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ADVENT WORSHIP &

OPENING HYMN(red hymnal) 61

INVOCATION «

- P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

[Brief musical introduction]

Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

PSALM OF INTROSPECTION Psalm 40:11-17 (NIV84)

- P: Do not withhold your mercy from me, LORD;
- C: May your love and faithfulness always protect me.
- P: For troubles without number surround me; my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see.
- C: They are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails within me.
- P: Be pleased to save me, LORD; come quickly, LORD, to help me.
- C: But as for me, I am poor and needy; may the Lord think of me.
- P: You are my help and my deliverer;
- C: You are my God, do not delay.

GOSPEL PROMISE <

P: "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" Says your God.
"Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her,
That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned;
For she has received from the LORD'S hand
Double for all her sins." (Isaiah 40:1-2 NKJV)

[Brief musical introduction]

→ Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
 The Savior promised long;
 Let every heart prepare a throne
 And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release, In Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before Him burst, The iron fetters yield. He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure, And with the treasures of His grace To enrich the humble poor.

ADVENT HISTORY READINGLuke 1:26-56

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

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SERMON READINGLuke 1:26-27, 30-31, 34-35

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary...Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS...Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

Sermon Theme:

"The Holy Spirit works sight unseen to make Christmas Possible."

The Incarnation of Jesus: the Holy Spirit conceives the Christ-child in the Virgin Mary's womb.



[Brief musical introduction]

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

My heart for very joy doth leap, My lips no more can silence keep; I, too, must sing with joyful tongue That sweetest ancient cradle-song:

Glory to God in highest heaven, Who unto us His Son hath given! While angels sing with pious mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

PRAYER - THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN(red hymnal) 98