

CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00 PM

December 24, 2025

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

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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.



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**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL COMMUNION: RITE II
DEC. 24, 2025 • 9:00 PM**

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (*beginning at 8:30 PM*)

In dulci jubilo

(*see text at H-107*)

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Deck the Hall

arr. Jack W. Jones
(1940-2018)

Away in a Manger

Jacob Caldwell, Trumpet

arr. Wallace/Head

Gaudete

Aaron Shows

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

arr. Mitchell Eithun

Prelude on ADESTE FIDELES

arr. Mitchell Eithun

Bells of Hope; Pat Cates, Director

What Child Is This

Jacob Caldwell, Trumpet

arr. Wallace/Head

O Holy Night

Judy Warner, Soprano

Adophe Adam

[During the Pre-Service, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

ENTRANCE HYMN H-83

(*stanzas 1,2,3,6*)

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

harmonization by David Willcocks

**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;**

[Refrain] **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; *[Refrain]***

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest; *[Refrain]***

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing; *[Refrain]*

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. AMEN.**

HYMN OF PRAISE H-96

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

(stanzas 1,3,4)

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing 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.

See him in a manger laid, whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector The First Reading is taken from Isaiah chapter 9...

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector The Word of the Lord.


People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM 96

Hal H. Hopson

(all sing this refrain, the soloist/ choir sings the verses)

Refrain



Sing to the Lord; O sing a new song.

Sing to the Lord; O sing a new song.

Refrain text: Psalm 96:1a.

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Sing to the Lord, sing God's praise, all you peoples;
new be your song as new honors you pay.
Sing of God's majesty, praise God forever,
show God's salvation from day to day. *(Refrain)*

Tell of God's wondrous works; tell of God's glory
till through the nations God's name is revered.
Praise and exalt the Lord, God the Almighty,
God over all, let the Lord be feared. *(Refrain)*

Let the heav'n and earth be glad, oceans, be joyful,
forest and field, now exult in your praise.
God now is come, the judge of the nations,
coming to rule, salvation to raise. (*Refrain*)

THE SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

Lector *The Second Reading is taken from Titus chapter 2...*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Sing We Now of Christmas arr. Michael Burkhardt
(choir)

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we here!

Hear our grateful praises to the babe so dear.

(*Refrain*) Sing we Noel, the King is born, Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we now Noel!

Angels called to shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest,
journey forth to Bethlehem, find the child so blest." (*Refrain*)

In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild,
Seated by the manger, watching the holy child. (*Refrain*)

From the eastern country came the kings afar,
Bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star. (*Refrain*)

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

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

Celebrant In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON *Please be seated.* The Rev. Whitney Burton

THE 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you choose.*

- 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.

People **Amen.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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

OFFERTORY

Mary, Sweet Mary
Cindy Huffman, Alto

Arbuckle-Lee/Thomas

All stand as able.

PRESENTATION HYMN

GOD REST YE

Unison:



I - sai - ah, proph - et, seer of old, re - spond-ing to God's
call, fore - told the dawn - ing light of God on
na - tions, great and small: "A Child is born, a
Son is giv'n," the hope and joy of all! O

SATB (opt.):

tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and

joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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 continues

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 gives 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!

Glo - - - - -

- 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 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.

All **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

The St. James Christmas Service

Gently [In One]

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

Christmas Lullaby

John Rutter
Choir

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.

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?
(*Refrain*) 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. (*Refrain*)

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. (*Refrain*)

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.

All stand as able.

HYMN H-111

Silent Night

STILLE NACHT

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.

THE BLESSING

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.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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 God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

Jason D. Payne

SERVING US THIS EVENING

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Soprano Soloist	Judy Warner
Alto Soloist	Cindy Huffman
Cantor	Jen Renfroe
Trumpet	Jacob Caldwell
Crucifer/Server	Laura McGary
Torch/Chalicists	Miriam Benitez-Nixon, Joe Nixon
Lector	Carolyn Hughes
Prayers of the People	Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Ushers	Ayden Watson, Crystal Collyer and Nancy Vallely

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



In Loving Memory or in Honor of:

Derek White

Sandy Dabrowski

Ed Steponaitis

Beloved Mere and Papa

Charles Schombs

Anthony Laterza and Joseph Laterza

Jen Eggers, Dorothy Carson, Susan Lee

Patricia Darlak, Rudy Jacobson,

James and Helen Burbol

My family

Paul and Mary Boone, Lothar Walter

Ed Steponaitis

Geraldine and Ezra Ahrens

Juanita

Larry McGary

Josephine Warner and Frederick R. Warner

John Burton

Given By:

Valerie White

Suzanne Vale

Peter Dabrowski

Elena and James Goletz

Carolyn Hughes

Michele Schombs and family

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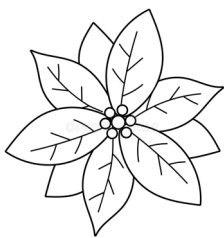
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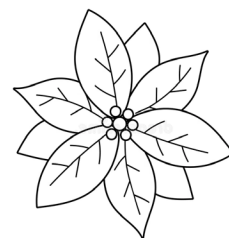
Judith Warner

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Rev. Whitney, Steven, Maggie, & Hazel



Christmas Flowers



In Loving Memory or in Honor of:

Geraline and Ezra Ahrens
Ed Steponaitis
Beloved Mere and Papa
Charles Schombs
Anthony Laterza and Joseph Laterza
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Larry McGary
Josephine Warner and Frederick R. Warner
Brian Sharpe, Carmella Arestia, Irene Arestia,
and Sam and Edith Poerio
John Burton

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Carolyn Hughes
Michele Schombs and family
Stephanie Wagner
Peter Dabrowski
Linda Ruthig
Gail and Jeff Griffin
Mike and Lynne Lloveras
Stephen and Caroline Maisel
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Mary and Bill Lasko
Andrea Zahn and Dan Depies

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Ally Fisher
Laura McGary
Judith Warner
Cheryl Sharpe

Rev. Whitney, Steven, Maggie, & Hazel

With special thanks to Crystal and Ayden Collyer in memory of Poppi/Kevin Collyer.

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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