

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2022

9:30 A.M.

*We are followers of Jesus Christ, living and sharing
the love of God through faith and action, welcoming all.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Ringin' of the Bell

Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place*

Call to Worship

Leader: The people who once lived in darkness have been given a great light!

People: Praise be to God who has heard our cries.

Leader: Our souls sing out God's praise!

People: God has brought us a light of Hope and Peace.

Leader: Tonight, in this place, the Light of God's Love is given to us!

People: And we shall see that light and let it shine through our lives. Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting

Jay, Beth & Sienna Petrino

Reader One: Because injustice and despair threaten to overwhelm us, we pray for hope.

Lighting the first candle in the Advent wreath

Reader Two: Because so many swords have not yet been beaten into ploughshares, we pray for peace.

Lighting the second candle in the Advent wreath

Reader One: Because grief and loss weigh so heavily, we pray for joy.

Lighting the third candle in the Advent wreath

Reader Two: Because hatred is still so strong, and because people all over the world are suffering, we pray for love.

Lighting the fourth candle in the Advent wreath

Reader One: God has come to us as a child, to dwell with us and to walk with us.

Lighting the Christ Candle in the Advent wreath

Reader Two: May the light and the fire from these candles burn away everything that is preventing the God of hope and peace and joy and love from being born among us.

Reader One: Brothers and sisters, be not afraid, even now. Even now the light of Christ is overwhelming the world, on earth as it is in heaven!

Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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Special Music

What Child Is This?

arr. Nishimura

Sally Turner - Flute

Anthem

Tidings

arr. Wagner

Chancel Choir and Bells

Echoes of the Announcement - A Choral Reading

Hymn

Angels We Have Heard on High

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Special Music

Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

arr. McChesney

The Phillips Family - Bell Quartet

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 9:2, 6

Luke 2:9-12

Hymn

Away in a Manger

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Chimers and Congregation

Special Song

Children's Story

Echoes of the Acceptance - A Choral Reading

Special Music

O Holy Night

arr. Deford

Evan Phillips

Liturgical Dance

The Hope of Christmas

Matthew West

Sienna Petrino

Homily

Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.

Prayers of the People and Lighting of Prayer Candles

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Debts/debtors)

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those that trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God.

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to You, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey, and set before us the way of life.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer

Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

(Gluten-free option is available upon request to the server)

The Words of the Institution

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord.

People: Amen, Amen and Amen.

Hymn & Candlelighting *Silent Night* # 60

Benediction

Postlude *Joy to the World* # 40

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We are pleased you could join us today as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Please pass the Friendship Pads found in the aisle chair racks along your row to let us know that you are with us this afternoon.

We wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a joyous New Year!



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Rev. Phil Davis, Sr.



Christmas Flowers have been given by:

Brad & Kathy Adams in memory of loved ones;
Beth & Michael Algase in loving memory of their parents, Albert & Edna Barie;
Bob & Sandi Blakey in memory of loved ones;
Joyce Bradstreet to the Glory of God;
Jerri Breschard in loving memory of husband Paul and sister Pat;
Clark & Janet Chippero in memory of loved ones;
Jody Clark and Lori & Greg Singletary in memory of Bob & Joyce Clark and Hunter Dunlap;
Marge & Terry Crumb in memory of Judy & Duane Crumb;
Don & Nikki George in memory of their parents;
Alta Harter & Debi Scott in memory of Edgar Harter;
Tony & Georgia Hubbard with thanks to God for the gift of His Son;
Thelma Leonhard in memory of loved ones;
Chris, Alissa, Abbey & Liam Mayer in memory of Laura Rider, Kristie Rush, Tiffany Lill and Stefanie Fischer;
Dick & Tina McNeary to the Glory of God;
Steve & Laura Oliver in memory of Frances Oliver;
Mark Pipal & Connie Rice in memory of loved ones;
Arlene Sahmel to the Glory of God;
Sally Turner with joy for the Christ Child;
Greg, Mary & Hailey Vick in loving memory of Betty & George Sheehy;
Kay Wahl in loving memory of sons Herbie & Gary Wahl;
Sue Wroblewski in memory of Richard.



Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings; I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

O Come, All Ye Faithful # 41

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!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! Refrain:
Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all Glory in the highest! Refrain:

Angels We Have Heard on High # 23

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous trains prolong/
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Refrain:
Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Refrain:

Away in a Manger # 25

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,
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.

Silent Night # 60

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.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light.
With the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King.
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

Joy to the World # 40

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.