

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**

We are Waiting

#### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

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Waiting for (and Finding) the Savior

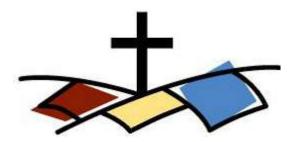
Luke 2:22-38

#### WE DEPART TO SERVE GOD'S WORLD

Song Come Thou Long Expected Jesus – #86

Benediction Postlude

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# **Glorious Light**

Glorious light
See the dawn of salvation
Angels in white fill the skies
With their wondrous song
Awakening earth with news of His birth
Join the hymn of the highest heavens

Long has the world fought
The song of the angels
Heavenly music is drowned
By a warring world
Yet hope burns a light
that shatters the night
Turn your heart to the call of glory

Glory to God in the highest Peace to men on earth Come and adore Him with wonder Christ, Lord of heaven and earth

There is a day all creation has longed for When all of time has been spent And the Lord returns
His song we'll repeat
As heaven completes
Promised peace that will fill the nations

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## **Affirmation of Forgiveness**

Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

## Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross

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#### O Little Town of Bethlehem

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 men on earth

How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n
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
Amen

Words by Phillips Brooks, 1868 Music by Lewis H. Redner, 1868

# Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come Thou long expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free From our fears and sins release us Let us find our rest in Thee Israel's strength and consolation Hope of all the earth Thou art Dear Desire of every nation Joy of every longing heart

Born Thy people to deliver
Born a child and yet a King
Born to reign in us forever
Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Words by Charles Wesley, 1744 Music by Rowland H. Prichard, c.1890