

THE MORNING WORSHIP

Second Sunday After Christmas

“God’s promises take in the scope of his will for us, not merely the limits of what we think to be likely.”

– Dale Ralph Davis

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* J. Schop/J.S. Bach

O Worship the King David Laskey
Marie Hasse, organ

***Call to Worship** Galatians 3:26-27, 29 Rev. Chad Reynolds

²⁶for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

²⁹And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

***Hymn No. 29** *O Worship the King* LYONS

***Invocation** Matthew J. Joldersma

***The Lord’s Prayer** (using “debts” – text from Hymnal No. 632)

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Introduction of New Members

THE WORD OF GOD REVEALED

Scripture Reading Joshua 13:1-33 (ESV)

¹Now Joshua was old and advanced in years, and the LORD said to him, "You are old and advanced in years, and there remains yet very much land to possess. ²This is the land that yet remains: all the regions of the Philistines, and all those of the Geshurites ³(from the Shihor, which is east of Egypt, northward to the boundary of Ekron, it is counted as Canaanite; there are five rulers of the Philistines, those of Gaza, Ashdod, Ashkelon, Gath, and Ekron), and those of the Avvim,

⁴in the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs to the Sidonians, to Aphek, to the boundary of the Amorites, ⁵and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-gad below Mount Hermon to Lebo-hamath, ⁶all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon to Misrephoth-maim, even all the Sidonians. I myself will drive them out from before the people of Israel. Only allot the land to Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded you. ⁷Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the nine tribes and half the tribe of Manasseh."

⁸With the other half of the tribe of Manasseh the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them: ⁹from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the tableland of Medeba as far as Dibon; ¹⁰and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, as far as the boundary of the Ammonites; ¹¹and Gilead, and the region of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bashan to Salecah; ¹²all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (he alone was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); these Moses had struck and driven out. ¹³Yet the people of Israel did not drive out the Geshurites or the Maacathites, but Geshur and Maacath dwell in the midst of Israel to this day.

¹⁴To the tribe of Levi alone Moses gave no inheritance. The offerings by fire to the LORD God of Israel are their inheritance, as he said to him.

¹⁵And Moses gave an inheritance to the tribe of the people of Reuben according to their clans. ¹⁶So their territory was from Aroer, which is on the edge of the Valley of the Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the tableland by Medeba; ¹⁷with Heshbon, and all its cities that are in the tableland; Dibon, and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon, ¹⁸and Jahaz, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath, ¹⁹and Kiriathaim, and Sibmah, and Zereth-shahar on the hill of the valley, ²⁰and Beth-peor, and the slopes of Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth, ²¹that is, all the cities of the tableland, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses defeated with the leaders of Midian, Evi and Rekem and Zur and Hur and Reba, the princes of Sihon, who lived in the land. ²²Balaam also, the son of Beor, the one who practiced divination, was killed with the sword by the people of Israel among the rest of their slain. ²³And the border of the people of Reuben was the Jordan as a boundary. This was the inheritance of the people of Reuben, according to their clans with their cities and villages.

²⁴Moses gave an inheritance also to the tribe of Gad, to the people of Gad, according to their clans. ²⁵Their territory was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the Ammonites, to Aroer, which is east of Rabbah, ²⁶and from Heshbon to Ramath-mizpeh and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the territory of Debir, ²⁷and in the valley Beth-haram, Beth-nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon, having the Jordan as a boundary, to the lower end of the Sea of Chinnereth, eastward beyond the Jordan. ²⁸This is the inheritance of the people of Gad according to their clans, with their cities and villages.

²⁹And Moses gave an inheritance to the half-tribe of Manasseh. It was allotted to the half-tribe of the people of Manasseh according to their clans. ³⁰Their region extended from Mahanaim, through all Bashan, the

whole kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, sixty cities, ³¹and half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. These were allotted to the people of Machir the son of Manasseh for the half of the people of Machir according to their clans.

³²These are the inheritances that Moses distributed in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan east of Jericho. ³³But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance; the LORD God of Israel is their inheritance, just as he said to them.

Anthem (11:00) *Sing For Joy* Henry Purcell

Sing for joy, all earth, sing for joy. Sing for joy, all earth, sing for joy. Praise the Lord; bless His name; come before Him with a song; for He is God, and we are His, the sheep of His own flock. Praise the Lord; bless His name; come before Him with a song; for He is God, and we are His, the sheep of His own flock.

Go with songs, and enter His courts. Go with songs, and enter His courts. Go with thanksgiving, O come before Him with a song; for He is God, and we are His, the sheep of His own flock. Praise the Lord; bless His name; come before Him with a song; for He is God, and we are the sheep of His own flock. The Lord is good, His love and truth endures forever more.

THE PEOPLE’S RESPONSE

Pastoral Prayer

***Spiritual Song** *Before the Throne of God Above* C. L. Bancroft/V. Cook
(Please see insert)

(11:00) *Children through 2nd grade are now dismissed to attend Children’s Church*

Offertory Prayer

Musical Offering *Noel for the Flute Stops* Louis Claude D’Aquin
Marie Hasse, organ

(Please sign and date the Friendship Pad and pass back to the center aisle.)

***Doxology** (No. 808) OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon The Conquest Paradox: The True Inheritance
Rev. Chad Reynolds

THE SENDING FORTH

***Hymn No. 72** *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude *Toccata in F Major* Johann Pachelbel
Marie Hasse, organ

**Congregation please stand*

SPECIAL INVITATION: Anyone who has come this morning in need of special prayer or spiritual counsel, we invite you to meet with prayer partners immediately after the worship services. Prayer partners will be waiting in the front of the Sanctuary beneath the high pulpit.

WELCOME VISITORS: We trust you will find your time with us enriching. If you would like to know more about our church or talk with one of the pastors, please fill out a visitor's card and give it to one of the pastors at the door following this morning's service. Please visit our Information Desk in the Church Parlor for information on our Church's activities, Sunday School classes, etc.

Announcements

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given to the glory of God from the Flower Fund.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER FOCUS: Please pray for the upcoming youth winter retreats.

JANUARY SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. Galatians 4:4-7

THIS WEDNESDAY'S WHO-U PICKUP: 8th grade

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN "THE AMAZING COLLECTION" will begin Wednesday, January 6th, at 12:00 noon at the Lake Wales Woman's Club. Ladies please join us on our journey through the Bible, book by book, in a relaxed & friendly atmosphere, among women seeking knowledge of God's word.

Next week's sermon: The Conquest Paradox: Still Faithful After All These Years, from Joshua 14:1-15 and Joshua 15:13-19.

EKKLESIA dinner for Wednesday, January 6th, is a Barbeque pork sandwich, squash casserole, sweet potatoes, rolls, and salad bar. The Ekklesia meals and the salad bar will each cost \$3 per person if you sign up before 10:00 am on Wednesday by either calling the church office or signing up on the Friendship Pad

during Sunday services. (Example: HM2 = Hot Meal 2 people, SB1 = Salad Bar 1 person). Families are \$12 maximum (\$14 if you sign up after 10:00 on Wednesday). Pizza is \$1 per slice while supplies last.

The new quarter of **Ekklesia classes** will begin next Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

Following dinner this Wednesday, January 6th, you are invited to a presentation on the third phase of our Stewardship Enrichment: **SERVING IN FAITH** at 6:45 pm in the fellowship hall.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS THIS WEEK: WOC Exec. Board Mtg. (Seekers Class) Wednesday at 5:00 pm; **Diligent Mtg.** (Kitchen) Thursday at 12:00 noon; Outreach & Evangelism (Church Office) Thursday at 8:00 pm.

CIRCLE & K-GROUP MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Ruth Circle will meet Thursday, Dec. 7th at 6:30 pm at the home of Laney Reynolds; **Hannah Circle** will meet Sunday, December 10th at 3:00 pm in the Library; **K-1 Adult Study Group** will meet on Sunday, January 17th, at 7:00 pm at the home of Gene and Bobbie Culberson (678-1090). The group will focus on the "Introduction" to When No One Sees by Os Guinness. All are welcome to join.

To see the daily blog for Noah Larkin, 6 yr. old cancer patient, son of Dennis and Amber (Ayers) Larkin and grandson of Jim and Nancy Ayers the site is <http://jedinoah.wordpress.com>. Please keep the families in your prayers.

Tuesday, January 5th at 2:00 pm there will be a **memorial service** in the church memorial garden for **Clarice Galloway**.

The new **2010 giving envelopes** have arrived. Please pick your envelopes up in the parlor.

The next **congregational meeting** will be today following the 11:00 service to approve the 2010 budget.

First Sunday Communion and Prayer service is Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the Chapel.

Sunday, January 10, 2010 we will observe the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** during the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

We will be hosting the Benicourt family who are missionaries from Turkey from January 15th until July 15th in the mission house. If you have a bunk bed or a toddler side rail for a twin bed that you would be willing to allow the church use please call the church office.

THIS MORNING'S GREETERS & USHERS:

Greeters: 8:30 Frank & Laura Hunt, George & Evelyn White
11:00 John & Charlie DuBois, Dale & Lea Simmons
Ushers: 8:30 David and Carter Ullman
11:00 Emil Jahna, Jimmy Kahler, Ron Odoski, Victor Story



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THE LORD'S DAY

The Third Day of January
Two Thousand Ten

*To all who are weary and need rest;
to all who are lonely and want fellowship;
to all who mourn and need comfort;
to all who pray and to all who do not, but ought;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
and to whosoever will come –
this church opens wide the door and says in the
name of the Lord Jesus, "Welcome."*