

Advent Service of Prayer and Song
Wednesday December 5, 2018
6:30-7:30 PM

6For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
~ Isaiah 9:6-7

8And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field,
keeping watch over their flock by night. 9And an angel of the Lord
appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were filled with great fear. 10And the angel said to them,
“Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will
be for all the people. 11For unto you is born this day in the city of
David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12And this will be a sign
for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and
lying in a manger.” 13And suddenly there was 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 those with whom he is pleased!”
~ Luke 2:8-14

Welcome:

As we gather together
Lord, help us to concentrate on you
As we put aside things that distract us
Lord, help us to concentrate on you
As we leave things behind that worry us
Lord, help us to concentrate on you
As we forget about ourselves
Lord, help us to concentrate on you
As we worship you with songs of praise
Lord, help us to concentrate on you
As we read your Word
Lord, help us to concentrate on you
As we hear your teaching
Lord, help us to concentrate on you

**Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Bible Teaching

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*“You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their
sins.”*
~ Matthew 1:21b

Group Prayer Time

Scripture Readings: *Isaiah 9:6-7; Luke 2:8-14 (back page)*

Leader: Isaiah said,

ALL: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given.

(Praise: God's rescue mission – incarnation, certainty.
Promise-keeping God, etc.)

Leader: Isaiah said,

ALL: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

(Son of God born for the benefit of men – sinners and believers – from beginning to end of the world. Note His character and work.)

Leader: Isaiah said,

ALL: Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

(Note the glory of Christ's kingdom; its eternity. May His kingdom come and His will be done here! He is strong and does all things well. A kingdom of joy and happiness
Pray for our nation, her leaders, our world.)

***Song:** *What Child is This?*

Leader: The angel said,

ALL: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

(Pray for the lost – neighbors, family members, coworkers, classmates.)

Leader: The angel said,

ALL: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

(Pray for the homeless, the unemployed, those experiencing financial hardship. Pray for the hungry.)

Leader: The angel said,

ALL: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

(Pray for the sick: physically and emotionally. Pray for those who are suffering. Pray for the medical staffs working.)

Leader: The angel said,

ALL: Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.

(Pray for the persecuted church. Pray for the refugee, those fleeing violence.)

(7:15) Concluding Season of Prayer

(7:26 PM) *Song: *What a Beautiful Name*

***Benediction**

☞ **12/5 Hot Spot:** *Culver's* (1260 Dawsonville Hwy, Gainesville)

(The next prayer gathering will be **February 6th** at 6:30 pm)

**Please stand.*