



**Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
December 4, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

✝ **Opening Prayer**

✝ **Hymn of Praise** **#313 (TH #218)**
"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Prayer Requests & Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading **Ezekiel 33:1-9**

¹The word of the Lord came to me: ²"Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, ³and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, ⁴then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. ⁵He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. ⁶But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.

⁷"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Watchman Redux”

Closing Hymn

#314 (TH#211)

“God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”

✠ Benediction

**Sermon Outline
December 4, 2022 PM Service**

“The Watchman Redux”

Introduction

1. The Duty of the People (vv. 1-5)
2. The Duty of the Watchman (vv. 6-9)

5. Oh, may we keep and ponder in our mind
 God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind!
 Trace we the babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
 from his poor manger to his bitter cross.
 Tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,
 till our imperfect state God doth replace.

6. Then may we hope, th'angelic throngs among,
 to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song;
 he that was born upon this joyful day
 around us all his glory shall display;
 saved by his love, incessant we shall sing
 eternal praise to heav'n's almighty King.

John Byrom, 1749; alt.

YORKSHIRE 10.10.10.10.10.10.
 John Wainwright, 1750

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 • seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Smart, 1867

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
 2. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, a bless - ed an - gel came;
 3. "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "let noth - ing you af - fright;
 4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings re - joic - ed much in mind,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
 and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:
 this day is born a Sav - ior of a pure vir - gin bright,
 and left their flocks a - feed - ing, in tem - pest, storm, and wind,

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
 how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name,
 to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's pow'r and might."
 and went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, the Son of God to find.

Refrain

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

The musical score is written for a single voice and basso continuo. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line is on a treble clef staff, and the basso line is on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "O tid - ings of com - fort and joy." The music consists of two staves. The vocal staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The basso staff has a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the vocal staff. The music is a simple, homophonic setting of the text.

English carol, 18th cent.

GOD REST YOU MERRY 8.6.7.6.8.6.ref.
English melody, 18th cent.