

**Providence Reformed Baptist Church - Sunday, December 18, 2022**

**Sermon Series: Good Tidings of Great Joy – Luke 2:1-40**

**Message 3 – His Name is Jesus (God Our Savior) – Luke 2:15-24**

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I- Last week recap: **The Angelic Evangelists** (vv 8-14)

A- Great announcement

- 1- The lowly shepherds visited (v 8)
    - a. Good news to the poor (Isaiah 61:1-3)
    - b. The foolish to shame the wise (1 Cor. 1:26)
  - 2- The fearful angelic appearance
    - a. They were greatly afraid (v 9)
  - 3- The cheerful angelic utterance
    - a. Good tidings of great joy (v 10)
- B- The great Revelation
- 1- The Savior is born –
    - a. Humble birth (v 12)
    - b. Angels *humbled* to worship (Heb. 1:5-7)
    - c. For God's sovereign good pleasure (Eph. 1:9-10)

**II - Post-Angelic Visitation**

A- An illustration of Evangelism (vv 15-20)

- 1- The great revelation received & believed (v15)
  - a. Faith in the Gospel (. 10:14-16)
  - b. Pursuit of the person of the Gospel (v16)  
(Jeremiah 29:13)
- 2- The child has been found (v16)  
(John 1:41)
  - The shepherds immediately response
  - 1- The revelation heard
  - 2- The revelation believed
  - 3- The revelation witnessed(seen)
  - 4- The message proclaimed (v 17)  
(Ps. 105:1-3; Isaiah 52:7)

B- The wonderment of the gospel message

- 1- all who heard (v18)
- 2- Mary wonders and ponders (v19)
- 3- A child of wonderment (vv 19, 33,47,48; 4:22)

C- From wonder to Glorifying God

- a. Mary Wonders and ponders: *Worship*. (Ps. 77:11-12)
- b. Mary's prior Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)
- c. Shepherds – from fear and wonder to worship (v20)  
(Revelation heard, believed, seen – leads to amazement and worship)

### III - Who is this Child of Amazement??

Gloriously announced, worshipped at birth, a child of no beauty that we should desire him; despised and rejected by men (Isa 53:2), with no attractive spectacular birth, yet filled with wonder, majesty and glory.

#### A- His identity

*“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end.” (Isaiah 9:6-7).*

- 1- The Creator (Col 1: 15-16)
- 2- God with us (Matt 1:23)
- 3- The Living Word (John 1:1-3; 14)

#### **Behold the Divine incarnation! God has come to be one of us! (John 1:14)**

#### B- His name is Jesus

- 1- YESHUA / JOSHUA – The Lord is salvation (Matt. 1:21)
  - a. Born a Savior (Luke 2:11)
  - b. He is Salvation (Isa. 12:2; Psa. 27:1)
  - c. Provided actual Salvation (1 Thess. 1:10; Mark 10:45; Eph. 2:1-8)
- 2- God our Savior
  - a. God alone saves (Ps. 3:8)
  - b. Jesus saves (Acts 4:12)
  - c. The lamb of God (John 1:29)

**Doxology:** Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying:

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
Thanksgiving and honor and power and might,  
*Be* to our God forever and ever.  
Amen.”

## **Cross References**

### **Isaiah 61:1-3**

61 “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.”

### **Hebrews 1:5-7**

5 For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? And again: “I will be to Him a Father, And He shall be to Me a Son”? 6 But when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.” 7 And of the angels He says: “Who makes His angels spirits And His ministers a flame of fire.”

### **Ephesians 1:9-10**

9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, 10 that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him.

### **Romans 10:14-16**

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?”

### **Jeremiah 29:13**

13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

### **John 1:41**

41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ).

### **Psalms 105:1-3**

105 Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples! 2 Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk of all His wondrous works! 3 Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!

### **Isaiah 52:7**

7 How beautiful upon the mountains Are the feet of him who brings good news, Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad tidings of good things, Who proclaims salvation, Who says to Zion, “Your God reigns!”

### **Psalms 77:11-12**

11 I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. 12 I will also meditate on all Your work, And talk of Your deeds.

**Luke 1:46-55**

46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. 50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, 55 As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever."

**Isaiah 53:2**

2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

**Colossians 1:15-16**

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

**Matthew 1:23**

23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."

**John 1:1-3**

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

**John 1:14**

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

**Matthew 1:21**

21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

**Luke 2:11**

11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

**Isaiah 12:2**

2 Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.' ”

**Psalm 27:1**

27 The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?

**1 Thess. 1:10**

10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**Mark 10:45**

45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

**Ephesians 2:1-8**

2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

**Psalm 3:8**

8 Salvation belongs to the Lord. Your blessing is upon Your people. Selah

**Acts 4:12**

12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**John 1:29**

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**Revelation 7:9-12**

9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”