

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Kay Knight

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-16

MESSAGE

Pastor Janice Kuder

SONG OF RESPONSE & OFFERING

“SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And its righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone,
But by ev'ry word
That proceeds
From the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, BENEDICTION & CLOSING SONG

“O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL”

Oh, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye
to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
born the king of angels:
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now
in flesh appearing!
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord! him,
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest:
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

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OPENING SONG

“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 light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

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.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

This star drew near to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Bestul Family

Bethlehem Candle

This candle reminds us of the humble birth of Christ. It also reminds us to prepare our hearts for Jesus Christ during the season. (Micah 5:2) Prayer: Christ our Hope, illuminate our hearts with your grace. Enlarge our vision so that we recognize our kinship with all the people of the world. Help us to give to others in ways that meet their deepest needs. We await your coming with gratitude. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“O COME, O COME EMMANUEL”

Oh, Come, oh, Come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

Oh, come, oh come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Chorus

Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free
Your own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell your people save
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave

Chorus

Oh, come, blest Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Chorus

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Petitions are spoken, each ending:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy; **People: Hear our prayer.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer, Communion Song

“CHRISTMAS OFFERING”

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
Three wise men seeking truth, they traveled from afar
Hoping to find the child from heaven
And falling on their knees they bow before the humble Prince of Peace
We bring an offering of worship to our King
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing
Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due
O Lord, I bring an offering to you

The sun cannot compare to the glory of your love
There is no shadow in our presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before your throne
Before the Holy One of heaven
It's only by Your blood, it's only through Your mercy Lord, I come

I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus may you receive the honor that you're due
O Lord, I bring an offering to you

(repeat)

We bring an offering to you
We are an offering to you (an offering, of praise we sing)
(An offering, to you) we are an offering to you, Jesus
(An offering, of praise we sing)
(An offering to you) (we are an offering to you)
We are an offering of worship to our king
No one on earth deserves the praises that we sing
Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due
(the honor that you're due)

O Lord, we bring an offering to you
O Lord, we bring an offering
Jesus, my king (my king, my king) an offering to you
An offering to you (praises that we sing) we bring an offering to you
(No one deserves) we are an offering to you
Oh, Lord, unto the King

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4:1-17

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