



**WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday, December 19, 2021

*Join us live on our Facebook or YouTube page beginning at 10:30 a.m.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn: “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”**

*Words: 15<sup>th</sup> century German hymn; translated by T. Baker and K. Spaeth. Music: German hymn.*

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as men of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half-gone was the night.

Isaiah ’twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God’s love aright she bore to men a Savior,  
when half-gone was the night.

This Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;  
true man, yet very God, from sin and death He saves us,  
and lightens every load.

**Hymn: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”**

*Words: Charles Wesley. Music: Felix Mendelssohn.*

Hark the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Christ by highest heav’n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb:

veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

### **Hymn: “Fullness of Grace”**

*Words and music: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend.*

Fullness of Grace in man’s human frailty; this is the wonder of Jesus.  
Laying aside His power and glory, humbly He entered our world.  
Chose the path of meanest worth; scandal of a virgin birth.  
Born in a stable, cold and rejected: here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father shown in the face of Jesus.  
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity, walking the Calvary road.  
Christ the holy innocent took our sin and punishment.  
Fullness of God, despised and rejected: crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for, promise of God in Jesus.  
Through His obedience we are forgiven, opening the floodgates of heav’n.  
All our hopes and dreams we bring gladly as an offering.  
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable: God’s gift in love to the world.

### **Time of Prayer**

#### **Sermon: “Conceived of a Virgin”**

##### **Isaiah 7:10–17 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup> “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup> And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup> The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!”

### **Luke 1:26–38 (ESV)**

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

### **Matthew 1:18–25 (ESV)**

<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

### **Hymn: "Thou Who Wast Rich"**

*Words: Frank Houghton. Music: French Carol "Quelle Est Cette Odeur Agreeable."*

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor, a  
all for love's sake becamest poor;  
thrones for a manger didst surrender,  
sapphire-paved courts for stable floor.  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendor,  
All for love's sake becamest poor.

Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
all for love's sake becamest man;  
stooping so low, but sinners raising  
heavenward by Thine eternal plan.  
Thou who art God beyond all praising,  
All for love's sake becamest man.

Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship thee.  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling,  
make us what Thou wouldst have us be.  
Thou who art love beyond all telling,  
Savior and King, we worship Thee.

**Benediction**

**2 Thessalonians 3:16 (ESV)**

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.