

Historic White Marsh Church

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude Marjorie Lampkin - Pianist

Hymn ~ 259 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

Prayer

Hymn ~ 285 O Holy Night!

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

Hymn ~ 262 Away in a Manger

Sermon

Hymn ~ 270 Joy to the World

Benediction & Postlude

Tithes & Offerings Please use the wooden **offering box** or *mail your offering to: PO Box 24, Lancaster, VA 22503. Thank you!*

Membership: *If you are interested in becoming a member of Historic White Marsh Church, please talk to Rev. Wes Hall.*

Historic White Marsh Church is an independent, Bible believing, teaching, and Christ-loving Bible Church. We are made up of Christians from diverse backgrounds, who are going to the same place (heaven) because of Jesus Christ our Savior.

TONIGHT! **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 PM**
December 28 No Bible Study

January 9 Board Meeting – Tuesday at 1:00 PM
January 14 **Tenth Anniversary** of Historic White Marsh Church
January 20 **Removal of Christmas** decorations - Saturday 10:00 AM

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Sunday Worship: 11:00 AM ~ Thursday Bible Study: 6:00 PM

WHAT SHOULD CHRIST'S COMING CAUSE YOU TO DO?

Luke 2:8-20

1. IT SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO BE JOYOUS.

The joyous event of Jesus' Birth was proclaimed to the shepherds by an angel. v. 8-12

The joyous news was for all men, even the shepherds who lived in the fields with their flocks. v.8

God wanted everyone to know the good news of Christ's coming.

The angel told the shepherds who Christ was and where to find Him. v.11, 12

The shepherds received word the very day of Christ's birth.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the city of David. (This is where Christ had to be born. Micah 5:2).

He is (1) The Savior (2) The Christ (3) The Lord

The shepherds were given a sign so that they could recognize Christ when they went to Bethlehem.

2. IT SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO PRAISE GOD.

The birth of Jesus caused a multitude of the heavenly host to give glory to God. v. 13, 14

The coming of Christ caused the shepherds to praise God. v. 20

3. IT SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO SEEK THE SAVIOR

The birth of Christ caused the Shepherds to seek their Savior. v. 15, 16

The fact that the angels appeared to the shepherds is a strong indication that the shepherds were men of faith. They had probably been waiting for the Messiah to come in fulfillment of God's Word. Isa. 9:6, 7

The shepherds showed their faith by hurrying to Bethlehem to see their Savior. Have you found the Savior's salvation? If you have found the Savior, are you seeking to know Him better?

4. IT SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO TELL OTHERS THE GOOD NEWS.

The birth of Jesus caused the Shepherds to tell others the good news. The Shepherds were great witnesses. They told many people about Christ's birth. Are you following the shepherd's example? v. 17, 18

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8And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2:8-10