

Morning Worship

12.27.09

Welcome & Announcements

Reflection

“The Pharisees and the scribes were denounced by our Lord as being hypocrites. Yes; but they were unconscious hypocrites. They did not realize it, they really thought all was well. You cannot read your Bible without constantly being reminded of that terrible danger. There is the possibility of our relying upon the wrong thing, of resting upon things that appertain to true worship rather than being in the position of true worship.”

– D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Prelude

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 96: 7–9

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1739; Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, 1840

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the
new - born King; Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,
God and sin - ners re - con - ciled!" Joy - ful all ye
na - tions rise. — Join the tri - umph of the skies;
With an - gel - ic hosts pro claim, "Christ is — born in
Beth - le - hem." Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing,
"Glo - ry — to the new - born — King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored. Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time, behold Him come, offspring of a virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh, the God-head see. hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild, He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Call to Confession of Sin

Luke 1:51-54

He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

[Please pray the italicized portions aloud together.]

O Father, relieve our consciences, now and in the hour of our death, from the terror of our guilt and the fear of your judgment. Let your peace come into our hearts that we may await your judgment with joy. Be not severe in your judgment of us, or no one will be found righteous. Teach us, dear Father, not to trust or find comfort in our own merits or good works. But teach us to venture and resign ourselves faithfully and firmly to your infinite mercy. In the same manner, let us not lose courage because of our guilty and sinful lives. Let us regard your mercy as higher and broader and stronger than all our being. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

Luke 1:68-69

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.

Hymn of Pardoning Grace

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Lyrics: Medieval Latin carol; Music: German melody, 14th century

Good Christian men, re - joice, ___ with heart and soul and
4 voice; ___ give ye heed to what we say: Je sus Christ is
8 born to day; earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and
11 he is in the man-ger now. Christ is born to - day! ___
15 Christ is born to - day! _____

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice
Now ye hear of endless bliss, Jesus Christ was born for this
He hath opened heaven's door and man is blessed evermore
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this

Good Christian men, rejoice with heart and soul and voice
Now ye need not fear the grave, Jesus Christ was born to save
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9: 2–7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Offering

Offertory

Doxological Response

The Old Hundredth

Lyrics: Thomas Ken, 1709; Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'nly
host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho ly Ghost. A - men.

Epistle Reading

Galatians 4: 1–7

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

Prayers of the People

(Please pray the italicized portions aloud together.)

Blessed is the Kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:
now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world; for the welfare of the churches of Jesus Christ,
and for the union of them all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this church, and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and the fear of
God, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our ministers, elders, deacons and for all our staff and the people, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this nation, the President, civil authorities, and Armed Forces, let us pray to
the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this community, the surrounding area, and the faithful living therein, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for
peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel by land, by sea and by air, for the sick and the suffering;
for those under persecution and for their deliverance, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, need, and sin, let us pray
to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by your grace.

Lord, have mercy.

Remembering our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us commend ourselves and
one another, and all our life unto Him our God.

To you, O Lord.

For unto you are due all glory, honor, and worship: to the Father, and to the
Son, and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

Greeting of Peace

Leader: Let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts. To this peace we are
called as members of a single body. The peace of Christ be with
you.

All: *And also with you.*

At this time, during our 11:00 a.m. worship service, children, ages **four and five**,
are invited to attend CHILDREN'S WORSHIP, a specially designed program to help train them
for worship . Teachers will meet the children at the back of the auditorium and escort them to
class. If you would like to keep your child(ren) with you in the auditorium
during worship, we welcome you to do so.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5: 17 – 20

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All: *Praise be to you, O Christ!*

Sermon

Charles Godwin

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

[The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.]

Invitation and Prayer

[Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers provided as guidelines. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.]

Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!*

Minister: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Giving of the Bread and Cup

[As you are ready please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. The goblet with the ribbon contains non-alcoholic grape juice for those who do not wish to drink wine. We partake in the Supper by intinction, that is, we dip the bread into the cup.]

Communion Hymn

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Lyrics: William Cowper, 1771; Music: Lowell Mason, 1830

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: lose all their guilty stains, — lose all their guilty — stains; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains." The score includes measure numbers 3, 6, 9, 12, and 15.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die

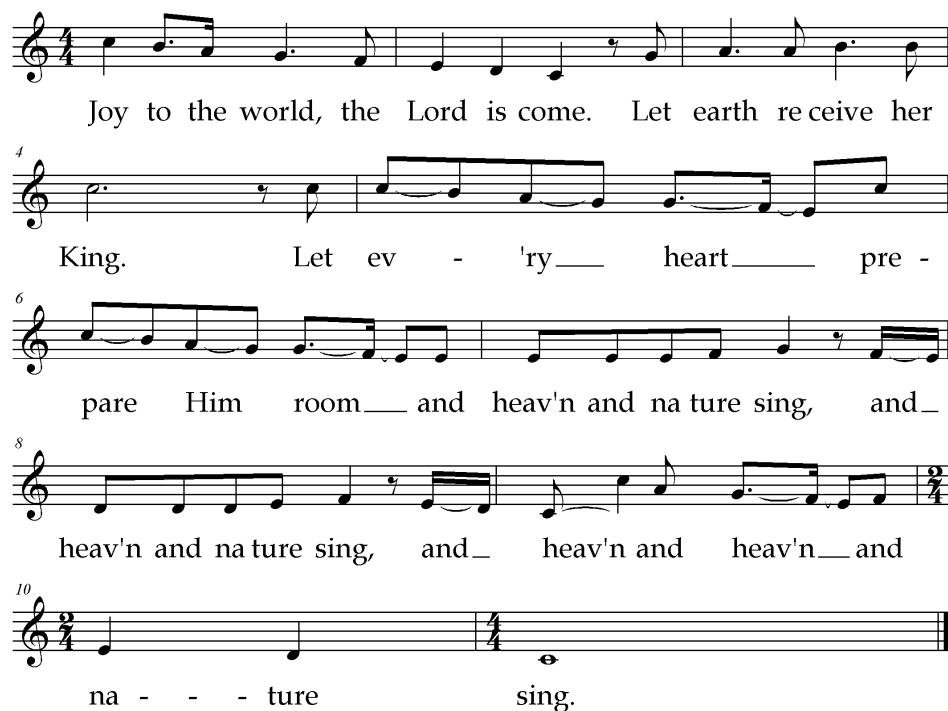
Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave

Dear dying Lamb Thy precious blood shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed church of God, be saved to sin no more

Hymn of Response

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Lyrics: Isaac Watts, 1719; Music: George Frederick Handel, 1742



Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her
King. Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
pare Him room and heav'n and na ture sing, and
heav'n and na ture sing, and heav'n and heav'n and
na - - - ture 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

Benediction

Postlude

READINGS FOR 12/27/09 - 01/03/10

12/27 - 2 Chronicles 32; Revelation 18 ; Zechariah 14 ; John 17

12/28 - 2 Chronicles 33; Revelation 19 ; Malachi 1 ; John 18

12/29 - 2 Chronicles 34; Revelation 20 ; Malachi 2 ; John 19

12/30 - 2 Chronicles 35; Revelation 21 ; Malachi 3 ; John 20

12/31 - 2 Chronicles 36; Revelation 22 ; Malachi 4 ; John 21

01/01 - Genesis 1; Matthew 1 ; Ezra 1; Acts 1

01/02 - Genesis 2; Matthew 2 ; Ezra 1; Acts 2

01/03 - Genesis 3; Matthew 3 ; Ezra 3; Acts 3

Ivy Creek Currents

Holiday Schedule of Services

Christmas Eve Family Candlelight Service 5:30 PM (No childcare provided)
Sunday, December 27 – 11:00 AM Service, No Sunday School

Officer Nominations - Ivy Creek Church is accepting nominations for the offices of Deacon and Elder through today. To make a nomination, you must be a member of Ivy Creek Church. Qualifications for Deacon and Elder nominees are listed on the nomination form, available at the Events Kiosk in the Lobby. If you have questions, call Charles Garland at 678-849-7918.

Upcoming Events:

Gospel Man Conference

Friday & Saturday March 5, 6, 2010

Mark your calendars for the next Gospel Man Conference. For more information, flyers are available at the kiosk. To register online, visit www.thegospelman.com.

Important Notes

Baptisms at Ivy Creek

If you are a member of Ivy Creek Church and would like to have your child baptized, contact Denise Moor at dmoor@ivycreek.org or 770-962-9600. Baptisms are scheduled on an individual basis – please note that they have to be scheduled several weeks in advance.

Volunteer Opportunities

There are many different opportunities for you to get involved at Ivy Creek. For information about and help finding a way that YOU can get involved, please call Carol Knight at 770-995-1807.

Lawrenceville Co-Op

Ivy Creek is a supporting church of the Lawrenceville Co-Op, a food pantry that serves Lawrenceville and Dacula families in need. Thank you to everyone who has given food and money this year – please continue to remember the Co-op in your prayers and with ongoing contributions of non-perishable food.

FIND A COMPLETE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT WWW.IVYCREEK.ORG.

Biblical references, unless otherwise noted, are taken from the Holy Bible: New International Version (NIV).

Music: Most historic hymns are public domain.

Recent praise songs are printed under Ivy Creek Church's CCLI License #836400.

Weekly updates...



January Events:

SLAM – Wednesdays: 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th

6:00pm-8:30pm, Snack provided

Boxland – 16th; details coming soon

D-Groups – 10th and 24th; 6:00pm-8:00pm

****Sunday School will resume on January 3rd****

If you would like to learn more about ICC Student Ministries, feel free to call Scott Bull at 770-962-9600 ext. 103 or Melissa Perry at 770-962-9600 ext. 101 or visit us on the web at www.ivycreekstudents.org.

Offering and Expenses

YTD Budgeted Expenses	\$227,703
YTD Actual Expenses	\$226,293
YTD Budgeted Giving	\$212,247
YTD Actual Giving	\$162,801
Fund Balances	\$ 63,598

Figures through November 30, 2009.

The full Ivy Creek Treasurer's Report is available for review upon request from the church office.
YTD = Year-to-date.

