

CHRISTMAS EVE



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday at 6 PM

Our 10:00 AM Sunday service is livestreamed

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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THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL COMMUNION: RITE II DEC. 24, 2022 • 9:00 PM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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

Organ from Six Carol Settings Wilbur Held

From Heaven Above (1914-2015)

Of the Father's Love Begotten Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Bells of Hope O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Brian Childers

Pat Cates, Director

Vocal Duet D'où viens-tu, bergère? French Carol

(Whence, O Shepherd Maiden?) Nels and Judith Auger

Organ God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen arr. Jason Payne

Solo Gesu Bambino Pietro Yon

Carol Zaffiri, Soprano

Bells of Hope On This Day Joel Raney

Solo The Jesus Gift Gilbert M. Martin

Julian Guini, Soloist

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENTRANCE 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;

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)

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

Magnificat

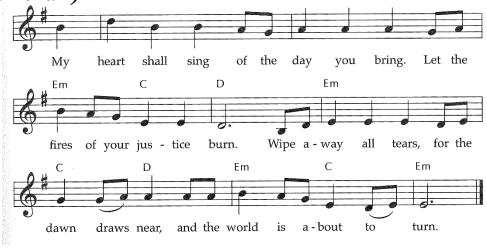
STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

Soloist sings the verses:

(Canticle of the Turning)

My soul cries with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

(All sing the Refrain)



Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

(Refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; There are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

(Refrain)

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

The people sit.

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 PUER NOBIS

Sing to the Lord new songs of praise; let all the earth sing to the Lord. Sing out and praise God's holy Name; proclaim good news with one accord.

Magnificent God's presence here, with splendid courts in glorious light; Ascribe to God all peoples, tongues; ascribe to God all power and might.

Ascribe all honor to the Lord; bring gifts into the holy place. In holy beauty worship God, and let us bow before God's face.

Proclaim, "It is the Lord who rules and who will judge with equity"; Rejoice, O earth; O sky, be glad; and roar, all creatures of the sea.

O fields and forests, shout for joy when God our ruler comes in might To judge the peoples with the truth, the whole created earth with right.

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.**

[Please stand.]

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION H-87 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MENDELSSOHN

(stanzas 1,3)

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

THE GOSPEL Luke 2:1-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people sit.

SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

All stand as able.

THE NICENE CREED

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.]

Deacon 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 [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.

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

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

16th century French Carol

Choir

All stand as able.

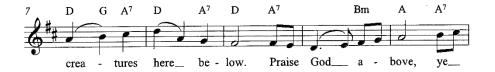
THE PRESENTATION

Deacon 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.

PRESENTATION HYMN

THE FIRST NOWELL











THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B



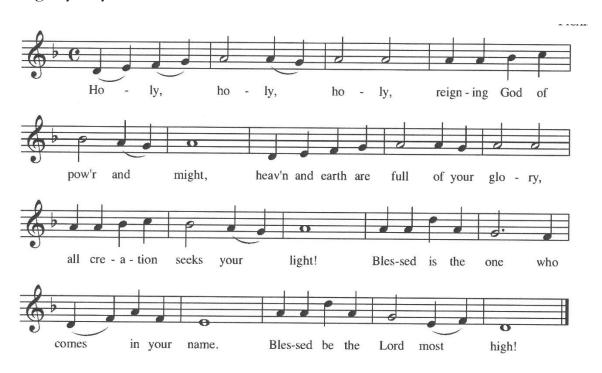
Celebrant

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

(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:



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

People

Celebrant 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



Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to receive the Sacrament.

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

Please remain seated.

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.

For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!

and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.

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.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Christ Is Born

Mark A. Miller

Choir

COMMUNION HYMN H-101

Away in a Manger

CRADLE SONG

Away in a manger, no crib for his 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 thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

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.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

All stand as able.

HYMN H-111 Silent Night STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round you 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.

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.

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

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People Thanks be to God!

VOLUNTARY Joy to the World Franklin D. Ashdown

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant The Rev. Whitney Burton Deacon The Rev. Cindy Roehl

Organist/Choirmaster Tom Huffman

Crucifer/Server Peter Brotherhood

Torch/Chalicists Joe Nixon & Miriam Benitez-Nixon Lectors Maureen Belote & Carolyn Hughes

Prayers of the People Carolyn Hughes

Ushers Bob Roehl

Building & Grounds Robin Megel

Cantor Julian Guini



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Christmas Flowers and Garland

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