

## WELCOME TO EVANGEL CHURCH

If you are worshipping today as a visitor to Evangel, we welcome you in the name of Christ! Everyone is encouraged to fill out the registration card located in the hymn rack of the pew. Anyone desiring personally to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is invited to speak with the pastor at the close of the service. We welcome into committed membership all those who profess faith in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. If you are interested in becoming a member of Evangel, please (1) call the church office concerning attending an Inquirer's Class; and (2) contact the pastor expressing your interest in joining.

The pastoral staff regularly visits on Sunday through Thursday nights. If you would like for us to stop by for a brief visit, please mark the visitor's card or call the church office. A member of the pastoral staff is available each Sunday after worship in the main church atrium. It would be our privilege to meet and talk with you about Evangel and our ministry.

Audio enhancement units are available; please ask a deacon or sound technician for assistance. Please adjust all electronic devices so as not to interrupt the worship service.

## OUR PURPOSE

We seek to glorify God by bringing God's people to spiritual maturity through God-centered worship, Biblical preaching and teaching, loving fellowship, multifaceted evangelism and world missions, all with a commitment to prayer and the Reformed Faith.

## OUR DENOMINATION—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

Those who visit, as well as those who have joined Evangel, are people from all backgrounds and denominations. We are, by choice, a member of the Presbyterian Church in America. The P.C.A. is one of the youngest and fastest growing conservative denominations in America. It holds to the absolute truthfulness of the Word of God, the need for evangelism both at home and overseas, and upholds the Historic Christian Faith as expressed in the Westminster Confession of Faith.

## THE MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

DECEMBER 4, 2011 8:30 AND 10:45 A.M. WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

“Londonderry Air (Danny Boy)”

DAVIS GRIMES

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP THROUGH SILENT PRAYER

#### \*SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP (*Matthew 21:9-10; Luke 19:37-38*)

Minister: The crowds going ahead of Him, and those who followed, were shouting:

**People: “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest!”**

Minister: When He had entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying,

**People: “Who is this?”**

Minister: And the crowds were saying,

**People: “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee.”**

Minister: As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting:

**All: “Blessed is the King Who comes in the name of the Lord; peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

#### \*ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

“Crown Him King of Kings”

HYMN NO. 44

Crown Him King of kings; crown Him Lord of lords.

Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God; Emmanuel, God is with us,  
and He shall reign, He shall reign, He shall reign forevermore.

**Repeat**

#### \*INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-14)

*Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as*

*it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

#### \*HYMNS OF ADORATION

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

HYMN NO.244

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!

Joy to those who long to see Thee, Dayspring from on high, appear;  
come, Thou promised Rod of Jesse, of Thy birth we long to hear!

O'er the hills the angels singing news, glad tidings of a birth;

“Go to Him, your praises bringing; Christ, the Lord, has come to earth.”

#### WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH MUSIC

EVANGEL CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

“Celtic Advent Carol”

Be not afraid, I bring you good news. The Savior is coming in glory to you.  
He shall be called “God's Holy One.” Will you be ready? Will you be ready?  
Will you be ready for Him when He comes?

*Light the candle, Jesus is coming. Open your hearts, prepare ye the way. Sleepers awake,  
for soon is the dawning. He will turn night into glorious day, He will turn night into day.*

Be of good cheer and put away fear, the light now is coming to dry every tear.  
Love now with us, God's perfect Son. Will you be ready? Will you be ready?  
Will you be ready for Him when He comes, when He comes?

*Veni, Emmanuel. Come now and ransom Israel. Veni, Emmanuel.  
Jesus is coming. Jesus is coming. Could He be coming today?*

#### CONGREGATIONAL AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*This week's prayer focus: Evangel Elders*

#### \*HYMNS OF WORSHIP

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

HYMN NO. 245

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!*

O Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high and order all things, far and nigh;  
to us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!*

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.  
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to Thee, O Israel!*

#### THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

*Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14*

#### WORSHIP OF GOD THROUGH MUSIC

EVANGEL CHOIR

“The Yearning”

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.  
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide  
and in the shades of death abide, a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One, the Firstborn of creation.

There is a yearning for the Lord Who visited His own,  
and by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts, the yearning.*

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait  
the day of His appearing. There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased  
and we shall see the One Who placed within our hearts the yearning.

#### \*SCRIPTURE

LUKE 2:1-7 (NASB)

#### SERMON

JAY HALEY

## *Miracle of Miracles: Part I “Now in Those Days”*

#### \*BENEDICTION

#### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE

HYMN NO. 244

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

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.

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## For the Glory of the King *presented by Evangelkids and FF 56* Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 6:15 p.m.

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#### THE SESSION

Mark Carter '12  
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Buster Ellis '14  
Sam Gaston '13  
Byron Ketcham '14  
Tim Lacy '13  
Scott Lucas '14  
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Scott Smith '14  
Dennis Stockman '12

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