

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

(B 22)

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 newborn 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 newborn 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 newborn King.

All creation, join in praising, God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

CONFESSING OUR SINS

LEADER:	Bright and Morning Star, King of nations, we rejoice and are glad on this bright Christmas morning, for truly You have come, full of grace and truth.
CHURCH:	Even now, come into our hearts again. Show us the path of knowledge. Save us from our sin.
LEADER:	Immanuel, Key of David, open wide our way to heaven, turn our darkness into light.
CHURCH:	End our sad divisions and be our King of peace.
LEADER:	Let us silently come to the light and confess our sins.

Please pause for a time of silent confession, as you confess to the Lord what he already knows about you, yet what he wants you to acknowledge, confess and repent of.

LEADER:	Let us put our hope in the Lord: His love will never fail us. With the Lord there is full redemption: He has redeemed us from all our sins.
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IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

(B 38)

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav’n’s all gracious King!”
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still thru the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav’nly music floats o’er all the weary world:
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov’ring wing,
And ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

And ye, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
Look now! For glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road and hear the angels sing.

For lo, the days are hast’ning on, by prophets bards foretold,
When with the ever circling years comes round the age of gold;
When peace shall over all the earth, its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world give back the song, which now the angels sing.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

LEADER:	The Peace of the Lord be with you.
CHURCH:	And also with you.
LEADER:	Please share the peace of the Lord with one another.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

Children are welcome to come forward to hear the message. After the message, children up to age 6 can be dismissed to the Nursery.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP	ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH	<i>French Carol Played by Mary Adams</i>
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MUSICAL MEDITATION

ANTHEM	ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH	<i>Hopson</i>
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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
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THE WORD

MESSAGE	PAUSE AND TREASURE THESE THINGS
SCRIPTURE	Luke 2:16-20
SERIES	<i>Advent 2010</i>

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

(B 44)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

SENDING OUT

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

WELCOME TO ESCALON PRESBYTERIAN

This Morning
Office Hours
Contact Info

Please sign the Attendance Booklet at the end of each pew
Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Closed on Mondays
1612 First Street, Escalon, CA 95320 • 209-838-2798
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TODAY

Sunday School
Morning Worship
Fellowship
College Age Class

Adult SS – 9:00 am / Youth SS / *On Break*
10:30 am
Following Worship / *Faith Center*
6:30 pm / Nickerson’s Home

THIS WEEK

Monday
Wednesday
Friday
Saturday

S.I.S. 6:30 pm / *Faith Center*
Youth Group 6:30 pm / *Youth Room*
New Years Eve
New Years Day 2011

COMING UP

Jan	4	Church Life Meets 5:30 pm / <i>Cancun Restaurant</i> Trustee’s Meet 7:00 pm / <i>EPC</i>
Jan	9	Scott Mayfield’s Adult SS Class Begins 9:00 am / <i>Faith Center</i> “ <i>The Faith</i> ” – <i>What Christians believe, why they believe it, and why it matters.</i>
Jan	30	Annual Church Meeting



SUNDAY – DECEMBER 26, 2010

PAUSE AND TREASURE THESE THINGS

REFLECTION

The implications of the name "Immanuel" are both comforting and unsettling. Comforting, because He has come to share the danger as well as the drudgery of our everyday lives. He desires to weep with us and to wipe away our tears. And what seems most bizarre, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, longs to share in and to be the source of the laughter and the joy we all too rarely know.

~ Michael Card

PREPARATION

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.

CHURCH: For a child is born to us, a Son is given to us. The government will rest on His shoulders. And He will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

LEADER: Say among the nations: The LORD is King!

CHURCH: Honor and majesty are before our God. Give to the Lord the glory due His name, bring an offering and come into the courts of the LORD for honor and majesty are before Him and strength and beauty are in His holy place. Praise to God, The LORD is King!