

**WORSHIP GUIDE**  
 Preparing for Public Worship: Part 7  
*The Diet of the Christian: Doing All Unto Him*

**W**E HAVE DISCUSSED IN THE PAST MANY WEEKS what it means to have a spiritual “diet” in the Christian life. We have seen the connection of our daily practices, the decisions we make, the way we think, act, pray, read, study, sing, and grow to the practice of public worship. We have not only discovered that there are a myriad of ways to prepare ourselves beyond devotions, and we have seen what fruit can become of our efforts. We have also discovered that our flesh has a unique tendency to undermine our efforts by drawing us towards idols, our selfish desires, and the world and work around us. Indeed, we groan for the day our flesh can be remedied by the ultimate resurrection of the dead.

Next week we will conclude this look at the diet of a Christian by seeing how we can prepare ourselves for extraordinary worship with ordinary tasks. Some of us have retired, others work full-time, others have trades, unique positions, and even our children and youth have things that the Lord has set apart for them to accomplish. Some of us may be in school, and some of us have children in the home. Whatever the case may be, the Lord doesn’t cease to give us tasks at some particular moment: we are running a race until the finish (1 Cor. 9:23-25). This includes our ordinary lives.

There are no hidden secrets to success in the real world, but if our work isn’t religious, the contaminations of this world abound in our spheres of influence. The world is utterly occupied with the ways in which it can succeed, even if it means cutting corners, undermining other’s success, evading obligations, lying to one another, or being unreliable. We must be ever-mindful of these temptations, because each day we are bombarded with these temptations in advertising, in our human resource departments, in our paychecks, in our crafts and products, in our daily speech. The problem is that the world is utterly consumed with the idea of selfish ambition, the kind that is void of all ethic, or only concerns itself with ethics which promote that selfish ambition. It is further confused because there are many with wealth, people who are incredibly influential in modern politics, business, and finance, who are all independently wealthy who dare not to utter the word “God” or “godliness” in their business plans. They are frequently encouraging anyone to “do what they do to get rich, success, fame, fortune.”

“For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people” (1 Pet. 2:15).

**Sermon Notes**  
**Ruling Elder, LeRoy Osborn**  
*The Incarnation of Jesus Christ*  
 Matthew 1:18-25

**Coming Up:**

12/24/23 PM Service:

No Service

12/31/23 AM Service:

**Guest Minister, Rev. D. Leonard Gulstrom**

*Oh, Give Thanks to the LORD*

Psalm 107

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**The Lord’s Day Morning**  
 Sunday, December 24, 2023, 9:30 a.m.

**The Silent Preparation**

**The Announcements**

**The Greeting and Call to Worship**

1 Chronicles 16:12-13

**\* The Hymn of Praise**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

see bulletin

**\* The Prayer of Invocation and Adoration**

**\* The Reading of the Law and Confession of Sin**

Exodus 20:14; Lev. 20:10-13; James 2:11; Mark 9:47; Psalm 119:29

see bulletin

**\* The Gospel Promise**

Micah 7:18-19

see bulletin

**\* The Response of Thanksgiving**

Psalm 75:1

see bulletin

**\* The Doxology**

**\* The Pastoral Prayer**

**The Old Testament Reading**

Leviticus 24:10-23

**The New Testament Reading**

John 4:1-15

**\* The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\* The Worship of God with Our Offerings**

**\* The Psalms of Preparation**

Psalm 98:1-9 - *To the LORD O Sing a New Song*

Psalm 98B

Psalm 23:1-6 - *The LORD’s My Shepherd*

Psalm 23A

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Preaching of God’s Word**

**Ruling Elder Mr. LeRoy Osborn**

*The Incarnation of Jesus Christ*

Matthew 1:18-25

**\* The Prayer of Application**

**\* The Song of Response**

*Joy to the World*

see bulletin

**\* The Benediction**

**\* The Gloria Patri**

\* — Please stand as you are able. Following Scriptural principle for public prayer (Neh. 9:2-4, 2 Chron. 20:5-13; Mark 11:25), we follow in the footsteps of the early church and our Presbyterian heritage in standing for most of the public prayers.

# O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels; Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing:

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 - Lo, He ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb:  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en above;  
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold Him Born the King of an - gels;  
 Ver - y God, Be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;  
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 Word of the Fa - ther, Late in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord.

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# The Reading of the Law

Exodus 20:14; Leviticus 20:10-13; James 2:11; Mark 9:47

You shall not commit adultery.

If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. If a man lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them. If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed perversion; their blood is upon them. If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them.

For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell.

## The Confession of Sin

Psalm 119:29

Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law!

## The Gospel Promise

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

## The Response of Thanksgiving

Psalm 75:1

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near. We recount your wondrous deeds.

# Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -  
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor throns in - fest the  
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re -  
 ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow fas  
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness and

heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and  
 peat the sounding joy, re - peat the sounding joy, re -  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, Far  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his love, and

heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 as, far as the curse is found.  
 won - ders, won - ders of his love.

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