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Choral Introit

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Sermon Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

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Luke 2:15-20

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Offertory Mr. Arthur Busby

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*Hymn No. 93 *Praise the Name of Jesus*

*Postlude

THE GOSPEL – *The Good News of Christmas*

The Light: Shines in the Darkness

The Light: The Anointed One – Christ the Lord

The Light: Available to All

Luke 2:8-14

The Light: Received and Reflected

Luke 2:15-20

- I. The Shepherds were Informed by the Angel: (Luke 2:10-12)
 - A. A message of love ... that removes fear.
 - B. News that is good ... that produces joy.
 - C. A report that is personal ... that results in change.
 - D. A messiah – the Lord ... whom we should serve.
 - E. A natural, ordinary, and approachable God ... extending His invitation to all.

- II. The Shepherds Apply the Angel's Message:
 - A. "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." (15)
 - B. So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. (16)
 - C. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, (17)
 - D. and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. (18)

- III. Our Application from the Shepherds:
 - A. Have you said, "Let's go ... and see?"
 - B. What did you find?
 - C. Have you told others?
 - D. What was their response?

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*Hymn No. 131 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory*

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with man is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear, suddenly the Lord, descending, in His temple shall appear:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the new-born King.

*Invocation

Scripture Reading Luke 2:15-20

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

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THE GOSPEL – *The Good News of Christmas*

The Light – Received and Reflected

Luke 2:15-20

Shepherds Informed by the Angel

*Hymn No. 167 *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

O sing a song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there,
and of the news that came to them from angels in the air.
The light that shone on Bethlehem fills all the world today;
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth the angels sing al-way.

O sing a song of Nazareth, of sunny days of joy;
O sing of fragrant flowers' breath, and of the sinless Boy.
For now the flowers of Nazareth in every heart may grow;
now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee, of lake and woods and hill,
of him who walked upon the sea and bade the waves be still.
For though like waves on Galilee, dark seas of trouble roll,
when faith has heard the Master's work, falls peace upon the soul.

O sing a song of Calvary, its glory and dismay,
of him who hung upon the tree, and took our sins away.
For he who died on Calvary is risen from the grave,
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored, is mighty now to save.

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Shepherds Apply the Angel's Message

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 82

O Come, Let Us Adore Him

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

We'll praise His name forever, We'll praise His name forever,
We'll praise His name forever, Christ the Lord

We'll give Him all the glory, We'll give Him all the glory,
We'll give Him all the glory, Christ the Lord.

For He alone is worthy, For He alone is worthy,
For He alone is worthy, Christ the Lord.

Sermon Applied

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Hymn No. 93 *Praise the Name of Jesus*

Praise the name of Jesus, Praise the name of Jesus,
He's my Rock, He's my Fortress, He's my Deliverer,
In Him will I trust, Praise the name of Jesus!

*Postlude