



SOUTH WOODS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Morning Worship

December 7, 2008

10:15 a.m.

*Thou Son of God and Son of Man, Beloved, adored Immanuel;
Who didst, before all time began, In glory with Thy Father dwell:
We sing Thy love, who didst in time For us humanity assume;
To answer for the sinner's crime, To suffer in the sinner's room.
The ransomed church Thy glory sings; The hosts of heaven Thy will obey;
And, Lord of lords and King of kings, We celebrate Thy blessed sway.
A servant's form Thou Didst sustain; And with delight the law obey;
And then endure amazing pain, Whilst all our sorrows on Thee lay.
Blest Saviour! we are wholly Thine; So freely loved, so dearly bought,
Our souls to Thee we would resign, To Thee would subject every thought.
(John Ryland, 1753-1825)*

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-55

Ben Cripps

Confession of Sin

*Essence beyond essence,
Nature increate, Framer of the world,
I set Thee, Lord, before my face, and I lift up my soul unto Thee.*

*I worship Thee on my knees, and humble myself under Thy mighty hand.
I stretch forth my hands unto Thee, my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.
I smite on my breast and say with the Publican,
God be merciful to me a sinner, the chief of sinners;
to the sinner above the Publican, be merciful as to the Publican.
Father of mercies, I beseech Thy fatherly affection;
despise me not, an unclean worm, a dead dog, a putrid corpse,
despise not Thou the work of Thine own hands,
despise not Thine own image though branded by sin.
Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst make me clean;
Lord, only say the word, and I shall be cleansed.
And Thou, my Saviour Christ, Christ my Saviour,
Saviour of sinners, of whom I am chief,
despise me not, despise me not, O Lord,
despise not the cost of Thy blood, who am called by Thy Name;
but look on me with those eyes with which Thou didst look upon
Magdalene at the feast, Peter in the hall, the thief on the wood;—
that with the thief I may entreat Thee humbly,
Remember me, Lord, in Thy kingdom;
that with Peter I may bitterly weep and say,
O that mine eyes were a fountain of tears
that I might weep day and night; that with Magdalene, I may hear Thee say,
Thy sins be forgiven thee, and with her may love much,
for many sins yea manifold have been forgiven me.
And Thou, All holy, Good, and Life giving Spirit,
despise me not, Thy breath, despise not Thine own holy things;
but turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last,
and be gracious unto Thy servant.
(Lancelot Andrewes)*

Call to Worship

Choir

“The First Nowell”

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star shining in the East beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord
That hath made heav'n and earth of nought,
and with his blood mankind hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell! Born is the King of Israel.*

Hymn 135

Congregation

“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 129

Congregation

“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

Responsive Reading

Luke 2:1-14

***PASTOR:** In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town.*

CONGREGATION: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

***PASTOR:** And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

CONGREGATION: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear.

***PASTOR:** And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.*

CONGREGATION: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

***PASTOR:** And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."*

CONGREGATION: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

Hymn 132

Congregation

“Angels We Have Heard On High”

Message in Music

Choir

“A Cradle Carol”

*Lord Jesus, Savior, infant weak, Why come to earth as one so meek?
A newborn babe, helpless and small; And yet Creator of us all.
Thou hast no beauty, form, nor grace; No fortune, rank, no fame, no place
That men should see Thee and adore A babe so humble and so poor.
But to the soul whose eyes are healed, To whom the Truth has been revealed,
Thy glory challenges the sun; Thou art a thousand joys in One.
Though strangers see a babe in straw, Thy children see the Lord of all
Who laid aside His rightful reign to take away our sin and shame.*

*This sacrifice of love divine, This condescension to mankind
With beauty robes Thy frame, Thy name.
O aid my worship, Mighty King, That I might with the angels sing,
"Glory to God on high!" Now crowned again beyond the sky!
Oh, help me see Thee and adore This little child, my God and Lord.*

Message

**"Does Grace Promote Sin?"
Romans 6:1-4**

Dr. Phil Newton

Hymn 348

"Hiding in Thee"

Congregation

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Benediction

Veiled in Flesh



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