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CHRISTMAS MORNING FESTIVAL

December 25th, 2018

"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"- Ms. Adrienne Hicks, Gospel Choir Director

INVOCATION

Pastor Coleman: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ(†), and the love of God and the fellowship of The Holy Spirit, be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

WORD OF GOD

Pastor Coleman: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning The Word of Life—

Congregation: The Life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that Eternal Life which was with The Father and was manifested to us—

Pastor Coleman: All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and The Life was the light of men.

Congregation: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Pastor Coleman: We beheld His glory: the glory as of The Only Begotten of The Father, full of grace and truth. Today we commemorate and celebrate Jesus' birth, and watch and pray for His Second Advent.

Congregation: Amen.

PRAYER

Pastor Coleman: Let us pray. Dearest Jesus, You have brought joy and gladness to our hearts. Your birth makes us hopeful that light will overcome darkness, that love will overcome indifference, and peace will triumph over war. Pour out Your Spirit on all people, so that hope might extend to the ends of the Earth. Happy Birthday, Jesus, You live and reign with The Father and The Holy Spirit: One God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL- HYMN# 55

Oh, come, all ye faith-ful, Joyful and tri-um-phunt!
Oh come ye, Oh co- -me ye, to Beth-le-hem.
Come and be-hold Him, born The King of An- -gels!
Oh come let us adore Him! Oh come let us adore Him!
Oh come let us adore Him: Chri- -st The Lord!

God from true God! And Light from Light E-ter-nal!
Born of a vir- -gin, to Ea- -rth He comes.
On-ly Be-got-ten! Son of God The Fa- -ther!
Oh come let us adore Him! Oh come let us adore Him!
Oh come let us adore Him: Chri- -st The Lord!

Sing choirs of an-gels! Sing in ex-ul-ta-tion!
Sing all ye ci-ti-zens of He-a-ven a-bove.
Glory to God- all glo-ry in the hi- -ghest!
Oh come let us adore Him! Oh come let us adore Him!
Oh come let us adore Him: Chri- -st The Lord!

Yea, Lord we greet Thee, born this Hap-py Mor-ning!
Je-sus, to The- -e be all glo- -ry giv'n.
Word of The Fa-ther, now in flesh a-ppear- -ing!
Oh come let us adore Him! Oh come let us adore Him!
Oh come let us adore Him: Chri- -st The Lord!

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Pastor Coleman: We have come into the presence of God, who sent Jesus into the world to save sinners. We rejoice as we commemorate His birth, and praise our Heavenly Father, Who has forgiven all our sins. Because of Jesus' perfection from the manger to the cross, God has removed our transgressions and remembers them no more. We are free from the guilt of sin in the name of The Father, and of The Son(†), and of The Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Son of God, of humble birth; beautiful the story. Praise His name in all the Earth; hail The King of Glory! Amen.

JOY TO THE WORLD- HYMN# 62

Joy to the world, the LORD is come!
Let earth receive her King! Let every heart prepare him room!
And heav'n and nature sing!
And heav'n and nature sing! And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing!

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy!
Repeat the sounding joy! Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy!

No more let sins and sorrows grow!
Nor thorns infest the ground! He comes to make his blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as, the curse is found!

Isaiah 52:4-10

For thus says The Lord God, “My people went down, at first, into Egypt to dwell there; then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Now therefore, what have I here,” says The Lord, “that My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them make them wail,” says The Lord, “and My name is blasphemed continually every day. Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore they shall know in that day that I Am 'He Who Speaks,' behold, it is I.” How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Your watchmen shall lift up their voices; with their voices they shall sing together, for they shall see eye to eye when The Lord brings back Zion. Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for The Lord has comforted His people. He has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the Earth shall see the salvation of our God!

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN- HYMN# 57

Refrain: Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere!
Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens, there shone a holy light. (Refrain)

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo, above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth! (Refrain)

Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born.
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn! (Refrain)

Hebrews 1:1-9

God, Who, at various times, and in various ways, spoke in time past to the fathers, by the prophets, has, in these last days, spoken to us by His Son, Whom He has appointed heir of all things, through Whom, also, He made the worlds- Who, being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His Person, and upholding all things by The Word of His Power, when He had, by Himself, purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of The Majesty on High, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance, obtained a more excellent name than they. For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, today I have begotten You”? And again: “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son”? But when He again brings The Firstborn into the world, He says: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.” And of the angels He says: “Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire.” But to The Son He says: “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness, more than Your companions.”

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH- HYMN# 63

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Ech-o-ing their joyous strains:

Refrain: Glo- - - - -ria, in Excelsis Deo
Glo- - - - -ria, in Excelsis Deo

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire Your Heav'nly song? (Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see, Him whose birth the angels sing!
Come adore on bended knee,
Christ The Lord, our newborn King!(Refrain)

Matthew 1:17-21

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until The Christ are fourteen generations. Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with Child of The Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of The Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary, your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of The Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

WHAT CHILD IS THIS- HYMN# 67

What Child is this, Who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?

Whom an-gels greet, with an-thems sweet,
while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?

This, this is Christ The King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing!
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud, The Babe, The Son of Ma-ry!

Why lies He in such mean es-tate, where ox-en now are feed-ing?
Good Christians fear, for sin-ners here, the si-lent Word is plead-ing.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The Cross, He'll bear for me, for you!
Hail, hail The Word made flesh, The Babe, The Son of Ma-ry!

So bring Him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come peasant, king, to own Him.
The King of Kings, sal-va-tion brings; let lov-ing hearts en-throne Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lul-la-by.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The Babe, The Son of Ma-ry!

Christmas Message for the Soul: WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

SILOAH'S CHRISTMAS CREED

**I believe in God The Father almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth,
Who sent His Son into the world to save all people.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, The Only Begotten Son of God,
Who was conceived by The Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
held by Simeon, blessed by Anna,
and lived a completely perfect life in my place.
He became obedient to death, but rose from the dead on Easter morning,
and now sits at the right hand of God The Father Almighty.
Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in The Holy Spirit, The Third Person of the Trinity,
Who is equal with The Father and The Son, in glory, majesty, and power.
He creates faith where and when He chooses,
but promises to work through The Word and the Sacraments
to strengthen my faith and guide me from Earth to Heaven.
This is most certainly true!**

FILL OUT WORSHIP CARDS

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS & LOVE OFFERINGS

Senior Choir, Directed by Mrs. Beth Leyrer

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

GENTLE MARY LAID HER CHILD- Hymn# 56

Gen-tle Ma-ry laid her Child, low-ly in a man-ger.
There He lay, The Un-de-filed- to the world a stran-ger.
Such a Babe in such a place- can He be The Sav-ior?
Ask the saved of all the race, who have found His fa- -vor.

Ang-els sang about His birth; wise men sought and found Him.
Heaven's star shone bright-ly forth; glo-ry all a-round them.
Shep-herds saw the won-drous sight, heard the ang-els sing-ing.
All the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ring- -ing.

Gen-tle Ma-ry laid her Child, low-ly in a man-ger.
He is still The Un-de-filed, but no more a stran-ger.
Son of God, of hum-ble birth, beau-ti-ful the sto-ry.
Praise His name in all the Earth; hail The King of Glo- -ry!

CLOSING CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Pastor Coleman: Thanks and praise be to You, our Heavenly Father, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old, Your faithful people waited for the day of Your visitation, manifest, at last, when the time had fully come, and You sent forth Jesus Christ, Your Son. Having seen His glory, now we await the day of consummation, when He will return as Judge and King. Secure us in our faith through Your Word and Sacraments. As we leave Your house, grant us peace of mind, and gladness of heart, knowing that the Child who was placed in a manger now lives and reigns with You and The Holy Spirit: One God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING FOR SILOAH

Pastor: May the peace, mercy, and grace of God: Father, Son(†), and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and all your loved ones.

Congregation: Amen. Merry Christmas to you and yours.

AWAY IN A MANGER- HYMN# 68

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 You, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,

And stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask You to stay,

Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in Your tender care,

And take us to Heaven to live with You there.

On behalf of the entire Siloah Staff

“Have a Merry Christmas as you celebrate our Savior’s birth!”

SILOAH’S FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE is looking for donations toward the Movie Night on December 29th. After the celebration of our Lord, we need to relax and enjoy a good movie. Movie Night is time spent in fellowship with the body of our Lord, and food and refreshments are being served. There are suggested items that can be donated to the concession stands. (See the attached sheet). Let us look forward to a great Movie Night and fellowship.

LWMS (Lutheran Women Missionary Society) wish to thank you for writing encouragements cards to 2018 BAM (Befriend a Mission) missionaries and their families.

The 2019 National Board members and new BAM group will be posted in January, 2019. Please read the flyers and become familiar with their birthdays and anniversaries. You can send your own personal greeting card to them as those dates appear. Their addresses will be listed. LWMS thank you for your continued support and prayers. Any questions, you may contact Annie Mannery or Erica Johnson.

SILOAH SCHOOL will be on Christmas Break, December 4th to January 4th. School will resume on January 7th. If members or parents have collected box tops during the break, bring them to school office or left at the church office. . These tops will enhance the fundraising for the CEA (Christian Education Association).

Romans 10:16-18 (NIV)

¹⁶ But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?"^{16a}

¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

¹⁸ But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did:

"Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world."^{18a}

Join us for a Bible fellowship this Sunday to hear the message from our Lord!

- At 8:30 A.M. we're serving pastries, coffee, and juice.***
- At 9:00 A.M. we're serving God's word.***
- Bring a friend or a relative.***
- Ask questions.***
- Call 873-5770 for more information.***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sick and Shut-in Members: Nancy Bagemihl, Philip Cole, Mary Ann Coleman, Audrey Dittmar, Deborah Gilbert, Marcia Gray, Dorothy Griffin, Ollie Hill, Margie Jackson, Mae McMurtry, Lartha Moore, Dorothy Odems, Georgia Parrett, Sharon Risiner, Stanley & Violet Russell, Dorothy Story, Bertha Shadd, Sam Stricklin, Elaine Weber, Shaunte Wigley, Tizdrou Wigley, and Dee Whitfield.

Sick and Shut-In of Siloah: Willie Mae Collier (cousin of Carol Davis), \Gregory Dorsey (brother of Shirley Dorsey), Dwayne Ross (son of William Ross), Javonte Wilkins (grandson of Pearlie Wilkins), Lorraine McNeal (sister of Lee Dora Gray, Gregory Williams (son of Ann Williams).

Happy Birthday!! Mitchell Carter- 12/23; Hannah Hale – 12/27; Aseante Simonne Salters – 12/30; Dee Whitfield – 12/31.

Happy Anniversary! Pearlie & Joseph Wilkins – 12/23; John & Teresa Williams – 12/28;

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK – 12/23 thru 12/30

TUE 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE.....10:00am

SAT 12/29 Family Movie Night3:00pm

SILOAH MEMBERS: Please pickup your box of envelopes at the front entrance of the church. Should you not have a box of envelopes, please, call the church office 414 873- 5770.