

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION LITURGY & RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

MONEY BROUGHT TO THE ALTAR RAIL GOES TO THE PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND TO HELP THOSE IN NEED.

ANTHEM

THE FIRST NOEL/PACHELBEL'S CANON

ENGLISH CAROL / CANON IN D
MUSIC BY JOHANN PACHELBEL
ARR. BY MICHAEL CLAWSON

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

HAND BELL CHOIR & ORGAN
TRADITIONAL CAROL
ARR. BY JOHN CALVIN SCHWARZE

*HYMN OF INVITATION & CANDLELIGHT

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT

#239

WORDS BY JOSEPH MOHR
MUSIC BY FRANZ GRUBER

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1. 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.
2. 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!
3. 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.
4. 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!

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING FORTH

JOY TO THE WORLD

#246, v. 1

WORDS BY ISAAC WAITS
MUSIC ARR. BY G.F. HANDEL

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1. 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.

POSTLUDE

DING DONG, MERRILY ON HIGH

FRENCH



Merry Christmas!

December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve Candlelight
& Communion Service in
the Sanctuary & Online
5:30 PM



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE
AWAY IN A MANGER
J.K. MURRAY, CARLTON YOUNG, & TOM CALVIN

WELCOME HOME!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
ONE HOLY NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM
MARY N. KEITHAHN & JOHN D. HARMON

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Congregation: Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come and has overcome the world and gained a blessed immortality for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**
JOHN 1:3-5

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Congregation: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light! Light of the world shine in our lives and shine always in our lives so that others may see you through us! Emmanuel - Thank you for being God among us and in us! Hallelujah! Amen! We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, the newborn King, who is the light of the world. May the Word sent from God lead us to the way of salvation!

(From Advent Christmas and Epiphany & partly written by Rev. Laraine Waughtal)

***HYMN OF PRAISE**
I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

#156
WORDS BY KATHERINE HANKEY
MUSIC BY WILLIAM FISCHER
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1. I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

2. I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams. I love to tell the story, it did so much for me; and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]

3. I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet. I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

4. I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead, he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER
O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
#230, v. 1 & 4

WORDS BY PHILLIPS BROOKS
MUSIC BY LEWIS H. REDNER
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1. 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.

4. 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!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS
10% OF TONIGHT'S OFFERING WILL GO TO
THE METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME & FOSTER FAMILIES

DOXOLOGY
PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW
#95

WORDS BY THOMAS KEN
MUSIC ATTR. TO LOUIS BOURGEOIS
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF FAITH
GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
#251

WORDS BY JOHN W. WORK, JR.
MUSIC FROM AFRO-AMERICAN SPIRITUAL
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Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

2. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. [Refrain]

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

SCRIPTURE READING
LUKE 2:1-20

SERMON
"HOPE, LOVE, JOY, & PEACE"

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION