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December 6, 2020

MATTHEW

Truly I Say To You



welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

calendar

- See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- **Prayer Meeting - TONIGHT, 6pm**
- Christmas Eve Service - 5:00pm
- Annual Member Meeting - Sunday, January 24, 2021

finances

General Offering - Nov '20	\$22,326.41
Designated Gifts - Nov '20	\$350.50
YTD General Offering thru Nov '20	\$243,013.39
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. During this unprecedented time you can still continue to give online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

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worship guide

December 6, 2020

Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 1:1-17. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, the Lord's Supper, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

(Genesis 12:1-3 ESV)

CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Name some things that the gospel accounts are intended to tell us about Jesus.
- Do you think the average person believes them? Why or why not?
- What names jump out at you in this genealogy? Why?
- How does Jesus bring the hope of the Kingdom of God?
- In what specific ways do you need hope this Advent and how has Jesus promised to provide it?
- What is the significance of Jesus being “The Christ?”
- NEXT WEEK’S PASSAGE: Matthew 1:18-25

SING

O Come, All Ye Faithful | Holy is Our God | All Creatures of Our God and King | The Wonderful Cross | Everlasting God

sermon notes

December 6, 2020

MATTHEW 1:1-17

The Right to Be the Christ

1. Into Matters & Abraham [1:1-6a; Mark 2:13; Genesis 12:1-3]

Jesus is the true Messiah from Israel.

2. The Line of Judah [1:6b-11; Genesis 49:10; Psalm 89:3-4; 132:11-12; Jeremiah 33:17-22]

Jesus is the true Messiah from David.

3. Three Fourteens. [1:12-17]

Big Idea: The true Messiah brings the hope of the kingdom of God.

VERSE 1

O come all ye faithful,
Joyful, and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels!

CHORUS

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

VERSE 2

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father,
Now in the flesh appearing!

CHORUS

Verse 1

**The death for which all sin demands
The sinless died for guilty man
And though we give our hearts to less
He is our righteousness**

Verse 2

**The Christ who took the sinner's place
Sings the symphony of grace
While Satan's lies of guilt abound
The Savior's love resounds**

Chorus

**Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb
All my heart, all my soul
All my life is Yours alone
Holy is our God**

Verse 3

**From heaven's throne above I hear
The voice that silences all fear
It's a declaration of a King
Says "You are mine and you are free"
Yes, we are Yours and we are free!**

Chorus

**Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb
All my heart, all my soul
All my life is Yours alone
Holy is our God**

Verse 4

**He will return just as He said
The day the graves give up their dead
And I will bow face to the ground
And sing the sweetest sound**

Chorus 2

**Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb
Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb**

**Holy, Holy, Holy is our God
Worthy, worthy is Christ the Lamb
All my heart, all my soul
All my life is Yours alone**

**All my heart, all my soul
All my life is Yours alone
Holy is E our God**

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Thou, burning sun with golden beam
Thou, silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

Verse 2

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

Verse 3

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

Verse 4

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
O praise Him! Allelujah!
Then who shall fall on bended knee?
All creatures of our God and King,
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Allelujah! Allelujah!

O praise Him! O praise Him!
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Verse 1

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

Verse 2

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

Chorus 1

**O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live.**

**O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross,
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.**

Verse 3

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all!**

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Pre-chorus

**Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer**

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Chorus 1

**You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles**

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