

# Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

*A Jubilee Ministry Center*



## The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

5 PM and 7 PM

Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

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**Welcome To All Visitors**

*If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit.*

The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop  
 The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Interim Rector  
 Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music  
 Ashley Phillips, Director of Children and Youth Ministry  
 Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth  
 Kristine K., Parish Administrator  
 Teresa Garnica, Sexton

### Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector:           5 PM Beth Hatcher  
                       7 PM Steve LaMar  
  
 Altar Servers:   5 PM Beth Hatcher and Tabitha Richardson  
                       7 PM David Boyd and Steve LaMar  
  
 Ushers:           5 PM Todd Knape and Tom Sampson  
                       7 PM Don & Marilyn Robbins

### ~Carol Singing #89~“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by  
  
 glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## ~Carol Singing #109~“The First Nowell”

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3 And by the light of that same star  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise - men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
 3 three wise - men came from coun - try far;  
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
 5 full rev - erent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

CONT.

1 on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con-tin-ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went.  
 4 right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank-in-cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is-ra-el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

Words: English carol, 18th cent. Music: *The First Nowell*, English carol, 17th cent.; harm. John Stainer (1840-1901)

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
 born is the King of Is-ra-el.

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~Prelude ~  
“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”  
By: Lani Smith

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~Processional Hymn #87~  
“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the final three lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C).

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,  
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.  
Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

CONT.

with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 hail, the Sun of Right-ous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

## Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

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

**People:** *And blessed be his kingdom,  
now and forever. Amen*

-Song of Praise #96 Angels We have Heard On High (vss. 1 & 3)-

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



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**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

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. **Amen.**

# Lessons A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

## Isaiah 9:2-7

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.

The Word of the Lord.

10 **People: Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 96 (*Read In Unison*)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth

# A Reading from the Letter to Titus

## Titus 2:11-14

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.

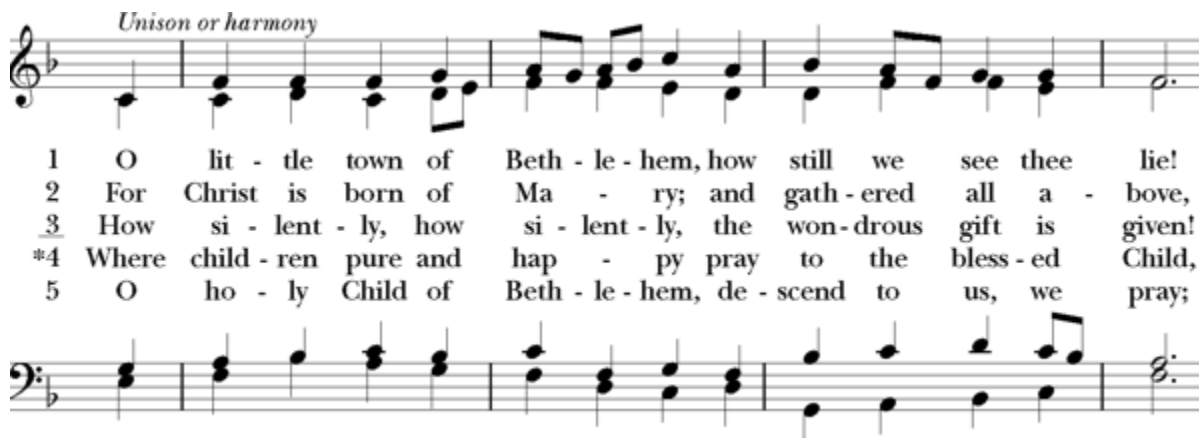
The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

### ~Gospel Hymn #78~

“O Little Town Of Bethlehem” (vs. 1 Before & vs. 2 After)

*Unison or harmony*



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
\*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,  
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



1 A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
 2 while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-dering love.  
 3 So God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless-ings of his heaven.  
 4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;  
 5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light:  
 2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,  
 5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.  
 3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ-mas comes once more.  
 5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!



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## The Gospel

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

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

### Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

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.***

## The Nicene Creed

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



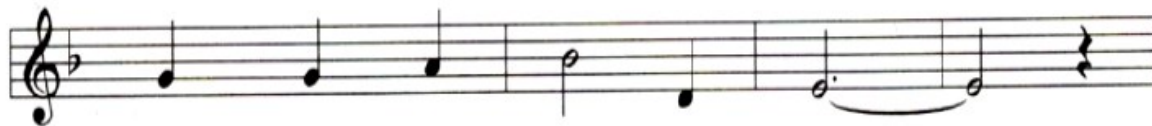
# ~Prayers Of The People~ #130 "While We Are Waiting"

CLAIRE CLONINGER

DON CASON



1. While we are wait - ing, come; \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. With pow'r and glo - ry, come; \_\_\_\_\_



While we are wait - ing, come. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come. \_\_\_\_\_  
 With pow'r and glo - ry, come. \_\_\_\_\_



Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,



While we are wait - ing, come. \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: As we gather this blessed night, fill our hearts with hope, peace, joy, and love given to us because you gave us a child born in a stable - Jesus Christ our Savior. Let us celebrate the good news the angels delivered to the humble shepherds long ago. Prince of Peace;

***People: Receive our prayers***

Lector: On this Christmas Eve, we pray for the worldwide church, especially for peace in the Holy Land where your Light was brought into the world. May this Light give hope and comfort to the whole human family. Prince of Peace;

***People: Receive our prayers***

Lector: As we come to the end of another challenging year help us to be faithful in knowing we are surrounded by your love. Fill us with hope and strength to create a joyful new year filled with peace. Prince of Peace;

***People: Receive our prayers***

Lector: We saw your Light shine in acts of kindness, and in reaching out to those who were most vulnerable. May we always be grateful for the many blessings you have provided in our lives. Prince of Peace;

***People: Receive our prayers***

Lector: We pray for those who are weary, lonely, isolated and for those who have lost hope. We pray for those who are sick and suffering, whether in mind, body, or spirit, especially those close to our hearts. May they feel the presence of your love, comfort and healing. Prince of Peace;

***People: Receive our prayers***

Lector: We pray for those who have recently died. Christmas time, when there should be such joy, help those who mourn to bring their sorrows and heavy hearts to you, so that you may surround them with your love and peace.

*People: Receive our prayers*

Celebrant: Loving God, like the shepherds in the field, let us rejoice in the good news of hope, peace, joy and love at Christmas and throughout the year. May we glorify your name and honor you as our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**

*Celebrant says:*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and 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. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

## The Offering

*The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.*

### **~Offertory Anthem~ “Sing We All Noel”**

**(Deck the Halls / Sing We Now of Christmas / Come, Ye Lofty)**

**By: Tom Fettke**

“Deck the halls with boughs of holly, Fa la la la la, la la la la.

‘Tis the season to be jolly, , Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Fill the world with sounds of Christmas, , Fa la la la la la, la la la.

Sing, for God Himself is with us! , Fa la la la la, la la la la.

See the Holy Child before us, , Fa la la la la, la la la la.

Rise and join the angel chorus, , Fa la la la la, la la la la.

God is good beyond all measure! , Fa la la la, la la la la la.

Gave us everlasting treasure! , Fa la la la la, Fa la la la la, , Fa la la  
la la, la la la la.

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel sing we here!

Listen to our praises To the Babe so dear.

\*Sing we Noel, The King is born, Noel! Sing we now of  
Christmas, Sing we all Noel!

Prophets sang of Christmas Long before the dawn.

Now the Light is shining, And we join their song.

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Angels sang His glory At the humble birth.

Hear the song crescendo, As it fills the earth.

Come, ye lofty; come ye lowly. Let your songs of gladness ring.

In a stable lies the Holy, in a manger rests the King.

See, in Mary’s arms is sleeping Christ, by highest heaven adored.

Come and see the angels keeping vigil ‘round the living Lord.

Come, ye now in celebration. Come rejoice and praise His name.

Go and tell to every nation Christ the Lord is born today.

Come. Ye people join the chorus. Join the angels as they sing.

Come and see who lies before us. Worship now the King of Kings.

Worship now the King of Kings.

## The Doxology



\*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

**The Holy Eucharist**  
*Eucharistic Prayer B*

The 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.

*The Celebrant proceeds:*

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## S#130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —

— in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a setting of the Gloria. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —', '— in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na', and 'in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

Setting: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The people stand or kneel.

*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;**

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. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and 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**

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* Therefore let us keep the feast.

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God.

[Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

### **Communion of the People**

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.



### **~Communion Hymn~**

"Sleep Little Baby" (5 PM Service)

By: Joseph M. Martin

(Solo: Linda Parker-Boyd)

"The First Noel" (7 PM Service)

By: Dan Forest

(Solo: Eunhee Suh)

"Amid The Cold Winter"

By: Bert Rhoades

~Post Communion Carol #111~  
 (With Candle Lighting)  
 "Silent Night"

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - dian beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. born! Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace. born!  
 birth. Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

**Post-Communion Prayer *Celebrant*:** Let us pray.

***Celebrant and People:***

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness  
and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

*The Priest gives the blessing*

**May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon  
him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of  
sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness.  
Amen.**

**May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of  
the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of  
the Gospel. Amen.**

**May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to  
earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor.  
Amen.**

**And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and  
the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.  
Amen.**

# ~Recessional Hymn #100~

## “Joy To The World!”



1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
\*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and



heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
3 far as the curse is found, far  
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of his love,

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Antioch*, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People :** Thanks be to God.

~Postlude~

“Joy To The World ”

By: Stephen L. Aber







**Choir**

Britta Bloomberg  
Deborah Boreham  
Sue Jenks  
Liz MacAulay  
Bobbi MacKenzie  
Linda Parker-Boyd  
Jade Rushing  
Ed Simpson  
Eunhee Suh  
Paula Vessels

**Hand Bell Choir**

Bernadette Davis  
Elizabeth Hatcher  
Sue Jenks  
Jade Rushing  
Eunhee Suh



## Poinsettia Dedications

In loving memory of Jean and Charles  
Blevins. Given By: Philip and Deb Boreham

In loving memory of Connie and Gene  
DiBenedetto. Given By: Philip and Deb  
Boreham

In loving memory of John Hamilton, Rob  
Hamilton and Earline Hamilton.  
Given By: Cynthia Farlow

In loving memory of Henry and Vera  
Tennyson. Given By: Cynthia Farlow

In loving memory of Bill's twin brother Jim  
Flickinger. Given By: Bill and Tycha  
Flickinger



## Poinsettia Dedications

Dedicated to Katelin, Noah, & Kenly with infinite love and gratitude. Given By: Grandma Bernie

In loving memory of my parents, Ken and Marilyn Montgomery.  
Given By: Beth Hatcher

Dedicated to Jesus, our precious Lord and Savior. Happy Birthday with all our love now and forever! Given by: Nick and Sherron Hodgkinson

In loving memory of Carolyn Long.  
Given By: Steve Long

We love and miss you Nic. Forever ours.  
Our beloved sister, Nicole Engelbretson.  
Given By: Ashley and Emilee

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