

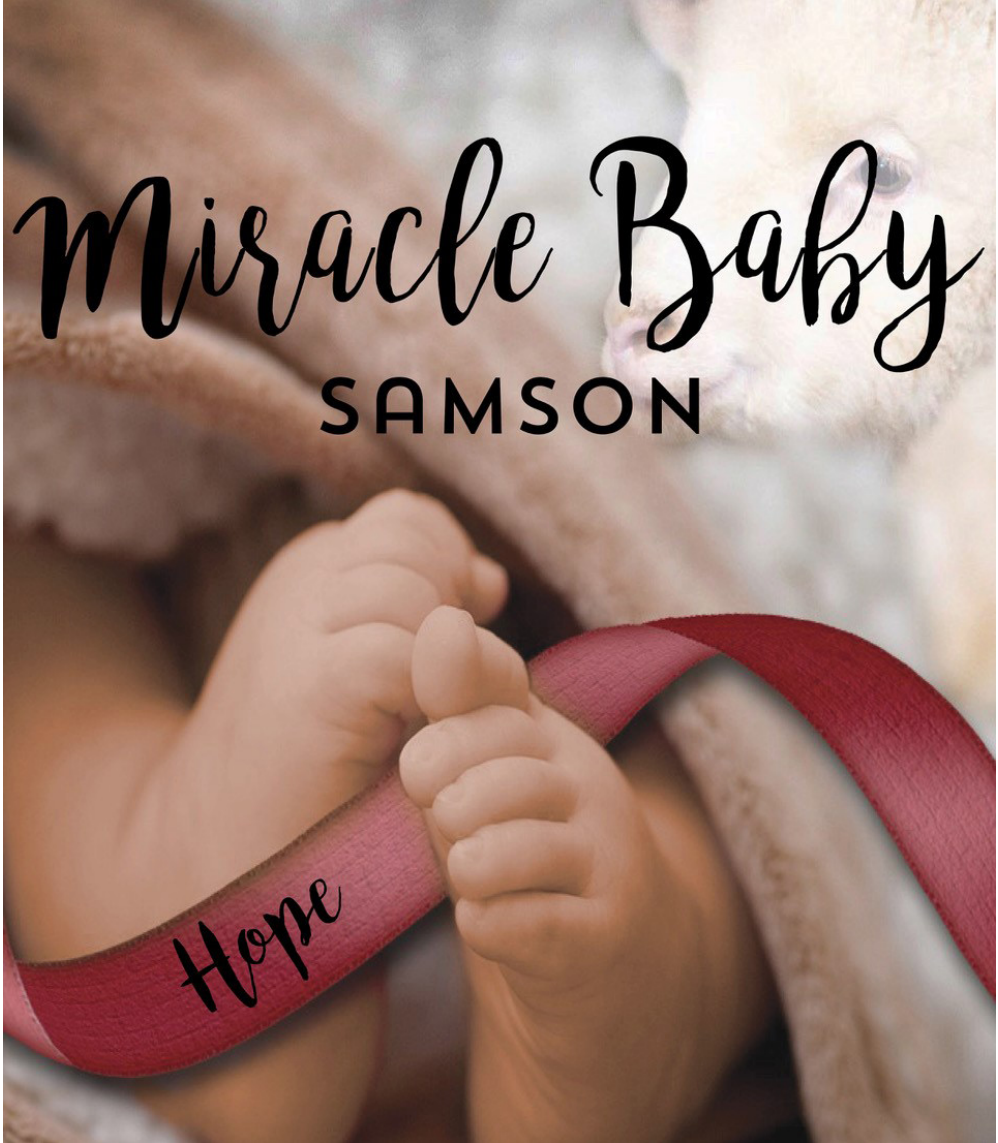


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Miracle Baby

SAMSON

NOVEMBER 28 | 9:30 AM

Welcome!

We hope you feel at home encountering God in worship with us. If you'd like to know more about us or about a relationship with God, one of our pastors would be privileged to talk with you. Feel free to call 503-210-6062 or email info@lakegrovepres.org.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude *Sleepers Wake* arr. Flor Peeters

Welcome

Church Alive

Lighting the Advent Candle

Brad, Pamela, Gabrielle & Annalise Lau

***Hymn 93** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***Prayer of Adoration**

Anthem *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Veni, veni, Rex Gentium

Veni, Redemptor omnium

Ut salvas tuos famulos

peccati sibi conscius.

Gaude, Emmanuel.

Nascetur pro te Israel, Emmanuel.

O Come, Desire of Nations

Bind in one the hearts of all mankind,

Bid every strife and quarrel cease,

And fill the world with heaven's peace

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,

Shall come to thee, O, Israel.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lowly exile here;

Until the Son of god appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel,

Shall come to thee, O, Israel.

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Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

***Response** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;

Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O

come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Scripture

Judges 13

¹ The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, and the Lord gave them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

² There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. His wife was barren, having borne no children. ³ And the angel of the Lord appeared to the woman and said to her, "Although you are barren, having borne no children, you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴ Now be careful not to drink wine or strong drink, or to eat anything unclean, ⁵ for you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor is to come on his head, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth. It is he who shall begin to deliver Israel from the hand of the Philistines." ⁶ Then the woman came and told her husband, "A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like that of an angel of God, most awe-inspiring; I did not ask him where he came from, and he did not tell me his name; ⁷ but he said to me, 'You shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the boy shall be a nazirite to God from birth to the day of his death.'"

⁸ Then Manoah entreated the Lord, and said, "O Lord, I pray,

let the man of God whom you sent come to us again and teach us what we are to do concerning the boy who will be born.”⁹ God listened to Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her.¹⁰ So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, “The man who came to me the other day has appeared to me.”¹¹ Manoah got up and followed his wife, and came to the man and said to him, “Are you the man who spoke to this woman?” And he said, “I am.”¹² Then Manoah said, “Now when your words come true, what is to be the boy’s rule of life; what is he to do?”¹³ The angel of the Lord said to Manoah, “Let the woman give heed to all that I said to her.¹⁴ She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine. She is not to drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. She is to observe everything that I commanded her.”

¹⁵ Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, “Allow us to detain you, and prepare a kid for you.”¹⁶ The angel of the Lord said to Manoah, “If you detain me, I will not eat your food; but if you want to prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the Lord.” (For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the Lord.)¹⁷ Then Manoah said to the angel of the Lord, “What is your name, so that we may honor you when your words come true?”¹⁸ But the angel of the Lord said to him, “Why do you ask my name? It is too wonderful.”

¹⁹ So Manoah took the kid with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the Lord, to him who works wonders.²⁰ When the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the altar while Manoah and his wife looked on; and they fell on their faces to the ground.²¹ The angel of the Lord did not appear again to Manoah and his wife. Then Manoah realized that it was the angel of the Lord.²² And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, for we have seen God.”²³ But his wife said to him, “If the Lord had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all these things, or now announced to us such things as these.”

²⁴ The woman bore a son, and named him Samson. The boy grew, and the Lord blessed him.²⁵ The spirit of the Lord began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Sermon Miracle Baby: Samson **Pastor Mark McIlraith**

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

Offertory *E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come*

*Peace be to you and grace from him,
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood,
That we might saved be.
Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was, and is, and is to come;
Sing Holy, Holy Lord!
Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,*

*Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!
E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!*
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Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

***Hymn 82** *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

***Benediction**

Postlude

Savior of the Nations, Come by Johann Sebastian Bach

Serving in Worship

Participants: Pastor Mark McIlraith, Pastor Graig Flach; Lau Family

Musicians: Sanctuary Choir, *directed by Wendy Bamonte*; Marilyn De Oliveira, *cello*; Matthew O'Sullivan, *organ*, Connie Titterington, *piano*.

A/V Production: Cole Ottum, Ben Dawley

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LGPCPrays

Prayer is the primary work of God's people. It is a vital connection to God where we can hear from, listen to, and respond to the Lord. Here are some ways you can pray this week...

MissionPartners

Salaam International: Pray for David and Jen Williams as they minister to Syrian refugees. Pray also for their continued good physical health, stamina and safety.

Care and Share: Pray that our Care and Share Advent season donations come in at a high level so that monthly food boxes can be provided for families in need at Christmastime and throughout the year in 2022.

If you would like to be included in the bulletin prayer list, please email: prayer@lakegrovepres.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP THROUGH MUSIC *a Festival of Carols*

LED BY SOLOISTS
ABIGAIL KLAWSON
ANTON BELOV
and ORCHESTRA

SUNDAY DEC 5 | 9:30 AM



A SIMPLE SILENT NIGHT: THE SECOND ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH
NOV 28 | 4-5pm | Fellowship Hall & Parking Lot

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.