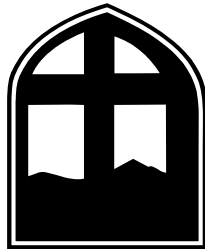


# Bethany

B I B L E C H U R C H



*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying,*

Where is He  
who has been born  
King of the Jews?  
For we have seen His star  
in the East and

**Have come to worship Him.**

*Matthew 2:1-2*

## THE LORD'S DAY

December 5, 2010

### Worship Service

*Enter with reverence, Worship in truth, Serve Christ with gladness.*

#### **Meditation**

The LORD will give strength to His people;  
The LORD will bless His people with peace.

Psalm 29:11

#### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship & Prayer**

Choir

*Worship Christ, the Newborn King*

Matthew 2:1-2

#### **Adoration**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Hymn **199**

†Congregational Reading                      Isaiah 9:6-7; 26:3-4  
*Congregation will read in unison.*

<sup>6</sup> For unto us a Child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.  
And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and peace  
There will be no end,  
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,  
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice  
From that time forward, even forever.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. . . .

<sup>3</sup> You will keep him in perfect peace,  
Whose mind is stayed on You,  
Because he trusts in You.

<sup>4</sup> Trust in the LORD forever,  
For in YAH, the LORD, is everlasting strength.

†Doxology    Old One Hundredth  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon**

Scripture Reading                                      Psalm 32:1-5, 10-11

†*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

*Text:* Charles Wesley (1744)

*Tune:* R. H. Prichard (1830), Hyfrydol ("Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners")

Come! Thou long-expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child, and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit,  
Rule in all our hearts alone:  
By Thine all-sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### **Petition**

†Prayer of Intercession

Offering

### **Ministry of the Word**

†Congregational Reading                                      Luke 2:8-14

*Pastor:* <sup>8</sup>Now there were in the same country shepherds  
living out in the fields, keeping watch over their  
flock by night.

*Women:* <sup>9</sup>And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before  
them, and the glory of the Lord shone around  
them, and they were greatly afraid.

*Men:* <sup>10</sup>Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid,  
for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy  
which will be to all people.

Men: <sup>11</sup>For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Women <sup>12</sup>And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

Pastor: <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

All: <sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Choir *Never a Brighter Star  
A Christmas Prayer*

*O Come, All Ye Faithful* Hymn **201**

Scripture Reading *Selections from John 14 & 16*

Choir *Peace I Give to You*

Duet *In the Bleak Midwinter, Scott & Becky Aniol*

Scripture Lesson "What Child is This?"

Choir *This Child*

THE SERMON  
"The Gospel of Peace"  
Isaiah 52:7

Choir *Rejoice, the Lord is King<sup>†</sup>*

<sup>†</sup>*Congregation **stands** and sings final stanza with choir:*  
Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take His servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice,  
Rejoice, again! I say, rejoice!

**Benediction**  
Prayer

Benediction  
Choir *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

**Postlude**

<sup>†</sup>*Congregation will stand*

The Gospel of Peace – Isaiah 52:7  
Pastor Greg Stiekas



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Sunday School, 9:45; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00,  
Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting, 6:00.  
Fellowship Dinner 3rd Sunday of the month; no evening service.  
Wednesday Evenings: Awana, visitation, fellowship groups  
*Please note weekly announcements for any changes to this schedule.*

*To Our Guests:* We welcome you to Bethany Bible Church! We trust you will sense our desire to exalt the Lord in our worship, as well as our commitment to the sufficiency of the Scriptures. You and your entire family are invited to worship with us. A nursery is provided for ages 0-3 if you would like, and you may also hear the service in the foyer or fellowship room if you need to attend to small children. We would like to have a record of your visit. You should receive a guest card which you may give to Pastor Stiekas personally or hand to one of our ushers. We trust that God will richly bless you as we endeavor to magnify the Lord on His day.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS & COMING EVENTS

**TONIGHT** – 5 PM, Christmas Fellowship at John & Karen Strange's: bring your favorite Christmas treat, salty or sweet & Bible verse 'gifts'; please park on the Stranges' side of the street and do not allow children near the goldfish pond

**WEDNESDAY** – 6:45 PM, AWANA; 7 PM, Evangelistic Bible Study, Visitation, & Youth Bible Study

**NEXT SUNDAY** – No Fellowship Dinner; 6 PM, Prayer service

**DECEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>** – 7 PM, Christmas caroling; no other midweek services or activities

**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>** – 6 PM, Christmas Eve Service

**DECEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>** – No midweek services or activities

**DECEMBER 31<sup>st</sup>** – 6 PM, Church Prayer Service and Fellowship

#### *Weekly Catechism*

26. Q. How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?  
A. Christ, the son of God, became man by taking to himself a true body, and a rational soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the Virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

Heb 2:14; Matt 26:38; Heb 4:15; Luke 1:31, 35; Heb 7:26

In Isaiah's day, the nation of Judah had little to cling to that would make them feel secure. Politically they were a weak player on the world's stage. Militarily they were at the mercy of larger empires, especially Assyria who had already devastated and took into exile the northern tribes of Israel. And spiritually they were warned by the LORD that He would judge them for their sin. Nevertheless, Isaiah offers the nation hope through God's promise that He will not abandon His people but ultimately deliver and establish them. In this text, the celebration of God's promised deliverance begins as a messenger comes running with *good news* from the battle. His message for the city of Jerusalem is the same that we rejoice in today:

1. The *promise* of this good news:

a. Peace

b. Gladness

c. Salvation

2. The *subject* of this good news: *God is King!*