

# **BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH**

ONLINE SERVICE

December 20, 2020

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This Morning's Christmas Sunday Message is taken from Colossians 1:19-23

## **UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF RECONCILIATION**

### **Welcome!**

*We're very glad you've chosen to be with us today for our online Sunday worship service, and we sincerely hope this time of worship will be a blessing to you.*

### **Order of Service**

*(hymns attached)*

### **Welcome**

*Hymn #244, "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

*Opening Prayer*

*Hymn #253, "Silent Night! Holy Night!"*

*Announcements*

### **Message**

*Hymn #277, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

*Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:4-7*

### **Closing Prayer**

## **Hymn #244: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

*Charles Wesley*

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.

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## **Hymn #253: Silent Night**

*Joseph Mohr*

Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and Child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia.  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Wondrous star, lend thy light.  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King.  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace;  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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## Hymn #277: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

*Charles Wesley*

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’ angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

### ***Chorus***

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King!”*

Christ, by highest heav’n adored;  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin’s womb:  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail th’ incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

### ***Chorus***

Hail, the heav’n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that men no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.

### ***Chorus***

**Scripture Reading**  
**from Galatians 4:4-7, NKJV**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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# UNWRAPPING THE GIFT OF RECONCILIATION

Reconciliation is when a change is brought about in our relationship with God from enmity to peace. And Christmas is the gift of reconciliation between God and sinners.

As this passage shows us ...

1. **IT'S A GIFT GIVEN BY JESUS' INCARNATION (v. 19).**  
*(See also Colossians 2:9-10; Luke 1:18-28; 2 Timothy 2:5.)*
2. **IT'S A GIFT MADE EFFECTUAL BY JESUS' CROSS (v. 20).**  
*(See also John 1:29; Romans 8:18-22.)*
3. **IT'S A GIFT THAT RESTORES US TO THE FATHER (vv. 21-22).**  
*(See Ephesians 4:17-19.)*
4. **IT'S A GIFT THAT IS OURS BY FAITH IN THE GOSPEL (vv. 23).**  
*(See 2 Corinthians 5:18-21.)*



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**Thank you, and God bless you!**

