

**“Arise, shine; for your light has come!
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.
The Gentiles shall come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.”**

Isaiah 60: 1-3



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Our Weekly Services

**Sunday School..... 9:30
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00
Sunday Evening Worship 5:30
Wednesday Prayer Meeting..... 7:15**

We warmly welcome our visitors today. Please complete a “Visitor Card” and place it in the offering plate or in the box located in the foyer. We hope to greet you in a more personal way following the services.

The Lord's Day

December 6, 2009

Call to Worship

Pastor Stu Johnston

Hymn of Praise

#147 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear. **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height, in ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe. **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
3. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory o'er the grave. **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
4. O come, Thou Dayspring from on high and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight. **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**
5. O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home; make safe the way that leads
on high, and close the path to misery. **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6: 1-18

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn

"Hark, the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes"

1. Hark, the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long:
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne, and~ ev'ry voice a song.
2. On Him the Spirit, largely poured, exerts His sacred fire;
Wisdom and might, and zeal and love, His~ holy breast inspire.
3. He comes, the pris'ners to release, in Satan's bondage held;
The gates of brass before Him burst, the~ iron fetters yield.
4. He comes, the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure;
And with the treasures of His grace to enrich the humble poor.
5. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Thy welcome shall proclaim;
And heav'n's eternal arches ring with~ Thy beloved Name. Amen

Hymn of Preparation

"In Christ Alone"

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand!
2. In Christ alone, Who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live!
3. There in the ground His body lay. Light of the World by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ!
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny!
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Til He returns or calls me home; here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Fortner

Hymn of Praise

5 “Mighty God, While Angels Bless Thee”

1. Mighty God, while angels bless thee, may a mortal sing Thy name? Lord of men as well as angels,
Thou art every creature's theme. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**
2. Lord of every land and nation, ancient of eternal days, sounded through the wide creation
Be Thy just and lawful praise. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**
3. For the grandeur of Thy nature, grand beyond the seraph's thought; for created works of power,
Works with skill and kindness wrought. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**
(Men)
4. But Thy rich, Thy free redemption, dark through brightness all along, thought is poor, and poor expression,
Who dare sing that awful song? **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**
(Women)
5. Brightness of the Father's glory, shall Thy praise unuttered lie? Fly, my tongue, such guilty silence,
Sing the Lord who came to die: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen**
(All voices)
6. From the highest throne in glory, to the cross of deepest woe, all to ransom guilty captives,
Flow my praise, for ever flow. **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen AMEN**

Scripture Reading

Genesis 4

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Hymn

167 “Brightest and Best”

1. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
2. Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining; low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining, Maker and Monarch, and Lord over all.
3. Say, shall we yield Him, in costly devotion, odors of Edom, and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean, myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?
4. Vainly we offer each ample oblation, vainly with gifts would His favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration; dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
5. Brightest and best of the sons of the morning, dawn on our darkness, and lend us Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning, guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Hymn of Preparation

“All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord”

1. All praise to Thee, E~ternal~ Lord, clothed in a garb of flesh and blood;
Choosing a man~ger~ for~ Thy~ throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone.
2. Once did the skies be~fore Thee~ bow; a Virgin's arms contain Thee now:
Angels who did~ in~ Thee~ re~joice now listen for Thine infant voice.
3. A little Child, Thou~ art our~ Guest, that weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and low~ly is~ Thy~ birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.
4. Thou comest in the~ darksome~ night to make us children of the light,
To make us, in~ the~ realms~ di~vine, like Thine own angels round Thee shine.
5. All this for us Thy~ love hath~ done; by this to Thee our love is won:
For this we tune~ our~ cheer~ful~ lays, and shout our thanks in ceaseless praise. Amen

GRBC Calendar and Announcements

We kindly request that you turn off all cell phones, pagers and watch alarms before the services. Please make use of our well-staffed nursery for children who may become fretful or talkative.

Today

***Robert Fisher is preaching in Roanoke today. Nick Gaines is preaching in Rocky Mt.**

Let us remember to pray for them.*

College/Career Lunch today following morning worship

Mebane MESSIAH Presentation Today, 3:00 PM – The Mebane Community Choir will present portions of Handel's MESSIAH, today at 3:00 PM at the Mebane Presbyterian Church. *Several of our singers are participating, including Liza Hawkins and David White who are soloists.*

Church Directories now available on the table in the foyer – Each family is allowed 2 copies.
(Photo Directories may be obtained in the office.)

December

Men's Prayer Meeting, 12/8 & 22, 6:30 AM

"Housewarming" Shower for Karissa Hicks, 12/10, 7:00-9:00 PM, Nystrom Home – Please see the details and sign up on the bulletin board.

Moms' Coffee Connection, 12/11, 10:00 AM

Jr. High "Christmas Party", 12/12, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM – The Jr. Highs will meet at the home of the Baileys, 3537 Bentrige Dr., Mebane.

Adult Chorus Practice, 12/13, 4:00 in the auditorium

Children's Chorus Practice, 12/13 following evening worship in the auditorium – Those children in the K-4 classes- 3rd/4th grade classes & (any 5th/6th are welcome as well) who desire to sing with the group Dec. 18 are asked to stay for practice, 12/13. The SS teachers have copies of the music.

Christmas Song Fellowship- Friday evening, 12/18, 7:30 PM – Plan to bring your favorite snack to share!

Jr. High Lunch, 12/27 following morning worship/attending the Hawfields service at 3:00

Hawfields Ministry, 12/27, 3:00 PM

Bookroom "Holiday Inventory Sale" – Great books for gifts are available in our bookroom!

"Training Boys in Manly Leadership" – If you would be interested in attending lectures by Pastor Hendrix on this topic, please sign the sheet on the board. Info re: day and time is included.

Upcoming Events

"New Year's Conference", January 1-4, 2010- Brochures are on the SS foyer table.

*The Church Family is invited to the wedding ceremony of
Lori Honeycutt and Joshua Mazurek, Saturday, December 12, 4:00 pm, GRBC.*

The reception is by invitation only.