

Morning Worship

THE PRELUDE

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SILENT MEDITATION AND PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

* THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 208 – *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

* THE INVOCATION

* THE CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING NO. 207 – *Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERING

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

* THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 201 – *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

* THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE – **LUKE 2:1-20**

Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. ² This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. ⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house

and family of David, ⁵ in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. ⁶ While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. ⁸ In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; ¹¹ for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² "This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased." ¹⁵ When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds went back, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as had been told them.

THE SERMON – **“THE DETAILS OF A DIVINE DELIVERY”**

* THE HYMN OF COMMITMENT NO. 224 – *Go, Tell It On the Mountain*

* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *The Doxology*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* THE BENEDICTION

* THE POSTLUDE

*Congregation Standing, If Able

The purpose of Grace Presbyterian Church is to glorify God by gathering and growing His people in accordance with His Word.

Evening Worship

THE PRELUDE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

* THE HYMN NO. 195 – *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come*

* THE INVOCATION

THE HYMN NO. 230 – *Thou Who Wast Rich*

THE HYMN NO. 223 – *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night*

THE EVENING PRAYER

THE READING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE – **LUKE 2:8-20**

THE SERMON – **“ANGELIC EVANGELISM”**

* THE HYMN NO. 214 – *Angels We Have Heard On High*

* THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – *The Gloria Patri* (No. 735)

* THE BENEDICTION

* THE POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The nursery workers today are: Spickard (SS); Hadlock (MW); Davis (EW).
- You may bring your tithe/offering to the church office during office hours or mail us a check which must be postmarked by December 31st to count as 2011 giving for tax purposes.
- Next Sunday, **January 1st**, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper. Please prepare for this covenant meal yourselves as Paul directs in I Cor. 11:17-34. Immediately following the worship service, we will have our first Sunday of the month fellowship meal.
- **Wednesday, December 28th** - Cookeville Rescue Mission Meal
- During December and January, we will be taking nominations for the office of elder and deacon. Nomination cards and more information on the nomination process will be found on the Greeter Table.
- We are always welcoming new volunteers to help with keeping Nursery for our little ones. If you would like to sign up to help, please contact our Nursery Coordinator, Kelly Farris at 931.261.1219 or ray_kelly@hotmail.com

THE LORD'S DAY

December 25, 2011

As You Enter Silently, Use These Words to Prepare Your Heart for Worship:

“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

-- *Hebrews 4:14-16*

WSC Q46: What was the estate of Christ's humiliation?

The estate of Christ's humiliation was that low condition, wherein he for our sakes, emptying himself of his glory, took upon him the form of a servant, in his conception and birth, life, death, and after his death, until his resurrection.

WSC Q47: How did Christ humble himself in his conception and birth?

Christ humbled himself in his conception and birth, in that, being from all eternity the Son of God, in the bosom of the Father, he was pleased in the fulness of time to become the son of man, made of a woman of low estate, and to be born of her; with divers circumstances of more than ordinary abasement.

WSC Q48: How did Christ humble himself in his life?

Christ humbled himself in his life, by subjecting himself to the law, which he perfectly fulfilled; and by conflicting with the indignities of the world, temptations of Satan, and infirmities in his flesh, whether common to the nature of man, or particularly accompanying that his low condition.

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