



CROSSGATE CHURCH

Growing True Disciples

ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 22, 2024

WELCOME—ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP—CELEBRATION OF ADVENT *Luke 2:10-11*

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

WORSHIP IN SONG *Once In Royal David's City*

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God our Father, you tell us in your Word to rejoice in the Lord at all times. We confess that our joy is often stifled by the care and anxieties of this life. We have allowed ourselves to be manipulated by emotion rather than overcome by your goodness. As we turn away from you, we are prone to turn toward grumbling, melancholy, and cynicism. Forgive us for our delay to delight in you. Restore to us the joy of our salvation. By your Holy Spirit, would you enable us to find that the joy the Lord is our strength. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *Colossians 1:11-12*

...Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.

WORSHIP IN SONG *The Joy Of The Lord*

WORSHIP IN SONG *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

WORSHIP IN SONG *Of The Father's Love Begotten*

[Kids from Preschool to Kindergarten (ages 3-6) may be dismissed to Kids' Worship. Teachers are waiting to lead them out of the sanctuary.]

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture: *Ruth 4 with Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17*

Sermon: *"Faithful Promise: Joy in Redemption" - David Story*

WORSHIP IN SONG *Joy To The World!*

BENEDICTION

Once In Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,
and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall:
with the poor, and mean and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, through His own redeeming love;
for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above,
and He leads His children on to the place where He is gone.

The Joy Of The Lord

The joy of the Lord will be my strength. I will not falter, I will not faint.
He is my Shepherd, I am not afraid. The joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord, the joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord will be my strength. He will uphold me all of my days.
I am surrounded by mercy and grace. And the joy of the Lord is my strength.

The joy of the Lord will be my strength.
And I will not waver, walking by faith.
He will be strong to deliver me safe. The joy of the Lord is my strength.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.
Remember, Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God, our heavenly Father, a blessed angel came,
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

"Fear not, then," said the angel, "let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in Him from Satan's pow'r and might."

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,
and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Of the Father's love begotten ere the world began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed His sacred face, evermore and evermore!

This is He whom heaven-taught singers sang of old with one accord,
whom the Scriptures of the prophets promised in their faithful word;
now He shines, the long-expected;
let creation praise its Lord, evermore and evermore!

Joy To The World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.