**Sunday, December 4, 2011**

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**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship** – Isaiah 9:2-7

***WORSHIP LEADER*** *The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light shined.*

***WORSHIPERS****You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; the rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.*

***WORSHIP LEADER****For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

***WORSHIPERS****For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.*

***EVERYONE****For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

***WORSHIP LEADER****Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.*

**Songs of Praise** *– Joy to the World/The Love of God*

**Savior of the World – (***John 3:16-17)*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

**Song of Praise** – *What Child is This*

**Worship the Lord** - (*Psalm 95:6-7)*

*O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.*

**Song of Worship** – *O Come Let Us Adore Him*

**Offering**

**Glory to God in the Highest - *(Luke 2:8-21)***

***And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,***

***“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!”***

***When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.***

***And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.***

**The Wonder of a Child *(Excerpt from Warren Wiersbe’s book, Real Worship)***

***Loving Father,***

***Make my heart like that of a child. Give me again the excitement and joy of wonder. How wonderful it is that I am even able to wonder! Remove the scales from my eyes, the callousness form my heart, the stubbornness from my will, and enable me to enjoy the wonder of it all.***

***Deliver me from routine worship, from “business as usual,” from form without force and liturgy without life. May Your Holy Spirit energize that “new creation” that is now within me, and may life be ever new, ever wonderful, to the glory of Your Name. Amen***

**Songs of Praise –** *Silent Night/Jesus, The Son of God*

**Message** - Scripture Reference: Titus, Chapter 1

**Time of Prayer**