

\* **Call to Worship**

\* **Opening Prayer**

\* **Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

#177 (HFG)

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
News! News! Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before Him bow,  
And He is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this.  
He has opened heaven's door,  
And man is blessed evermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian men, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain His everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

\* **Joy to the World**

#171:1,2,4 (HFG)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ.  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders of His love.

\* **Silent Night**

#195 (HFG)

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

**Profession of our Faith:** *Romans 8:1-4*

***There is therefore now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free  
in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.  
For God has done what the law,  
weakened by the flesh, could not do.  
By sending his own Son  
in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin,  
he condemned sin in the flesh,  
in order that the righteous requirement of the law  
might be fulfilled in us,  
who walk not according to the flesh  
but according to the Spirit.***

**Evening Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

\* **Come, Long Expected Jesus**

#168 (HFG)

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
Hope of all the earth Thou art:  
Dear desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a King,  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

\* **Heidelberg Catechism: Lord's Day 35**

**Q & A 96**

Q. What is God's will for us  
in the second commandment?

**A. That we in no way make any image of God  
nor worship him in any other way  
than he has commanded in his Word.**

**Q & A 97**

Q. May we then not make  
any image at all?

**A. God can not and may not  
be visibly portrayed in any way.**

**Although creatures may be portrayed,  
yet God forbids making or having such images  
if one's intention is to worship them  
or to serve God through them.**

**Q & A 98**

Q. But may not images be permitted in the churches  
as teaching aids for the unlearned?

**A. No, we shouldn't try to be wiser than God.  
He wants his people instructed  
by the living preaching of his Word  
not by idols that cannot even talk.**

\* **Scripture:** *Exodus 20:4-6*

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<sup>4</sup> "You shall not make for yourself a carved  
image, or any likeness of anything that is in  
heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath,  
or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You  
shall not bow down to them or serve them, for  
I the LORD your God am a jealous God,

## Sermon Notes

visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,<sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. (ESV)

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Message: No Pictures Please**

#### \* **Be Thou My Vision** #468:1,2 (HFG)

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art –  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

#### \* **God's Blessing**

#### \* **Be Thou My Vision** #468:4 (HFG)

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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