

December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve

7:00 PM



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***Our Mission: Boldly and Joyfully Sharing
The Good News of **Jesus' Love and Forgiveness.*****

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Pastor's Greeting:



Hymn: *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*..... CW₉₃ 23 (NCW 327) Stz 1-4

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
4 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
draw - ing night; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,

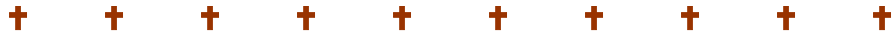
Refrain
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
And close the path to mis - er - y.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

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Confession and Absolution

L: O Lord, open my lips.

C: **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

L: Make haste, O God to deliver me.

C: **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

L: For unto us the Savior is born.

C: **Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

L: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving.

C: **And extol Him with music and song.**

L: For the Lord is a great God.

C: **And a great King above all gods.**

L: In His hands are the deep places of the earth.

C: **And the Mountain peaks belong to Him.**

L: The sea is His, for he made it.

C: **And His hands formed the dry land.**

L: Come, let us worship and bow down.

C: **Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

L: For He is our God.

All: **And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep under His care. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. AMEN**

Bell Choir Plays: *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*.....**CW₉₃ 55**

Prayer for Christmas Eve

L: Dearest Savior, give us all a simple and childlike faith that sees your glory even in your lowliness. Empower us all to rejoice in your birth. May we always join the song of the angels, share the delight of the shepherds, and honor your holy name above all names. Let your holy truth, your unending love, and your unmatched grace continue to dwell in our hearts so that we may reflect your kindness, mercy, and love to you and others all the days of our lives.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn: *Come, O Long Expected Jesus*.....**CW₉₃ 6 Stz 1 & 2**

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1 Come, O long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;
2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,
By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

The Lesson:

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 11:1-3

L: 7:¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

C: 9:⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.

L: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

C: The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

L: 11:¹ A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ² The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him— the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD— ³ and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. This is the promise of our God.

Hymn: *Behold, a Branch Is Growing*CW₉₃ 47 (NCW 360) Stz 1, 2, & 5

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1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of love - liest form and
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it In words of prom - ise
 5 O Sav - ior, Child of Ma - ry, Who felt our hu - man



grace, As proph - ets sang, fore - know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's
 sure, And Mar - y's arms en - fold it, A vir - gin meek and
 woes, O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry, Who con - quered all our



race And bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of
 pure. Through God's e - ter - nal will This child to
 foes, Bring us at last, we pray, To the bright



cold - est win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.
 her is giv - en At mid - night calm and still.
 courts of hea - ven And to the end - less day

The Gospel:

Luke 1:26–38

L: ²⁶ In the sixth month (of Elizabeth’s pregnancy), God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

C: ²⁹ **Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.**

L: ³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.”

C: ³⁴ **“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”**

L: ³⁵ The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For nothing is impossible with God.”

C: ³⁸ **“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May it be to me as you have said.” Then the angel left her.**

Hymn: God Rest You Merry GentlemenNCW 356 Stz 1, 2, & 1

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,
 2. In Beth - le - hem, in Is - ra - el this bles - sed baby was born,
 1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may,

re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,
 and laid with - in the man - ger up - on that bles - sed morn:
 re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior was born on Christ - mas day,

to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;
 to which his mo - ther Ma - ry did noth - ing take in scorn!
 to save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r when we were gone a - stray;

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and joy,
 O tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

The Gospel:

Matthew 1:18–25

L: ¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

C: ²⁰ **But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,**

L: “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

C: ²³ **“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”**

L: ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

Hymn: *Away in a Manger*..... NCW 340 Stz 1–3



1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus no cry - ing he makes; I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look
ev - er, and love me, I pray; bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky, and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
thy ten - der care, and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

The Gospel:

Luke 2:1-7

L: In those days, Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to his own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

C: ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child.

L: ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem CW₉₃ 65 (NCW 333) 1-4



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And, gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is giv'n!
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep And dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
While mor - tals sleep, The an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts To hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heav'n.
Cast out our sin And en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;



The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing To God the King And peace to all the earth.
Where meek souls will Re - ceive him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.
Oh. come to us. A - bide with us. Our Lord Im - man - u - el!

The Gospel:

Luke 2:8-14

L: ⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

C: ¹² **This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."**

L: ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High..... CW₉₃ 63 (NCW 346) Stz 1-3



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;



And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



Glo ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; Glo



ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Gospel:

Luke 2:15–20

L: ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another,

C: “**Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.**”

L: ¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

C: ¹⁷ **When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child,**

L: ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them.

¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.


Hymn: *What Child is This*..... **CW₉₃ 67** (NCW 344) **Stz 1 & 2**




1 What child is this who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox - en now are



sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet With an - thems sweet While
feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear; For sin - ners here The



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is
si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear shall



Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing.
pierce him through; The cross he'll bear for me, for you.



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the Son of Mar - y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the Son of Mar - y!

Christmas Message:

Titus 2:11 & 14

Jesus Redeems and Purifies His People

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. *Through Jesus Christ our Savior...* ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own...

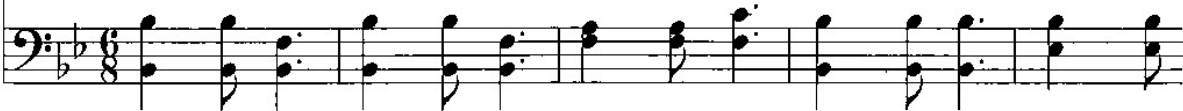


We light our white candles to honor the birth of our Lord, then sing,

Hymn: *Silent Night* **CW₉₃ 60** (NCW 337) **Stz 1-3**



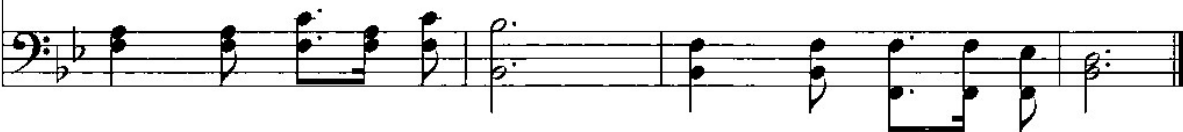
1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round you
2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight. Glo - ries
3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant



vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
stream from heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing, Al - le - lu - ia;
beams from thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,



Sleep in heav - en - ly peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.



Responsive Prayer:

L: Oh gracious and almighty Father, we praise you that you kept your ancient promises by sending your everlasting Son in human flesh.

C: **On this night made holy by your Word, receive our thanks and devotion, our songs and prayers.**

L: You sent Jesus as the Savior of the world to deliver us from the curse of sin, the power of death, and the torment of hell. Jesus took our place. He was born under the law to set us free. He was the innocent lamb of sacrifice. He came to die and to rise again in order that we might live eternally. Lord, firmly implant this good news in our hearts, and fill us with an eager desire to spread the Word concerning what we have heard tonight.

C: **May all who hear the message of Jesus, our Savior, be amazed and believe what is told them about the child.**

L: May the “joy that will be for all people” be our joy. May the “peace on earth” be our peace. May the birth of Jesus, that Mary pondered in her heart, be our joy now and forever. Amen.

Bell Choir Plays: *Joy to the World* **CW₉₃ 62**

Prayers:

Let us pray as Jesus has taught us...

Lord’s Prayer: *(traditional)*

***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 and ever.
Amen!***

Benediction:

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* **CW₉₃ 61** (NCW 350) **Stz 1–3**

Closing Hymn: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*..... CW₉₃ 61 (NCW 350) Stz 1-3



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n - ly Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail th' in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



With th' an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"



*Jesus is the Reason for this Holy Season
May the Lord Bless you all*

May the joy and peace, found only in Christ Jesus our Lord, be yours now and forever more.

Pastor wishes you God's richest blessings and offers to each of you his heartfelt thank you for your gifts, your prayers, and your service to the LORD.

 **Looking Ahead**

Date		Time	Streaming	Music	Usher #1	Comm.
December						
Sat Christ Eve	24	7:00 PM	Audrey/Jessica.	Sam M.	Scott S.	
Su Christ Day	25	9:30 AM	Megan K.	Jessica O.	Mark F	Dan M.
January 2023						
Su Christ 1	1	9:30 AM	Jessica O.	Paul T.	Scott S.	
Su Epiphany	8	9:30 AM	Dan M.	Jessica O.	Gil P.	Mark F

We thank all those who enhanced our worship this Christmas evening; the members of our bell choir, our organist tonight, Sam Meister, and Nick Carne our brass accompanist.

Opportunities for You to Worship King Jesus

December 25, Sunday 9:30 AM Christmas Day with Communion

Memorial Service for Pastor's Wife, Karen Ruth Ashley

Wednesday, December 28, 2022

- 10 AM Visitation
- 11 AM Worship
- 12-2 PM Luncheon

January 2023, Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Bob Baur
- 7 Nick Carne
- 10 Tom Legg
- 21 Addison Wittmershaus
- 23 Lindsey Backes
- 24 Ray Williams
- 25 Henry Kassebaum
- 27 Ryan & Keely Taylor 6 years
- 28 Sam Meister
- 31 Fay Jones