



Christmas Eve
December 24, 2017
11:00 pm

We Gather to Adore the Christ Child

Prelude | Gesu Bambino *by* Pietro Yon

Welcome

Reading | John 1:1-4 *Bible*, pg. 862

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. 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.

Lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles | The Vonderhaar Family

Unison Prayer

**Jesus, our Messiah, we celebrate your arrival with gratitude.
Our lives are marked by your light,
even when our circumstances might prove to the contrary.
May we hold this light in our heart
and reflect it to a darkened world in the year to come. Amen.**

***Carol** | Once in Royal David's City *red hymnal*, #87

Confession + Forgiveness

***Call to Confession**

When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary, he became like us in all things but sin. May we who have been reborn in him be free from our sinful ways. Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence for personal confession

Hymns + Songs | *Lift Up Your Hearts* (red hymnal)

Bold Print | Speak or sing together in unison

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

***Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, you sent the angel chorus to humble shepherds to announce the good news of the child Jesus. We confess that we have not followed their example in rushing to greet the newborn king. We have turned a deaf ear to the announcement of a Savior born to a waiting world. We have failed to praise your Son's birth and refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. Forgive our doubt and renew in us fine desires, that we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

God has caused light to shine in our hearts, the light that is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Hallelujah! Amen.

***The Peace | time of greeting**

As God has given us peace in Christ, let us pass the peace of Christ to each other. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Word of the Lord

Reading | Psalm 96 *Bible, pg. 479*

Carol | Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *red hymnal, #80*

Reading | Titus 2:11-14 *Bible, pg. 969*

Carol | Good Christian Friends, Rejoice *red hymnal, #98*

Reading | Luke 2:1-14 *Bible, pg. 833*

Carol | Angels We Have Heard On High *red hymnal, #82*

Meditation | Christmas Spirit *Rev. Kyle Otterbein*

Responding to God's Word

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Prayer requests may be written on a prayer card and placed in the offering plate.

Offering | Silent Night, Holy Night *setting by Aaron David Miller*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People + 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word Made Flesh—The Eucharist

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving + Words of Institution

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Distribution of Elements | O Holy Night *by Adolphe Adam*

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Candle Lighting

Candle lighters will receive light from the Christ Candle, symbolic of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, and begin to send the light around the congregation.

Carol | Silent Night, Holy Night *red hymnal, #85*

We Go Out to Serve the Lord

Benediction

You may extinguish your candles.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Kyle Otterbein, *pastor*

Matthew Penning, *director of music*

Claire Goodfellow, *cello*

Jon Swearingen, *vocal & guitar*



Poinsettias have been generously given by...



Anonymous

Mark + MaryJo Abbott

Mike + Kathi Anderson, in honor of Sam, Garth, Mateo, & ALL the children of St. Andrew; in memory of Marjorie & Kenneth Klink

John + Patricia Benson + Family, Frank & Alice Benson; Carroll & Helen Dimmick; June Swanson

Tim, Becky, Cade, Drew, + Eli Benson, in honor of their grandparents

Allison + Kyle Bernard

Bob + Joanne Brady, in memory of our parents

Helen Bryce + Todd Young, in honor of Grace & Brodie

The Gary Currie Family, in memory of Mr. & Mrs. James Currie; Mae Bersee

Jim + Ruth Dane, in memory of Myrle Truesdell; John & Allie Dane; Don & Vivian Klotz

The DeGrazia Family, in memory of Betty DeGrazia

David, Kathy, Amanda, + Robbie Duys

John + Susie Engelhardt, in memory of Charlotte Engelhardt

John + Myrna Farraj

Dan + Deb Fick

Marty + Woody Goodwin-Murphy

Sally Mathis Hartwig

Randy + Peg Hausler, in honor of Molly Schintler, Mary Hausler, & Anna Hausler

Don Heineking

Gordon Hinz, in memory of Marie Hinz

Roger + Linda Hoel, in memory of Bob & Ruth Monroe and Virgil & Helen Hoel

Kent + Cheryl Johnson, in memory of their parents & Mark Hausler

Jean Koch, in memory of Don & Nathan Koch

Janet Maas, in memory of James Lowe

Mark + Carol Martin, in memory of Darrell & Virginia Martin; Don & Margaret Ford

Mary Mixdorf, in memory of Gordon Mixdorf

Cecilia Norris, in honor of Aileen, Alec, & Carly Norris

Kyle + LeAnn Otterbein, in honor of Gordon Hinz; in memory of Marie Hinz

Pech Family

Karen + Troy Raynor, in honor of their five children and their families

The Riley Family, in memory of Edgar & Trudy Riley

Rich, Mary, + Karla Schmidt, in memory of Timothy Schmidt

Amy Schmidt Rundell

Kent + Joy Short

The Sparks Family

Sue Swearingen

Don + Joan Van Hulzen, in honor of our Savior

Jeff + Karna Wieck, in memory of Meryne & Doug Henning; Mark Wieck; Gertie Wieck; Janice Wieck

The Woodin Family, in memory of John Woodin

Rich, Deb, + Lauren Wretman

