

Message Notes

ARISE is a an intentional call to action for Point of Grace to be transformed as individuals and as a church body, to literally “become light” and “shine” for God’s glory in key areas of personal and church life. Point of Grace embraced Part One of ARISE in the Spring of 2010 by surrendering to God’s transforming work in the area of financial giving. In this phase of ARISE God is calling us to transformation in the areas of Service, Community, Prayer and Worship!!

Isaiah 60¹ "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.

The Advent and Christmas Season are a fantastic backdrop for God’s transforming work in our lives with regards to our worship attitudes and practices. The content of worship and the act of worshiping really does matter !

“Joy To The World”

John 1¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Psalms 19¹ The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Philippians 2⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

1 John 3¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

Luke 2¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Matthew 11²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

“Silent Night”

John 1¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.² He was with God in the beginning.³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it.⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John.⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe.⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Revelation 5⁹ And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign^[b] on the earth.”¹¹ Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders.¹² In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!”¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”¹⁴ The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped