

102. CHRISTMAS

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.” This is the good news: the Anointed Messiah has come, and with him is the triumph of redeeming love. (Is. 9:2)

Thanks be to God, for the gift of your Son, Jesus, the light in darkness and hope of the world, whom you have sent to save humanity.

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.” His name shall be called Immanuel meaning, “God with us.” (Lk. 2:7)

“Do not be afraid, for I am bringing you good news of a great joy for all people: for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.” (Lk. 2:10-11)

With all the angels, we praise your name, and tell the world the wondrous story of your birth.

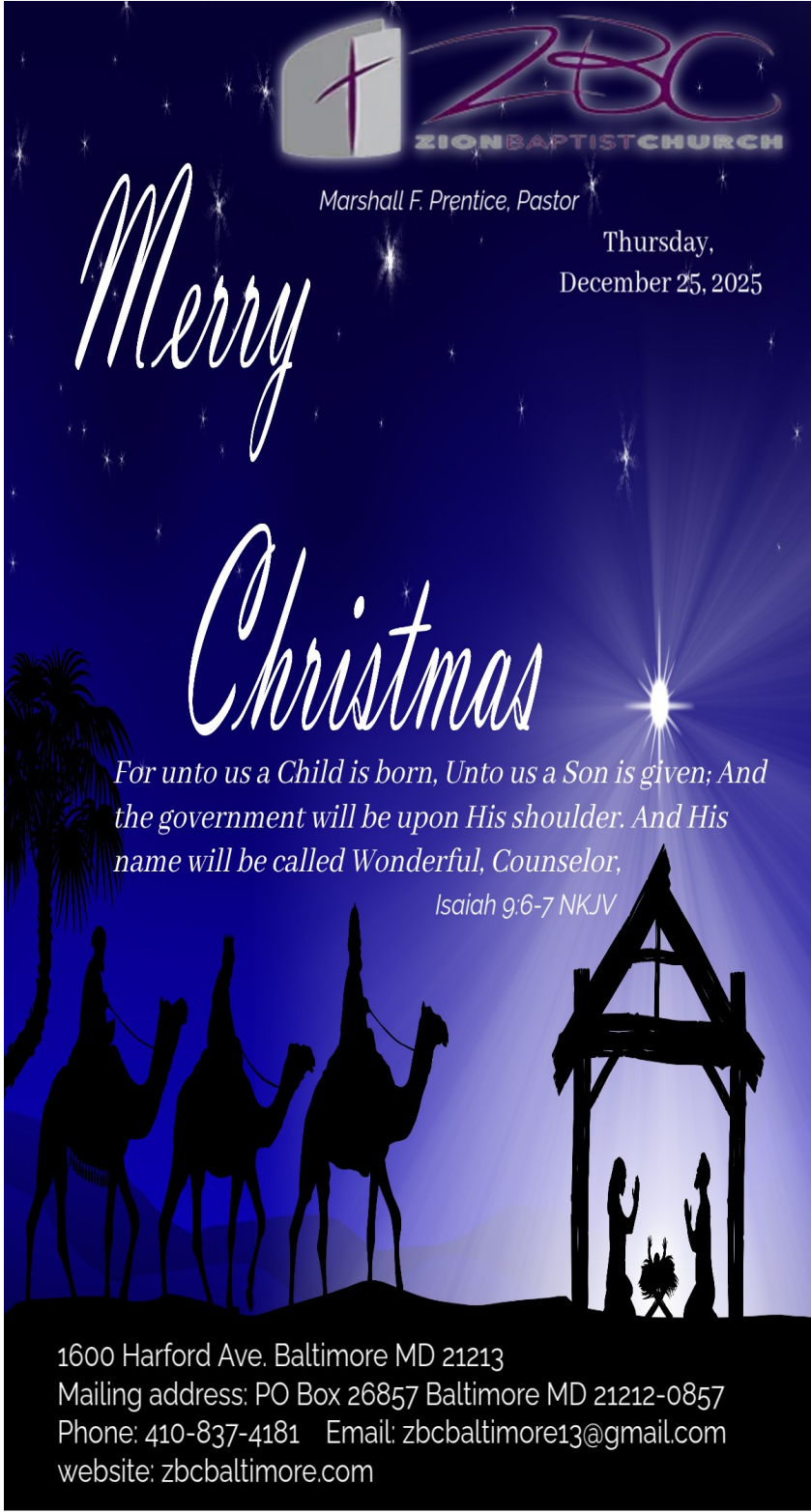
“Sweet little Jesus boy, born in a manger, Sweet little holy child, We didn’t know who you was.

Quietly you came to us. You came with power that we may share your power; humble, that the poor and lowly might see their greatness; destined for a cross, that all might have life eternal.

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son.
(see Jn. 3:16)

The work of Christmas is to find the lost, heal the broken, feed the hungry, release the captive, rebuild the nations, bring peace among the people, and make music in the heart.

Come celebrate, sing carols, decorate trees, and prepare a feast. Glory, glory to the new-born King! “ O come let us adore him. O come let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.”

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Happy Christ Birthday

To: All Zionites, Blessed Christmas.

"For unto us a Child is born, a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulder, He shall be called wonderful counselor, mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace..." (Isa. 9:6)

As we celebrate this Christmas season, let us remember this verse from the prophet Isaiah, of His birth, and that God gave us His only begotten Son.

The book of Romans states, "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life." What a gift from God the Father!

He gave us the gift of Love, He gave us the gift of Joy, and He gave us the gift of New Life. Spiritual Life, His Divine nature! Now He expects us to show His love to everyone we meet; Give joy to all we see, and to let His Spiritual life manifest itself in all we do!

Being living proof of a Loving God! In this, all will see and know the Real Reason for the Season and tell everybody that Jesus Christ is born.

Have yourself a blessed Christmas and Happy Christ Birthday!

Pastor and Lady Vi.



Enter to Worship

Worship Leader- Thomas Anderson

Call to Worship: Worship Leader

Invocation: . "O God of love, who centuries ago, blessed our earth in the birth of Jesus Christ. With glad hearts, we come to adore thee, to rekindle our sense of wonder in thy majestic ways, and to look to the Christ as our star of hope. May this time of your birth keep our hearts and lives in perfect peace. In Jesus name we pray." **Amen.**

Opening Hymn..... "Joy to the World"

Welcome Deaconess Suzette Lewis

Musical Offering..... ZBC Music Ministry

Responsive Reading..... Christmas

Prayer..... Deacon Wayne Epps

Musical Offering..... ZBC Music Ministry

The Message..... Pastor Marshall F. Prentice

Invitation to Discipleship

Happy Birthday Jesus

Altar Prayer

Benediction

"Depart to Serve"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

DEPART TO SERVE

Joy To the World

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let us, our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains;
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 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.