



Glory to the Newborn King

Luke 2:1-20

Pastor Keith Sovo

I. The Glory of Caesar (v. 1-7)

II. The Glory of Christ (v. 8-20)



Coming Up

January 7 – Pat Quinn, Guest Speaker

January 14 – Psalm 90 and Communion

January 21 – New Series

The Book of Acts, “The Church on a Mission”

Acts 1:1-5

Just A Moment

with Pastor Fred

One of the most important disciplines of the Christian life is regular Bible reading (I don't mean reading the Daily Bread or like devotionals). On the kiosk there is a schedule we've used before. I plan to use it again this year. Reading the Bible through in one year is a great milestone. There's nothing mystical about it – it's just a good thing to do. The important thing is reading regularly. Have you ever read the Bible completely through?

Do you have a regular time of Bible reading? Let me give some personal advice – pick a time. For me it's in the morning. Now sometimes I read later in the day but most often if I delay my routine, I find myself missing it altogether. Maybe morning isn't best for you – that's ok, just pick a time. Establish a habit. Secondly, use a different translation than the one you carry to church. Mix it up. Another translation will help you see truths in a new light. I think variety helps. Pray before or after you read. Engage with what you're reading. *Is there a sin to confess? Is there a promise to claim? What does this text teach me about God?* One last thought – don't forget to practice what you read! Truth without practice is sterile. God wants us to implement the truths we read with the Spirit's help.

“When the child of God looks into the Word of God and sees the Son of God he/she is transformed by the Spirit of God into the image of God for the glory of God.” – Warren Wiersbe



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HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED
**WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR
MIGHTY GOD**
EVERLASTING FATHER
Prince of Peace
ISAIAH 9:6

Prelude
Call to Worship

*He Shall Reign Forevermore
God Made Low*

Prayer
Announcements

*What Child Is This
Hark The Herald Angels Sing*

*Glory to The Newborn King
Pastor Keith Sovo*

Hymn of Joy

Benediction
Special Prayer

THE LORD'S DAY
December 31, 2023

Corporate worship is
designed to remind us of the
instability of our own hearts
and the eternal stability
of God's grace.

*Loving God,
Loving People*

Infant /Toddler Nursery

Sunday School / ABF: Mary Ann Krepps, Sue Froman
Worship Service: Sarah Winnie, Gina Golden

This Week

Today:
10:30am Worship

Wednesday, January 3
7:00pm Praise Team



Announcements

Welcome Pastor Keith Sova to-day for speaking. Pastor Fred and Susan are on vacation. Keith is the Associate Pastor at South Church here in Lansing.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowships will resume next Sunday at 9:30am. Matthew and Cindy Price teach boys and girls; Joe Hart teaches our students. Ladies have an option of meeting with Diane Wilson, discussing the book, "As Silver Refined." Our auditorium class is taught by various men as we study Romans. Paul Recher will teach Romans 10 next Sunday.

Ladies and Men's Bible Studies will resume Tuesday, January 9.

The Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study will begin a new series on **January 16** with Mary Ann Krepps and Ronda VanSumeren facilitating. **"Practical Tips on 'One Anothering'"** - This study will be based on 2 Cor 5:14-15 and Romans 12:9-15, plus other correlating verses. We'll discuss the commands and ways to apply them in the life of our church. This study is expected to go through the end of March. Bring your Bible and notebook!

Communion will be observed on Sunday, January 14.

HBC Men's Laser Tag, Sunday, **January 14** at 2:30 pm. Cost \$32. See Joe Cecil for more information.

Interested in knowing more about HBC? Discovering God's People is a one-night new members class, attending is the first step towards membership. Sign up at the kiosk table. Class meets **January 14** from 5-7pm.

The Church on a Mission is a new expository series beginning **January 21** on the book of Acts. The mission Jesus gave his apostles is the same as today—to be witnesses throughout the world.

Men! We will conclude our current series in the Gospel of Mark and begin a new series in February reading and discussing the book, "Deeper," by Dane Ortlund. Others are invited to join us on Tuesday nights from 6:30 -7:30pm.

Coming Up ...
Undeck the Halls Jan 7
Ministry Team Mtg Jan 13
Counseling Team Jan 27
Church Potluck & Jan 28
Annual Business Mtg

Prayer Requests

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

General Requests & Praise

- Pastor Fred & Susan on vacation
- Josh & Carissa Bell in Senegal
- Our other missionaries at this time of the year
- Katherine Moore - residency program
- Those seeking certification with ACBC
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually and reach out to others

Physical Needs

- Bob Helmuth - cancer, palliative care
- Cecil twins, Susan & Naomi — continued growth
- Cherie VanValkenburgh - anemia
- Cheryl Woodruff (Melissa Hurley's step-mom) - lung cancer
- Ellen Kerns (friend of Barney Yeager) - hip surgery
- Ethan Cecil—future surgery
- Karla Ruest—continued healing & strength
- Joanne Croy—fractured arm
- Josh Bell - back pain management
- Sherry Back (former member) - palliative care

Praise for a Living Hope I Peter 1:3-5

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! On account of his vast mercy, he has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish—an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. Through his faithfulness, you are guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation he is ready to reveal in the last time. CEB

"God is in debt to no one.
It's only out of his
inexhaustible riches that he
has given anything to anyone.
'Tis all of grace."
~ Kevin DeYoung

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carole Anthony January 3



Greeters for December 31
Sheila Adcock
Donna Kimmel