

PRELUDE *Trio on "In Dulci Jubilo"*
(Johann Michael Bach)

WELCOME

INTROIT *Goin' Now to See the Baby*
(arr. Greg Gilpin) 7:00
Canticles of Praise

Sing Gloria
(Douglas E. Wagner) 9:00
Sanctuary Choir

*CAROL 234 *red book* *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is a night of deep mystery –
a night when heaven comes to earth.
This is a night of great love –
a night when a child is born for us.
This is a night of incredible joy –
a night when angels sing to shepherds.
Glory to God in the highest! Peace to all on earth.
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

OPENING PRAYER

**God of light and love, shine upon us
this Christmas Eve and in the year ahead.
Guide us out of darkness and into your joyous
light. May our lives reflect your glorious love,
that others may see your Christmas spirit
in us, each and every day of our lives. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Lighting of the Christ Candle

HYMN 73 *red book* sing to the tune of "O Worship the King"
**The Christ candle's light that shines for us here
Tells out the good news that God has come near!
God came, a poor baby, in one time and place,
To show all creation the wealth of God's grace.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ISAIAH 9:2-7 (pg. 638 OT)

*CAROL 217 *red book* *Away in a Manger*

GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 2:1-20 (pg. 58 NT)

The congregation is invited to follow the reading in the pew Bible.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Case of the Missing Baby* Rev. Bill Jones

CHRISTMAS PRAYERS

OFFERING *Night of Silence*
(Dan Kantor/arr. John Ferguson) Sanctuary Choir

*DOXOLOGY 94 *red book*

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

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.

(The minister continues this prayer of thanksgiving, concluding:)

And so, with your people on earth and all the company
of heaven we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might a - dored,


heaven and earth shine this night with the glo - ry of your light.



Loud ho-san-nas now we sing! In the high-est may they ring! Blest is your An-



oint-ed One, Christ E - man - nu - el, your Son. Sing Ho-san - na


at his birth! Glo - ry on high, and peace on earth!

*(The minister continues the prayer,
recalling the institution of the Lord's Supper, concluding:)*

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a
holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.


Dy-ing Christ de- stroyed our_ death. Ris-ing Christ re- stores our_


life. Christ will come a- gain in_ glo- ry, bring-ing us the gift of new


life. Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen. Com - ing


still, he o - pens_ hea - ven.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.
***By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with
each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until
Christ comes
in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.***

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
***all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and forever.***


A - men. Gra - cious Lord, Source of Life, Liv - ing Word,


Mo - ther - Fa - ther and_ the Son, and the Spir - it, Three in One:


praise and glo - ry be yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER #895

**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.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *(Please join in the singing:)*

CAROL #229 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

CAROL #237 *Sing We Now of Christmas*

CAROL #218 *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL #216 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

CAROL #431 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

CANDLE LIGHTING

Christ, the light of the world, gives each one of us light, so that we too may shine with gratitude, hope, and love. Receive the light that comes to you: it comes from the Christ candle, but it reaches you only through your neighbors. Receive the light from a brother or sister in Christ. Hold the light, enjoy the light, and be thankful.

*CAROL 239 *red book* *Silent Night, Holy Night*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Exit in Silence

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Clergy: Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton

Communion Servers: Bill Jones, Meghan Roth Clayton, Retired Clergy

Assisting with the Communion 7:00: Russ and Janet Henke, Nathalie Bacskay **9:00:** Mike Sams, Sue Swadley, JD Tressler

Lighting the Advent Candle: 7:00: Fred Dellamura **9:00:** Moore Family

Director of Music Ministries: Lou-Anne Smith

Assoc. Dir. of Music for Children and Youth: Anthony Williams

Organist: Tom Marshall

Greeters 7:00: Vivian Golding, Ann Harrison **9:00:** Don and Carol Nelson

Ushers: John Ayscue, Al Horine, Liam Joyner, Dick Morgan, Bill Mershon, Bob Simmons, Carrie van Leliveld, Joye Barnes, Lee Barnes, Rick Cason, Wil Colton, Kay Hollandsworth, Keith Potter, Jackie Potter, Bob Spencer

Sound System 7:00: Bill Herman **9:00:** Jimmy McCarter

SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (all ages) 9:30 a.m.

MESSY CHURCH 2nd TUESDAY MONTHLY

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Worship

Senior Pastor's Bible Study:

"Fear of the Other"

Beginning Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. and

Thursday, January 10, 10:30 a.m.

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