

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 28, 2025

Welcome

Greg Snow

Call to Worship

Jason Mosley

Scripture Reference: Colossians 1:1-29

Hymns of Praise

Joy to the World

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Confession of Sin & Assurance of Pardon

Ben Belcher

Hymn of Assurance

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Offertory

O Holy Night

Hymn of Preparation

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Preaching of God's Word

Greg Snow

Scripture Reference: Romans 11:13-15

Hymn of Reflection

All of our Tomorrows

Hymn of Benediction

Doxology

God has chosen to himself a people whom he will bring to himself at last, who are his peculiar treasure, the favorites of his choice. But these people are by nature the most unlikely ones upon the face of the whole world-- those who today are sunken in sin, immersed in folly, brutal, without knowledge, without wit-- these are the very ones that God ordains to save. None can guess the reasons of divine election. This great act is as mysterious as it is gracious.

Charles H. Spurgeon

LOOKING AHEAD

Today

Morning Worship Service

Sunday, January 4

Morning Worship Service; The Lord's Supper; No Fellowship Meal

Sunday, January 11

Morning Worship Service

Sunday, January 18

Morning Worship Service

Saturday, January 24

Men's Breakfast @ Crosspoint

Sunday, February 8

Church Fellowship @ Carthage Y Youth Activity Center; 12-3pm

Saturday, February 21

Girls Sewing Class for ages 8 & up; 10am-3pm

Joy to the World

This morning, we will sing one of the season's favorite Christmas carols, Joy to the World. Surprisingly, this hymn was not written for Christmas, but rather for the second coming of Christ. Isaac Watts wrote the hymn as a paraphrase of the last five verses in Psalm 98 for his 1719 publication, The Psalms of David Limited. 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.

Girls Sewing Class

Attention girls ages 8 & up! Join us for our first sewing class as we familiarize ourselves with the sewing machine & end the day making a pillow case for you to take home. Sign-up sheet is located on the refrigerator in the church basement.