

Sunday Praise and Worship Service

† Order of Service



Angels in Scriptures -by Michael K. Jones

Angels are pure spirits created by God. Their apparitions and missions by God are constantly mentioned in the Bible. The original meaning of the word "Angel is messenger; and in general it can be said that although the word is sometimes used of other persons acting as messengers (e.g., human persons, Is. 18:2 ; 33:7) normally its use is restricted to the pure spirits who act as divine messengers. Thus God send angels to announce His will, to correct, punish, teach, rebuke, and console (Ps. 102:20; Matt. 4:11; 13:49; 26:53). Angels were created by God probably at the same time as creation. They were not created all equal (Dan. 10:13) they are commonly grouped into three hierarchies with three choirs each, the name of which are mentioned in the Bible: seraphim (Is.6:2,6), cherubim (Gen. 3:24 ; Ezech. 10:1-22) and Thrones (Col.1:16) dominations (Col. 1:16), virtues (1 Pet. 3:22), powers (Col. 1:16 ; 1 Pet. 3:22), principalities (Col. 1:16), archangels (1 Thess. 4:16), and angels. But they were all destined for the glorious vision of God depending on the outcome of a trial to which God subjected them. In this trial some rebelled against God and were consequently cast into hell (2 Pet. 2:4). The good angels can see God (Matt. 18:10), are called sons of God (Job 1:6 ; 38:7), aid those who fear God (Ps. 33:8 ; 90:11 ; Bar.), are guardians of countries (Dan. 4:10,20 ; 10:10 ,13, 20, 21 ; Acts 16:6) and of individuals (Matt. 18:10) The thought that God appoints an angel to guard every soul from the moment of its birth is a common theological teaching. These so called guardian angels are referenced in the Scriptures (Ps. 90:11; Matt. 18:10). Angels who did not preserve grace but fell from their high state together with Satan (2 Pet. 2:4 ; Jude 1:6) are called fallen angels, angels of the devil, or angels of the dragon (Matt. 25:41). Having driven man out of the Garden of Eden, God placed the Cherubim at its gates as guards (Gen. 3:24). Angels were sent to assist Agar (Gen. 16:27 ; 21:17), Abraham (Gen. 18 ; 22:11), Lot (Gen. 19), Jacob (Gen. 28:12-22) Elias (3 Kings 19:5) the three children (Dan. 3:49) , and Daniel (Dan. 6:22). The Law was given through angels (Heb. 2:2). An angel guided the people of Israel (Heb. 12:22); (Num. 20:16). God promised to send an angel to His people (Ex. 23:20 ; 33-2), sent to prevent Balaam from cursing His people (Num. 22:22), and sent another to Joshua (Joshua 5:13-14) And angel rebuked the people (Judg. 2:1-4), directed Gedeon (Judg. 6:11-40), appeared to Samson's mother (Judg. 13:4-21), punished David (2 Kings 24:16), directed Elias (3 Kings 19:5 ; 4 Kings 1:3-15), and defeated the Assyrians (4 Kings 19:35). Angles also explained visions (Dan. 8:16; 9:21; 10:5 10, 16). An angel appeared to Joseph (Matt. 1:20 ; 2:13-19) to Zachary (Luke 1:11, 19-20), to the Mary (Luke 1:26-38), to the shepherds (Luke 2:8,15) to our Lord in His agony (Luke 22:43), to the disciples after the Resurrection (Matt. 28:2) and after the Ascension (Acts 1:10), and to Paul (Acts 27:23). God sent an angel to assist Peter (Acts 10:19; 12:7-11), Cornelius (Acts 10:3; 11:13) the eunuch of Queen Candace (Acts 8:26-39): to aid the sick (John 5:4), and to bear the just to Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:22). Angels desire to know the mystery of the Gospel (1 Peter 1:12). They will summon men to judgment (Matt. 24:31; 1 Thess. 4:16) although they know not the day (Mark 13:32), and will come with Christ to judge mankind (Matt. 16:27; 2 Thess. 1:7).

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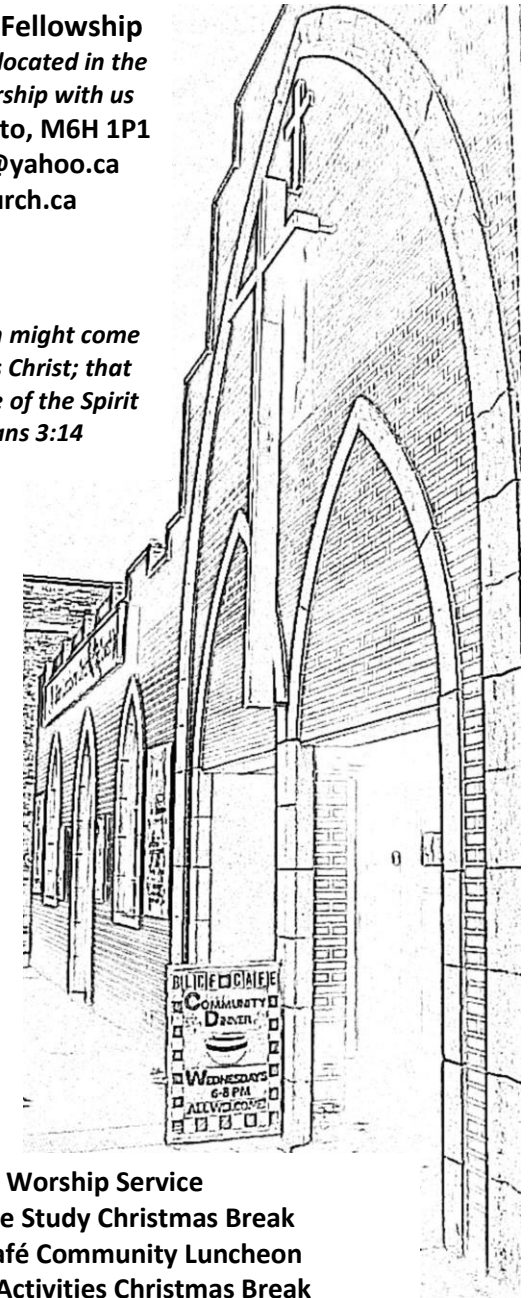
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*That the blessing of Abraham might come
on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ;
that we might receive the promise of the Spirit
through faith. – Galatians 3:14*



- ❖ Sunday ~ 11:00AM: Praise and Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday ~ Prayer and Bible Study Christmas Break
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 12-2PM: BLCF Café Community Luncheon
- ❖ Friday ~ 7:30PM: BLCF Friday Activities Christmas Break

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Announcements and Call to Worship:

Responsive Reading #627 (*The Savior's Advent – Luke 2*); Prayer

Opening Hymn #113: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Prayer and Tithing: Hymn #572: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings*;
Prayer Requests

Scriptures: Psalm John 3:19-21; John 8:12; 1 Peter 1:8-9

Message by Steve Mickelson: '*Advent: Rejoicing in Light of the Lord*'

1st Advent Candle: Hope/Prophecy (Luke 1:30-35)

2nd Advent Candle: Bethlehem/Peace (Isaiah 9:2-6)

3rd Advent Candle: Shepherds' Candle/ Candle of Love (Isaiah 52:7)

4th Advent Candle: Candle of Joy/Angel's Candle (Psalm 126:2-3)

5th Candle: Christ Candle (John 8:12)

Hymn #120: *Joy To The World*

Benediction - (Romans 15:13):

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.



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Psalm 126:2-3 (ESV)

our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."
³ The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.



John 3:19-21 (ESV)

¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

John 8:12 (ESV) I Am the Light of the World

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

1 Peter 1:8-9 (ESV)

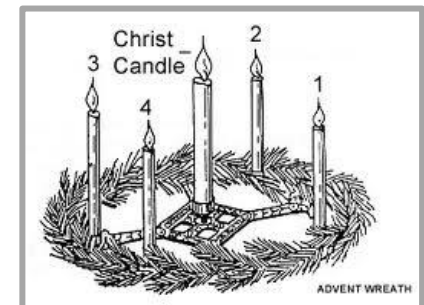
⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Christ Candle

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus
and rejoice in His coming to us,
we light the Christ candle.

Jesus Christ is our hope.
He is our peace.

Jesus Christ is our joy.
He is love--
pure, holy, undying love.



Whoever believes in Him will never perish
but have eternal life (John 3:16).

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! (2 Corinthians 9:15)
Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD! (Psalm 4:6b)