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THE GOSPEL – *The Good News of Christmas*

The Light That Shines in the Darkness

Luke 2:8-14

“Do not be afraid.

I bring you good news of great joy
that will be for all the people. ...”

- I. Disturbance of a tranquil setting.
 - A. Shepherds – tending their flocks at night.
 - B. Their tranquil night was interrupted:
 1. An Angel appeared to them
 2. The glory of the Lord shown around them.

- II. Comfort in the midst of disturbance:
 - A. Do not be afraid. — (*Fear is almost always self-focused*)
 - B. I bring you good news of great joy.
 - C. This is not only for you ... but for all people.

- III. The message of comfort still speaks to our disturbed world..
 - A. Because we are loved by God ... we need not fear. (I John 4:18)
 - B. The good news of the Gospel results in great joy. (Isaiah 61:1-3)
 - C. The good news has no racial, social, or national boundaries ... it is for all the people. (Galatians 3:26-28)

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Call to Worship Psalm 24 Mr. Robert Smith

L: ¹The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; ²for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

C: **³Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?**

L: ⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. ⁵He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior. ⁶Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

C: **⁷Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

L: ⁸Who is this King of glory?

C: **The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

L: ⁹Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C: **¹⁰Who is he, this King of glory?**

L: The LORD Almighty— he is the King of glory.

*Hymn No. 145 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;
Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him ~ Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n above;
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him ~ Christ, the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him ~ Christ, the Lord.

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Scripture Reading Luke 2:8-14 Mr. Robert Smith

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "**Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.**" ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.

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THE GOSPEL – *The Good News of Christmas*

The Light That Shines in the Darkness

Disturbance of a Tranquil Setting

*Hymn 124 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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 ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry 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.

Offering of Thanks and Praise

Mr. Robert Smith

Offertory

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Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 134

Emmanuel

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called, Emmanuel,
God with us, revealed in us, His name is called, Emmanuel

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He said, 'Freely, Freely, you have received ~ Freely, freely give.'

“Go in my name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.”

*Postlude