

BETHANY BIBLE CHURCH
SUNDAY ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE
December 22, 2024

Greg Allen, Pastor

This morning's message is taken from

Matthew 2:1-12

CHRISTMAS LESSONS FROM SOME WISE MEN

Welcome!

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

Order of Service

(hymns attached)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn #277, "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Hymn #261, "Away in a Manger"

Announcements

Church Family Time

Message

Congregational Scripture Reading: Luke 2:25-32

Hymn #281, "What Child Is This?"

Hymn #249, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (3rd. verse)

Closing Prayer

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

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Hymn #261: Away in a Manger

Source unknown

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus— no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

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This morning's Christmas Sunday message is taken from
Matthew 2:1-12

CHRISTMAS LESSONS FROM WISE MEN

The wise men from the East teach us principles of celebrating
Jesus' birth all year long ...

1. **SEE HIS BIRTH IN LIGHT OF THE BIGGER PICTURE** (vv. 1-2).
(See Daniel 7:13-14, 27; Numbers 24:17; Isaiah 60:3).
2. **DON'T LET UNBELIEF MISDIRECT YOU FROM HIM** (vv. 2-8).
(See Micah 5:2; Revelation 12:5.)
3. **TAKE DELIGHT IN SEEKING HIM MORE DEEPLY** (vv. 9-10).
(See Isaiah 11:10; 55:6; Hebrews 11:6.)
4. **WORSHIP HIM IN THE FULLNESS OF HIS BEING** (v. 11).
(See Psalm 72:10-11; Isaiah 60:6.)
5. **KNOW THAT GOD PROTECTS
A SINCERE PURSUIT
OF HIM** (v. 12).
(See Luke 10:42.)



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Congregational Scripture Reading: Luke 2:25-32 (nkjv)

(Leader reads the italicized text; Congregation reads the boldfaced text)

*And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem
whose name was Simeon,
and this man was just and devout,
waiting for the Consolation of Israel,
and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
that he would not see death
before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
So he came by the Spirit into the temple.
And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus,
to do for Him according to the custom of the law,
he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said:*

**“Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace,
According to Your word;
For my eyes have seen Your salvation
Which You have prepared
before the face of all peoples,
A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles,
And the glory of Your people Israel.”**

Hymn #281: What Child Is This?

William C. Dix

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus

*This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

Chorus

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Chorus

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Hymn #249: O Come, All Ye Faithful (v3)

John Francis Wade

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!

*O come, let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him—
Christ, the Lord!*

Thank you for joining us!

Be sure to visit our website at www.bethanybible.org for sermon and Bible Study notes – and join us each Wednesday at 10:00AM (PST) for our Wednesday morning Bible study (broadcast at 12PM PST)!

Please note: there will be no midweek services for the next three weeks. Midweek services (AM Bible Study and PM Prayer Service) will resume Wednesday, January 15.

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Thank you, and God bless you!**