, gen-tle-men, Let noth-ing you dis-may, Re-
2. From God our Heav'n-ly Pa-ther, A bless-ed an-gel came; And
3. "Fear not then," said the an-gel, "Let noth-ing you af-fright, This
4. The shep-herds at those ti-dings Re-joic-ed much in mind, And
5. And when they came to Beth-le-hem Where our dear Sav-iour lay, They

mem-ber Christ our Sav-iour Was born on Christ-mas Day, To
un-to cer-tain shep-herds Brought ti-dings of the same: How
day is born a Sav-iour Of a pure vir-gin bright, To
left their flocks a-feed-ing, In tem-pest, storm and wind: And
found Him in a man-ger, Where ox-en feed on hay; His

save us all from Sa-tan's pow'r When we were gone a-stray;
that in Beth-le-hem was born The Son of God by name.
free all those who trust in Him From Sa-tan's pow'r and might."
went to Beth-le-hem straight-way, The Son of God to find.
moth-er Ma-ry kneel-ing down, Un-to the Lord did pray.

CHORUS *ff*
O-ti-dings of com-fort and joy, com-fort and

joy, O-ti-dings of com-fort and joy.

144 How Great Our Joy!

I bring you good news of great joy. Luke 2:10

1. While by the sheep we watched at night, Glad tid-ings brought an
 2. There shall be born, so he did say, In Beth-le-hem a
 3. There shall the Child lie in a stall, This Child who shall re-
 4. This gift of God we'll cher-ish well, That ev-er joy our

an-gel bright.
 Child to-day. How great our joy! Great our joy!
 deem us all.
 hearts shall fill.

Joy, joy, joy, Joy, joy, joy! Praise we the Lord in

heav'n on high! Praise we the Lord in heav'n on high!

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

JAMES MONTGOMERY, 1771-1854

HENRY SMART, 1813-1879

1. An-gels, from the realms of glo-ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep-herds, in the fields a-bid-ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sag-es, leave your con-tem-pla-tions, Bright-er vi-sions beam a-far;
 4. Saints be-fore the al-tar bend-ing, Watch-ing long in hope and fear,

Ye who sang cre-a-tion's sto-ry, Now pro-claim Mes-si-sh's birth:
 God with man is now re-sid-ing, Yon-der shines the in-fant Light:
 Seek the great De-sire of na-tions, Ye have seen His na-tal star:
 Sud-den-ly the Lord, de-scend-ing, In His tem-ple shall ap-pear:

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, Wor-ship Christ, the new-born King

12/08/13
"Joseph's Christmas"
"Matthew 2:18-25"
"John 16:22"

(Luk 1:44) For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, **the babe leaped in my womb for joy.**

(Luk 2:10) And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good **tidings of great joy**, which shall be to all people.

(Mat 2:10) When they saw the star, they rejoiced with **exceeding great joy.**

(Joh 15:11) These things have I spoken unto you, that **my joy** might remain in you, and *that your joy might be full.*

(Joh 16:24) Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that **your joy may be full.**

(1Jn 1:4) And these things write we unto you, **that your joy may be full.**

(Joh 15:11) These things have I spoken unto you, **that my joy might remain in you**, and *that your joy might be full.*

(Joh 16:22) And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and **your joy no man taketh from you.**

(Neh 8:10) Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: *for this day is holy* unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; **for the joy of the LORD is your strength.**

(1Pe 1:8) Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy **unspeakable and full of glory:**

(Rom 14:17) For the **kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**

Bethlehem Skies- Dara McClean

Dry your eyes the King is come
Death has lost and victory won
You were born to change it all
A warrior though frail and small

Just a baby
Sleeping in a manger
All the world was waiting for You to come

Holy, Holy, Silent night
Peace has come to all mankind
All of this with me in mind
Under Bethlehem skies

Oh the role you came to play
Born to give your life away
Soon you'll set the captives free
But tonight's about your welcoming

Oh listen
Hear the angels singing
Glory in the highest, the Lord has come

Holy, Holy, Silent night
Peace has come to all mankind
All of this with me in mind
Under Bethlehem skies

Holy, Holy
Hear the angels sing
Holy Holy
Come now our King

Yea so Holy

Holy, Holy, Silent night
Peace has come to all mankind
All of this with me in mind
All of this with me in mind

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