

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION & PARDON

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness.  
Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

**Congregation: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of 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 (PLEASE VIEW SLIDE)

## 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**  
*MARY, DID YOU KNOW?*  
MARK LOWRY & BUDDY GREENE

## \*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  
WORDS BY ISAAC WATTS  
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.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. 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.
4. 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, and wonders of his love.

**POSTLUDE**  
*DING DONG, MERRILY ON HIGH*  
FRENCH



**“God’s Relationship  
with US as Family”**

**Luke 2:1-7**

**December 24, 2022  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
with Communion  
Sanctuary & Online  
5:30 PM**



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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## PRELUDE

### *THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY*

HAND BELL ENSEMBLE  
HENRY ONORATI & HARRY SIMEONE  
ARR. BY TAMMY WALDROP

## ***WELCOME HOME & MERRY CHRISTMAS!*** **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

### *WERE YOU THERE ON THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT*

NATALIE SLEETH

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
**And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory.**

Let us dance with delight in the Lord  
and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing,  
**for eternal salvation has appeared on the earth. Alleluia!**

## \*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.*

**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 *WHAT CHILD IS THIS*

#219  
WORDS BY WILLIAM C. DIX  
MUSIC FROM A 16TH CENTURY ENGLISH MELODY  
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1. 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.
2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear, for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. **[Refrain]**
3. 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]**

## \*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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

# SHARING OF OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

## CALL TO PRAYER *AWAY IN A MANGER*

#217, v. 1 & 3  
WORDS: ANONYMOUS  
MUSIC BY JAMES R. MURRAY  
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1. Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.
3. 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.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

## OFFERING PRAYER & RETURN OF GOD'S TITHES & GIFTS

## \*DOXOLOGY

### *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW*

#94  
WORDS BY THOMAS KEN  
MUSIC FROM *GEISTLICHE KIRCHENGESANGE*  
ARR. BY RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS  
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## CHILDREN'S TIME

## HYMN OF FAITH

### *WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS*

#236  
WORDS BY NAHUM TATE  
MUSIC FROM *HARMONICA SACRA*  
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1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.
2. "Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind. "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all of humankind.
3. "To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:
4. "The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."
5. Thus spake the seraph and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God on high, who thus addressed their song:
6. "All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to earth begin and never cease!"

## SCRIPTURE READINGS LUKE 2:1-7

## SERMON

**“GOD’S RELATIONSHIP WITH US AS FAMILY”**  
REV. LARAINÉ WAUGHTAL

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION