

CHRISTMAS EVE

5 PM

December 24, 2025

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

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Virtual Worship Bulletins

VOLUNTARY

In dulci jubilo

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

GREETING

OPENING HYMN H-56

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray... O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the
brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that
Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the
Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All **AMEN.**

FIRST READING: The Angel's Secret for Mary

Luke 1:26-38

HYMN H-66

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

STUTT GART

(stanzas 1,3)

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee.

Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

SECOND READING: The Amazing Dream

Matthew 1:18-24

HYMN

The Friendly Beasts

Jesus our Brother, kind and good, was humbly born in a stable rude,
and the friendly beasts around Him stood. Jesus, our Brother, kind and good.

"I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "I carried His mother up hill and down;
I carried her safely to Bethlehem town." "I," said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I" said the cow, all white and red, "I gave him my manger for His bed:
I gave Him my hay to pillow His head." "I," said the cow, all white and red.

Thus ev'ry beast by some good spell, in the stable dark was glad to tell
of the gift he gave Emmanuel, the gift he gave Emmanuel.

THIRD READING: A Long Trip

Luke 2:1-5

HYMN H-79

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ST. LOUIS

(stanzas 1,3)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given.
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

FOURTH READING: Baby Jesus Is Born

Luke 2:6-7

HYMN

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

(stanzas 1,2)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

FIFTH READING: An Angel Brings Good News

Luke 2:8-12

HYMN H-93

Angels from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE

(stanzas 1,2)

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.

SIXTH READING: All the Angels Give Glory to God

Luke 2:13-15

HYMN H-96

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

(stanzas 1,3)

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

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

SEVENTH READING: The Shepherds Visit Jesus

Luke 2:16-19

HYMN H-109

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOEL

(stanzas 1,2,4)

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They look-ed up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Pageant participants are welcome to sit with their families at this time.

HOMILY

The Rev. Whitney Burton

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 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 those on our parish prayer list and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts: [you are invited to say names out loud or in silence]. Give strength and peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. 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. We lift up the names of those whose absence we particularly feel at this time: [you are invited to say names out loud or in silence]. 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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

People **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.

OFFERTORY What Child Is This? David Cherwien

PRESENTATION HYMN H-83 O Come, All Ye Faithful ADESTE FIDELIS

(stanzas 1,2,3)

**O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only begotten Son of the Father;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;
O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand as able.

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.

Celebrant adds a proper preface

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:

SANCTUS

GLORIA

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!

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

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 he 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant
People

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

GREENSLEEVES

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 welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it is your turn to go forward. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. 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. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

COMMUNION

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

Aaron Shows

During the Communion hymn, the priest and ushers will light the congregation's candles. Please pass the flame to your neighbor by touching the unlit candle to the upright lit candle.

COMMUNION HYMN H-89

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CAROL

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong;
and warring humankind hears not the tidings which they bring;
O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing!

For lo! The days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

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.

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright.
 Round yon virgin mother and child; holy infant so tender and mild,
 sleep in heavenly peace; sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,
 glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
 Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
 radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace.
 Jesus, Lord, at thy birth; Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

SENDING HYMN H-100

(stanzas 1,2,4)

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
 let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room,
 and heaven and nature sing. and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

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.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY

Joy to the World

David Cherwien

SERVING US THIS EVENING

Celebrant	Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Pageant Coordinator	Carey Cherivtch
Crucifer	Cheryl Sharpe
Torch/Chalicer	Brettan Dickie and Carey Cherivtch
Lectors	London Bates and Gail Griffin
Prayers of the People	Brettan Dickie
Ushers	Bob DeStefano and Jay Ozbun
	Joe and Betty Lombardo

CHRISTMAS DEDICATIONS

We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts given in thanksgiving for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the adornment of the Church and the festal music of the Christmas Season.



Christmas Music



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Derek White

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Ed Steponaitis

Beloved Mere and Papa

Charles Schombs

Anthony Laterza and Joseph Laterza

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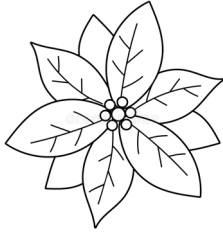
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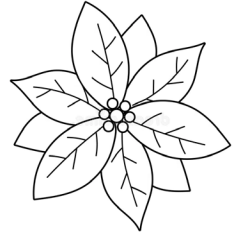
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Christmas Flowers



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Judith Warner
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Announcements

Christmas Morning Service at 10 AM. Please note that incense will be used for this service. Worship and fellowship with us as we end 2025.

First Sunday after Christmas – There will be one combined service at 9 AM, live-streamed. Worship and fellowship with us as we end 2025.

Worship Schedule – Our regular worship schedule resumes on January 4^h. Join us on Sundays for services at 8 AM and 10 AM. Children's Sunday School and nursery are offered during the 10 AM service. A coffee hour is held after each service on Sundays. Come as you are, all are welcome.

Parish Office – will be closed from Wednesday, Dec 24th until Thursday, January 1st.

Good Shepherd is celebrating 140 years in 2026. Please stay tuned and join us from February 1 through 8 as we commemorate this milestone.



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