

Bill - Welcome and Opening Prayer.

Music – Joyce and Cheryl

Go Tell It on the Mountain
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Bill

As we come together, we see God’s plan for His Son and our Messiah beginning with the Old Testament. Hear the Word of God.

Readings Foretelling the Coming of the Messiah

Marion and Beverly

Micah 5:2 “But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.”

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Isaiah 11:1-3 “There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.”

Floy

Jeremiah 23:5 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.”

Nancie

2 Samuel 7:4-5 & 16 “The word of the LORD came to Nathan, ⁵ ‘Go and tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD ... ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’ ”

Marion and Beverly

Isaiah 7:10 & 13-14 “The LORD spoke ... ¹³ ‘Hear then, O house of David! ... ¹⁴ The Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.’ ”

Hosea 11:1 *The Lord says*, “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.”

Floy

Isaiah 9:6 “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Bill and Joyce

Numbers 24:15-17 “The oracle of Balaam ... ¹⁶ the oracle of him who hears the words of God, and knows the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty *prophesies* ... ¹⁷ “I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.”

Ivan and Lynette

Isaiah 61:1 “The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor.”

Bill

Now let’s move from the Old Testament prophets and writers foretelling the coming of the Messiah centuries before He came to hearing the historical record of the Messiah’s arrival.

The Birth of Jesus Christ

Ivan

¹⁸ “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. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ 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. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’” (Matthew 1:18-21)

Marion

²² “All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet *Isaiah* (7:14): ²³ ‘Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us). ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.” (Matthew 1:22-25)

Cheryl & Joyce:

Breath of Heaven

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Colossians 1:15 “He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

Marion and Beverly

Hebrews 5:5 “So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, ‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’”

Nancie

Luke 4:18 *Jesus said*, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty

to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

Floy

John 1:1-5 “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 was not anything made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

Ivan and Lynette

Revelations 19:6 “Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, ‘Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.’”

Cheryl & Joyce:

O Come All Ye Faithful

Bill - Short message

Closing Song – Cheryl & Joyce:

Silent Night