

WELCOME TO
Crosspoint Fellowship

December 29, 2019

Welcome Greg Snow

*Advent: A Season of Preparation
Salvation Has Come!*

Lighting of the Advent Candles Kyra Mosley
Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, Christ

Call to Worship Jason Mosley
Scripture Reference: Galatians 4:4

Songs of Praise Joy to the World
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Confession of Sin & Time of Prayer Mike Brown

Assurance of Pardon Mike Brown

Songs of Worship Before the Throne of God Above
In Christ Alone

Offering Once in David's Royal City

Songs of Worship Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery
All Glory Be to Christ

Preaching of God's Word Greg Snow
Scripture Reference: Acts 1:1-11

Song of Worship Facing A Task Unfinished

Announcements & Events

Today - Morning Worship Service

Wednesday - Happy New Year! (No Mid-Week Bible Study)

January 5 - Morning Worship Service; The Lord's Supper; Fellowship Meal

The Pastor & his family will be on vacation January 5th. The service will be led by the men in the church, with the focus being The Lord's Supper.

January 7 - Proclamation Youth Choir 2020 Season Begins (5:15-8:00PM)

January 8 - Mid-Week Bible Study - 7PM

Joy to the World

Isaac Watts was inspired to write Joy to the World while meditating on Psalm 98. Verse 4 gripped him: "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!" And this is exactly what Watts set out to do. Little did he know that this song would spark a joyful noise that would ring through the ages. While "Joy to the World" is primarily sung at Christmas, it's not about the incarnation. Rather, the song tells the story of Christ's return—his *second* coming. We know this for at least three reasons.

First, the song speaks of the whole earth receiving her King. Second, we know this hymn is a song of Christ's second coming because verse 3 talks about sins and sorrows being no more. Third, the final verse reveals that this hymn is about the second coming: (He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove, The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love).

So why do we sing this song at Christmas? It is clearly a song about Christ's second coming—when the full expression of his glory will be revealed. It doesn't really have anything to do with the Christmas story. Or does it? After all, there is no second coming without a first coming.

This song is all about the fulfillment of what Christ came to do in the first place. Christmas is not only a time to look back at the grace accomplished in the past. Christmas is also a time to look forward to the grace that was accomplished for our future. When we sing these words we are proclaiming the ultimate joy to be revealed. This is why we can sing "Joy to the World" at Christmas.

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