

## **Let's Go Deeper...**

### **Wednesday, December 16**

The best thing about last Sunday was the KidsSING music. My favorite was "Get Ready" (Mark Burrows). Here are the lyrics:

*Get ready! Get ready! A Savior is coming.  
Get ready! Get ready! No time to delay.  
Get ready! Get ready! A Savior is coming.  
Emmanuel is on the way.*

*A child will soon be born to us to rule in power and might.  
He'll chase the stormy clouds away and make our darkness bright.*

*A shoot will spring from Jesse's stem to bear the gift of love.  
He'll be the Savior of the world, the Son of God above.*

*The wolf will live beside the lamb, the calf beside the bear.  
A little child will lead them all, Now let us all prepare.*

*The mountains all will be made low, The valleys will be raised.  
The crooked paths will be made straight, O let the Lord be praised.*



Photo by John Lynner Peterson. [See more of John's spectacular photos here](#)

Imagine, if you will, four rows of red-robed children standing in four rows, four across, at the base of the chancel and on each of the four steps leading up to the communion table. They range in age from 5 or so to 10 years old.

Imagine during the chorus preceding verses one, three, and four a trio of children scurrying to a microphone where they form a semi-circle and commence the unison singing with gusto of great Advent texts from the Old Testament: **Isaiah 9:6, 11:6, and 40:4**. As they sing, they do so with ebullient smiles.

Imagine on the second verse a lone voice (Andrew Joyner) carrying the entire line, but singing the classic text of **Isaiah 11:1** in a manner worthy of a Kings College boy's choir chorister.

And imagine, too, one of the youngest boys standing in the front row with his burr hair cut, decked out for one of his first Red Robe Sundays, and nearly coming out of his robe when he adds his raucous voice and uplifted hands to the chorus in a full-throated, no-holds-barred Yelp/Whoop/Shout:

GET READY! GET READY! A SAVIOR IS COMING!  
GET READY! GET READY! NO TIME TO DELAY!

His little red-robed body convulsing with undistilled joy, he lets her rip:

GET READY! GET READY! A SAVIOR IS COMING!  
EMMANUEL IS ON THE WAY!

And now imagine that the conductor, Mrs. Reeb, the accompanist, Mr. Rintamaa, and numerous members of the congregation, seeing and listening to this joyous cacophony of chorister caroling breaking into wide toothy grins, shaking their heads in wonder, and basking in the ripples of thorough-going glee cascading their way.

Now, I know this is called "Let's Go Deeper" and you may have come here expecting some sort of theological exposition and biblical exegesis worthy of a man with a Masters degree. But not this week. You see, Sunday was Joy Sunday and I, for one, heard and saw joy writ large on the faces and in the voices of our youngest disciples.

Here. Take a listen yourself. Enjoy:

<http://centralchristianlex.info/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Get-Ready.mp3>

Let's Get Ready **for This Sunday...**

I'll be preaching on the little (read: insignificant) town of Bethlehem. The text will be **Micah 5:2-5**.