



# Heritage

BAPTIST CHURCH

**257 Lake Joy Road, Perry, GA**

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*“Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given;  
And the government will be upon His shoulder.*

*And His name will be called  
Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”*

*Isaiah 9:6*

## **Prelude**

### **Call to Worship**

(Pastor) Good News: A Great Light has burst forth, overcoming the darkness of evil. A Child has been born for us! A Son has been given to us. We shall call Him Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, our Everlasting Father.

**(All) Tonight, let us glorify and praise God our Father for sending His Son to be our Savior. Let us rejoice, for Christ has come, and we are gathered to worship Him.**

## **Christmas Carol Sing**

### **O Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant. O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels. O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation. O sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above. Glory to God, all glory in the highest. O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him! O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning. Jesus, to Thee be all glory given. 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!

### **It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

It came upon a 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 heaven's all gracious King. The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angel's 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 angel's sing.

For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old. When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold. When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling. And the whole world send back the song, which now the angel's sing.

### **Responsive Reading:**

(Pastor) Blessed Lord, You have given us Your greatest gift – Your very Word has come to earth to live with us and through us.

**(All) You have filled us with Your grace and truth! You have set us free from our bondage to sin.**

(Pastor) You have appeared in the flesh, bringing redemption to all. Your glory is made known in this newborn child.

**(All) Yet, we still choose to live in the dark places of our own making. Too often we wall ourselves in and shut the world out. We hold ourselves captive to our own fears and failings.**

(Pastor) Free us from this death, Lord. Restore Your light to our eyes, that we may behold anew Your love in our lives; that we may face the trials of life through Your grace and for Your glory.

**(All) Hear our prayer O Lord! We wait in eager anticipation for the glory of Your salvation this night. Amen.**

### **Away in a Manger**

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

The cattle are lowing, the poor 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.

### **What Child is This?**

What child is this who's laid to rest on Mary's lap is Sleeping,  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherd's watch are keeping?  
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 Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
This this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste! Haste! To bring him, laud! The babe, the son of Mary.

So, bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; come peasant, king to own Him.  
The kings of king's salvation brings: let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angel's sing.  
Haste! Haste! To bring Him laud. The Babe, the Son of Mary.

### **Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne**

Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown, when Thou camest to earth for me; But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room for Thy holy nativity. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang, proclaiming Thy royal degree. But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth, and in great humility. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

The foxes found rest, and the birds their nest in the shade of the forest tree. But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God, in the deserts of Galilee. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word that set Thy people free. But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn they bore Thee to Calvary. O come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for Thee.

When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing, at Thy coming to victory, Let Thy voice call me home, saying "Yet there is room, there is room at My side for thee." My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, When Thou comest and callest for me.

## **The Lighting of the Christ's Candle**



**“O Holy Night” – Instrumental**

## **The Observance of the Lord's Supper**



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### **Emmanuel: God with us**

#### **Matthew 1:22-23**

*“All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet Isaiah, saying: Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, “God with us.”*”

#### **Mary’s Response to Gabriel’s Announcement**

**My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for He has looked on the humble estate of His servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for He who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is His name.**

**And His mercy is for those who fear Him  
from generation to generation.**

**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 away empty.**

**He has helped His servant Israel,  
in remembrance of His mercy,  
as He spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to His offspring forever.**



Silent Night

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,  
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.

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.

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