

# The Lord's Day-Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023

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## A Christmas Prayer

Dear God, help us to focus on you today, remembering that the gift of Christ, Emmanuel, is our most treasured gift for the whole year through. Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness you're still with us. You will never leave us. Thank you for your daily Presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favor as with a shield, we are safe in your care.

In Jesus' Name, Amen

## This Morning's Message

Reverend Brian Snyder

## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR

Greg Haskins • Gary Ray Wright • Phillip Seymour  
Colette Cross • Dorice Stewart • Beverly Snyder • John Shatraw  
Burt Goodnough • Nancy Casler • Daniel Shirley • Brian Groff  
Carl & Danielle • Mrs. Mavery • Mary Hesford • Ron Latella  
Helen Potter • Stanley Perzan • Jared Eldridge • Dan Race  
Bonnie VanDyke • Mark Freeden • George Steven • Randy  
Norm Kepner • Lynn & Stan • Shaun Hull • Patricia Myers  
Doris Bates • Donna Thurston • Stanley Kepner • Karen Ross

**MISSIONARIES:** Mozambique: Rev. Jim Pickett

**ALL MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL**

**NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, December 31, 2023**

**Greeters:** Marilyn Poole / Steve Berkman

**Security:** Tim Redden / Rod Quackenbush / Lyle Robbins

## Once in a Manger



Once in a manger, a long time ago,  
Before there was Santa and rein-  
deer and snow, A star shone down  
on humble beginnings below  
Of a baby just born who the world  
would soon know.

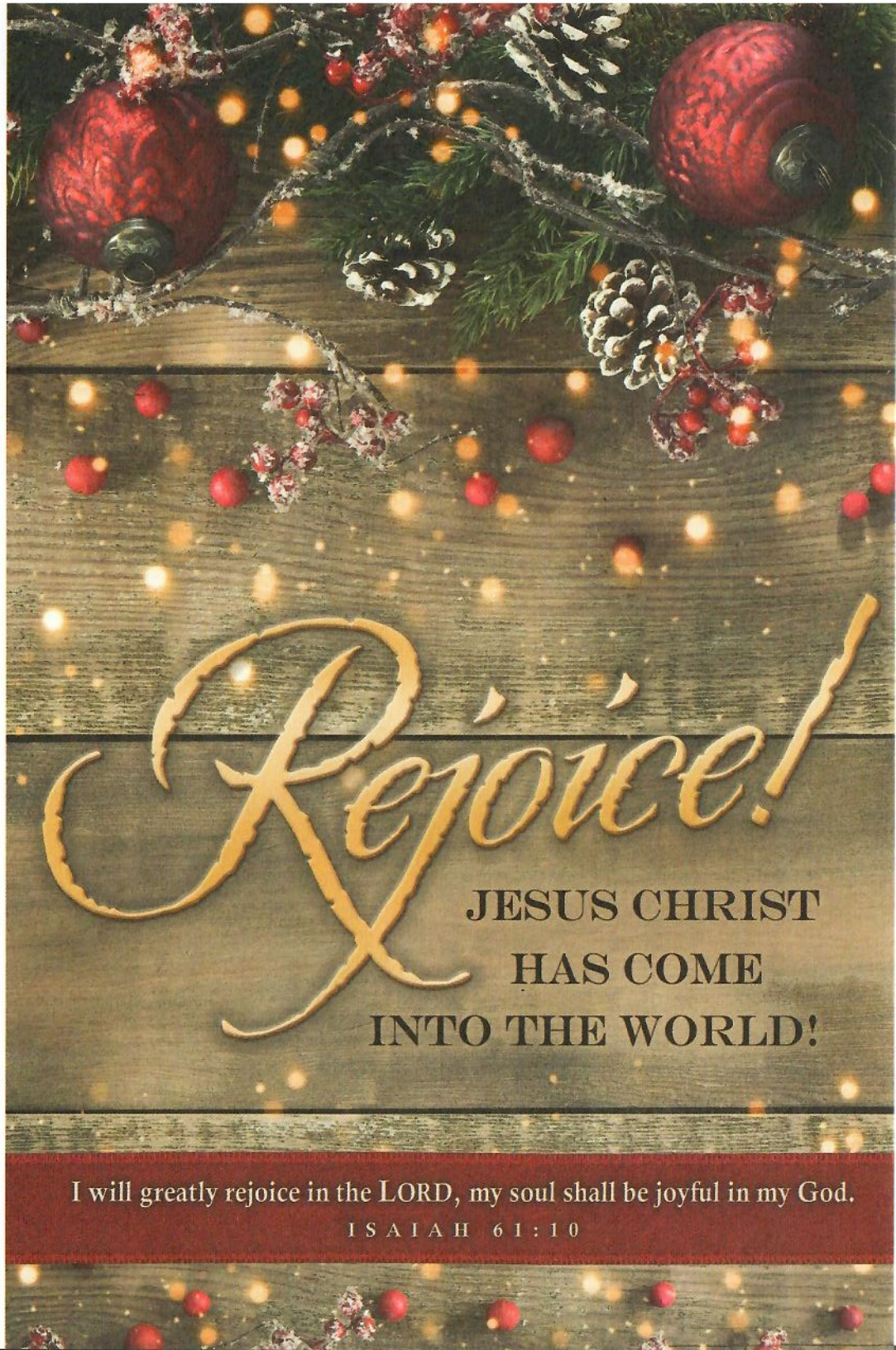
Never before had there been such a sight.  
Would the Son of a King have to suffer this plight?  
Are there no armies to lead? Are there no battles to  
fight?  
Shouldn't He conquer the world and demand His  
birthright?

No, this frail little infant asleep in the hay  
Would change the whole world with the words He  
would say.  
Not about power or demanding His way.  
But mercy and loving and forgiving God's way.

For only through humbleness would the battle be won,  
As shown by the actions of God's only true son.  
Who gave up His life for the sins of everyone,  
Who saved the whole world when His journey was  
done.

Many years have now passed since that night long  
ago.  
And now we have Santa and reindeer and snow  
But down in our hearts the true meaning we know,  
It is the birth of that child that makes Christmas so.

By Tom Krause



# Rejoice!

**JESUS CHRIST  
HAS COME  
INTO THE WORLD!**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God.

ISAIAH 61:10