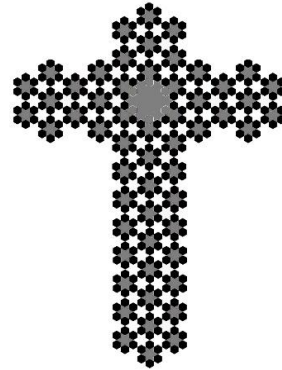


FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 29, 2024

9:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin, there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

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Most of the sung music is found in the blue hymnal, *The Hymnal, 1982*. In the bulletin, an "H" indicates the hymn section of the book; an "S" indicates it's from the service music section in the front of the book.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

VOLUNTARY

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day
In the Bleak Midwinter
The Snow Lay on the Ground

Wilbur Held
(1914-2015)

[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE HYMN H-93

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with you is now residing; yonder shines the infant Light:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations; ye have seen his natal star:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
suddenly the Lord, descending, in his temple shall appear:
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(stanzas 1,2,3)

**Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing through the night,
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.**

[Refrain] **Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear?** [Refrain]

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.** [Refrain]

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray... Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Lector *The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 61...*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147

All sing this refrain, read the verses responsively

Praise the Lord who reigns a - bove: Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
a song of praise is fitting.

**The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
and gathers the outcasts of Israel.**

The Lord heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.

**The Lord determines the number of the stars,
and gives to all of them their names.**

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power,
whose understanding is beyond measure.

**The Lord lifts up the downtrodden,
but casts the wicked to the ground. (Refrain)**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody upon the lyre to our God

who covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow upon the hills.

**The Lord gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.**

The Lord takes no delight in the might of a horse
nor pleasure in the strength of a runner,

**but the Lord takes pleasure in the faithful,
in those who hope in the Lord's steadfast love. (Refrain)**

THE SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Lector The Second Reading is taken from Galatians chapters 3 & 4....

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the

law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

GOSPEL HYMN H-107 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

(stanzas 2,3)

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

THE GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Celebrant In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

NICENE CREED *All stand as able.*

People

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
AMEN.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.

Celebrant

Let us pray for all humanity, all creation, and all times and places.

Lector

God of everlasting light, you have brought together the hopes and fears of all the years in Jesus, the Word made flesh. May his grace and truth resound in us and through us. O come to us, abide with us,

People

our Lord Emmanuel.

Lector

Angels proclaimed the peace of your unconquered Son of righteousness. Strengthen all who work for peace and justice. O come to us, abide with us,

People

our Lord Emmanuel.

Lector

You came to us in a child cradled in a borrowed bed of straw as there was no room in the inn. Open our hearts to the needs of the homeless and the hungry. O come to us, abide with us,

People

our Lord Emmanuel.

Lector Shepherds and outcasts heard your good news. Give us grace to spread your gospel of joy and liberation to all people, even those who differ from us. O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this week for Bob DeStefano, Gerard Boone, Scott Hood and the anniversary of Terry Kirk & Mei Hsiang. We rejoice in this season of family, renewal, and reconciliation. Be with those who travel, enrich our rejoicing, and strengthen the bonds between us.

O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector Christians throughout the world are celebrating your birth. Unite us in one family, that we may shine with the one light that scatters all our darkness. O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector Shed your light on all who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. We pray especially for [*read names from notebook.*] Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. I invite you to name those for whom you pray, either aloud or in the silence of your heart. [*Leave time for names.*] O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector Your grace lets us inherit the hope of eternal life. Fulfill in your love all who have gone before us in the faith, especially [*read names from notebook*]. I invite you to lift up the names of those whose absence you particularly feel at this time. [*Leave time for names.*] May we, like them, live in your eternal light. O come to us, abide with us,

People **our Lord Emmanuel.**

Lector Hear these prayers we bring to you, and impart to our hearts the blessings of your heaven.

People **Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

Please kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

People **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

All **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

arr. Michael Bukhardt

THE PRESENTATION

All stand as able.

Celebrant We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

D Bm A A⁷ D/F[#] G D A⁷ D A⁷



Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all

7 D G A⁷ D A⁷ D A⁷ Bm A A⁷



creatures here below. Praise God above, ye

12 D/F[#] G D A⁷ D A⁷ D G A⁷ D A⁷ D



heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

18 A⁷ D Bm F^{#m} D G A⁷ D A



No-el, No-el, No-el, No-el,

22 Bm D/A G D A⁷/E D/F[#] D/A A⁷ D



born is the King of Israel.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Intro (first time only) *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Bles - sed is the one who came,

God of hosts, all praise be given! All your glo - ry fills the earth;
bring - ing love and light di - vine. Bles - sed is the king who comes

all your pow - er fills the heavens. Glo - - - -
in the bread and in the wine.

- - - - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - - - - -

- ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is My Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Gently [In One] *The St. James Christmas Service*

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
son of Ma - ry.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you.

If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION SOLO

Lullaby

John Ness Beck
Cindy Huffman, Soloist

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
 the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.
 This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
 haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray...

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN H-99

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

[Refrain] Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
 go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
 behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
 rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
 and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Soloist	Cindy Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Pat Cates
Torch/Chalicists	Ashley Kilroy, Lynne Henderson
Lectors	Ashley Kilroy, Alan Mackay
Prayers of the People	Sally Miller
Ushers	Bob DeStefano, Ed Steponaitis Tiffany Walker, Alan Mackay
Building & Grounds	Cheryl Sharpe
Welcome Table	John & Sheila Scott

Prayers are requested for:

The Week of Dec 22 – The Fincher Family, Nancy & Jim D, Jim W, Bill GW, Elliot T, Lou F, Colette S, Vanessa E, Diana S, Marylynne J, Stacy J, David R, Beth P, Milly L, Bob S, Olena & family, Jo & Tom, Brenda, Mike, Mason & family, Jeff M, Kathy D, John H, Lou W, Scott, Diane, Deborah, Mike, Helen, Butch, John & Brenna, Ray, Olivia, David, Liz, Carol, Debra, Gerry, Chleo.

Celebrations this week: Birthdays – Bob DeStefano, Gerard Boone, Scott Hood

Anniversaries – Terry Kirk & Mei Hsiang.

Announcements

5th Sunday Feast – Join us today in Kirk Hall after the 10am service for a breakfast feast. Tickets are \$10 per person. Family tickets are \$30 and children 10 and under are free.

Christmas Cards – If you have leftover Christmas cards, please consider donating them to Good Shepherd's Card Ministry. Cards may be dropped at the church office.

Holiday Office Closure – The church office will be closed at noon on December 24 and reopen on January 2.

Wednesday Services – There will be no Wednesday services on December 25 and January 1. All are invited to worship at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning services.

Diocesan Visioning Day – We'll gather at on January 4 at 9 AM – 3 PM for important updates from the Bishop regarding the vision, mission, and goals of the diocese, and engage in the exciting work of dreaming about our future together. Lunch will be provided. Please rsvp online or to the church office by December 28.

Game Night – Game night resumes on January 10 at 6pm in the Patio Room.

Acolyte, Server & Usher Training – Saturday, January 11th at 11am we will have a training for all servers on changes to altar serving. It is important that all acolytes, servers and ushers attend. Please let the office know if you cannot attend.

Elections – Submit your application to run for elected positions in church leadership by January 12. The application is available at cogsdunedin.com or contact the church office.

Book Club – On January 12 at 11:30AM Book Club will discuss *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant. February's read will be *Saving Sam* by Sam Goodwin.

Thank you from Farm Workers – The Farm Workers' Christmas team wishes to thank everyone who participated in this mission. It was a great success! Last week our church sent two loads of gifts to Dade City where they were graciously received. These workers and their families will now have a brighter Christmas! *Thank you one and all!*



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