

CALL TO WORSHIP

“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. Of the
increase of his government and of peace there will be
no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with
righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

— Isaiah 9:6,7

SONG OF WORSHIP

“Come Adore the Humble King”

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa, 2018

Verse 1

Come adore the humble King
Lowly in the manger
Fall before His majesty
Hail the little Savior
Hope what hope no tongue can tell
God has come with us to dwell
His name is Emmanuel
O praise the humble King

Verse 2

Come adore in humble state
He the song of angels
Join the wise who call His name
And with all creation
Who oh who would condescend
God unknown now calls us friend
Love that none could comprehend
O praise the humble King

Verse 3

Come adore the King who came
To our world to save us
Born to heal our prideful race
Crown us with forgiveness
Fall oh fall before the one
Who in mercy left His throne
Christ the Lord God’s only Son
His glories now we sing
O praise the humble King

Bridge (repeat)

Come adore come adore
Come adore the King

Bow before come adore the
Name above all names

SCRIPTURE READING – Luke 1:5-17

PASTORAL PRAYER – Madison 9:15, Steve Keller,
Elder; Decatur 10:45, Vance Helms, Decatur
Connections Pastor

Ministry Partners: Mary Magdalene Ministries

SONG OF WORSHIP

“You Are God Alone (Not a God)”

Billy Foote and Cindy Foote, 2004

Verse 1

You are not a god created
By human hands
You are not a god dependent
On any mortal man
You are not a god in need of
Anything we can give
By Your plan
That's just the way it is

Repeat Verse 1

Chorus

You are God alone from before time began
You were on Your throne You are God alone
And right now in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne and You are God alone

Verse 2

You're the only God whose power
None can contend
You're the only God whose name and
Praise will never end
You're the only God who's worthy
Of ev'rything we can give
You are God
And that's just the way it is

Chorus

Bridge

Unchangeable, unshakable, unstoppable
That's what You are
Unchangeable, unshakable, unstoppable
That's what You are

Chorus

SERMON OUTLINE

“Why Should I Believe John the Baptist’s Testimony?
John 1:19-28 (outline on last page)

BAPTISM – Stella McDonald

Andy Wisner, Biblical Counseling Pastor
(Decatur, 2nd Hour)

SONG OF RESPONSE

“Joy to the World”

George Frederic Handel and Isaac Watts

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

BENEDICTION

“Blessed be the Lord forever! Amen and Amen.”

— Psalm 89:52

Madison Campus Worship Team (9:15 Livestream):

Stan Anderson, Drums; Joy Conway, Vocals; Robert Fox,
Lead Guitar; Jeff Hodge, Vocals & Acoustic Guitar; Lisa
Ingrum, Vocals; Antonio Moore, Bass Guitar; Robin
Stewart, Piano.

Decatur Campus Worship Team (10:45 Livestream):

Nathan Cameron, Drums; Maria Coker, Piano; Bruce
Ellsworth, Vocals & Acoustic Guitar; Brandon Hanvy,
Lead Guitar; Mitch Schuster, Bass Guitar; Allie Wolfe,
Vocals.

Field House Worship Team: Lee Prestwood, Acoustic

Guitar; Jonathan Schuster, Piano and Vocals; Lance
Voorhees, Bass Guitar.

I Believe: The Case For Well-Informed Faith
Why Should I Believe John the Baptist's Testimony?
John 1:19–28
The Lord's Day Morning
December 27, 2020

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

–John 20:30,31

John the Apostle has just made the opening statement in his defense of Jesus' unique claims to be the God of Creation (8:58), the Savior of the World (4:42), and the Judge of all people (5:22). For these claims, Jesus was prosecuted, condemned, and executed (5:18). Now John is appealing that verdict. In this morning's text, John calls his first witness: John the Baptist. In John's testimony, we find three attributes of a credible witness: truth, humility, and courage.

1. Speak the _____.
2. Practice _____.
3. Display _____.

MY SERMON NOTES

For kids

Today's Date:

Message Title:

Speaker:

Bible verses in today's message:

Important points in today's message:

1. Speak the _____.

2. Practice _____.

3. Display _____.

Words I didn't understand from today's message:

Questions I have from today's message:

Make a tally mark every time you hear one of the words below:

God

Jesus

Love

Pray