

Welcome to Crosspoint Fellowship

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 25, 2022

Welcome Greg Snow

Call to Worship Michael Hicks

Advent: A Time of Adoration
Scripture Reference: John 1:14

Hymns of Praise Joy to the World
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Confession of Sin and Prayer Rick Harris
Scripture Reference: Luke 2:25-26

Assurance of Pardon Rick Harris
Scripture Reference: Luke 2:27-32

Hymn of Repentance & Assurance The First Noel

Offering

Hymn of Worship O Holy Night

Preaching of God's Word Greg Snow
Scripture Reference: Luke 2:1-20

Hymn of Worship Immanuel

The Christmas message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity
- hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory -
because at the Father's will Jesus became poor,
and was born in a stable so that thirty years later
He might hang on a cross.

J.I. Packer (1926-2020)

LOOKING AHEAD

Today

Morning Worship Service

Sunday, Jan 1

Morning Worship Service; The Lord's Supper; Fellowship Meal

Sunday, Jan 8

Morning Worship Service

Tuesday, Jan 10

Registration Deadline for PYC 2023, Singing Through the Psalms

Sunday, Jan 15

Morning Worship Service

Tuesday, Jan 24

First Rehearsal for PYC 2023; 6-7:30PM @ Calvary of Neosho

Proclamation Youth Choir

Registration is now open through Tuesday, January 10 for the 2023 PYC Spring Season. The choir is open to all youth, ages 5-18. (Youth younger than 5 & older than 18 may submit a request to join the choir.) The theme for the season is Singing Through the Psalms. Weekly rehearsals will begin Tuesday, January 24 from 6-7:30PM at Calvary of Neosho & will conclude with a concert in May, date TBD.

Joy to the World

Surprisingly, this hymn was not written for Christmas. Rather, Isaac Watts wrote the hymn as a paraphrase of the last five verses in Psalm 98 for his 1719 publication, *The Psalms of David Imitated*. In this hymnal, Watts rewrites many of the psalms using a Christological lens. His versification of Psalm 98 is no different. Verse nine of the psalm reads, "...let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity." Watts unapologetically interprets this as a reference to Christ. The theme of "Christ coming" made it an apt hymn to be sung at Christmastime, and it has since become one of the most beloved Christmas carols. (Source: Hymnary.org)