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WELCOME

Congregation Hymn: Angels We Have Heard on High

#96



Congregational Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain

LEVAS #21



Holiday Choir Anthem: Beautiful Star of Bethlehem



O Holy Night

Mary Did You Know

Stille Nacht (German for Silent Night)

Duet: Beth and Doug Smith

Duet: Donna Clabaugh and Stephen Hess

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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Lighting of the Christ Candle: Hope, peace, joy, and love. Four candles, four promises continually offered to us by God, and all of them manifest in this one we light tonight: **The Christ Candle**. In Christ we find the hope of transformation, the peace that follows justice, the joy of self-fulfillment in community, and the love that encompasses us in all our diversity, empowering us to make our own unique contributions to this world. In Christ we find light and life, and the courage to be like him, answering his call and following in his footsteps.

Congregational Prayer: Rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives, and in God's unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth – born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult ministry, in all his life manifesting the peace, love and justice of God, his voice undimmed by the centuries, his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long age. Come to us, Lord Jesus. Be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth of God with us, God for us, God in us. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen





C: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT OF PURITY

Almighty God to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



C: The Lord be with you.

P: And also, with you.

C: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

THE FIRST LESSON comes from the prophet Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord. A: Thanks be to God.



THE PSALM: Psalm 96

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

 Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * *let the whole earth tremble before him.*
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *

 he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit *

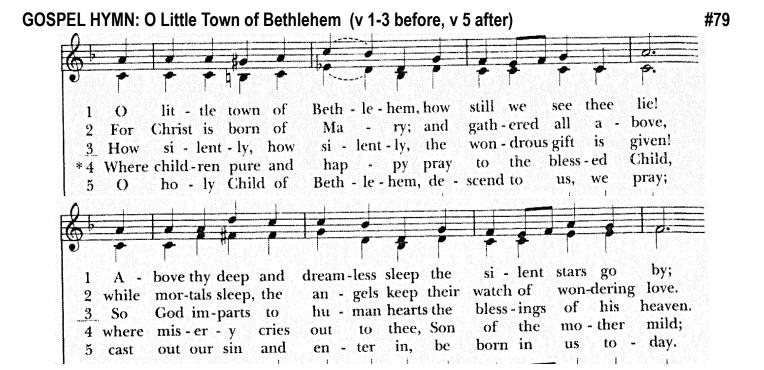
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.





THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Response: Glory be to thee, O Lord

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at

what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Douglas C. Smith

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(Silence)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy". For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our soul let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For Thurmont and the village of Catoctin Furnace, for every city and community and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: We pray for: *Gladys F. Smith, Kathy Smith, Brett Kelly, Janet Nave, Richard Patterson*, Bob McAfee, Joan and Debbie Portner, Enid Shannon, Bob Stakes, Vanessa Pryor, Carl Keeney, Tracey

Stottlemyer, Margaret Cool, Betsy Schoonover, Paul Doyle, John Guillory, Richard Massey, Ursula Cole, Hawa Freeman, Ed Zinn, Kathryn Rentzell, Joe Loetell, Casey Gray, Nana T, Ben Ayres, Jo Mason, Susan Akins, Caroline Tate, Joan L., People of Ukraine and all the victims of the conflict in the Middle East and around the world.

We also offer prayers for those with long-term needs: Aaron Teitel, Mitchell Scott, Daryl and Susie Trout, Joan, Jimmy and Ira James Burrier, Nathaniel Rentzell, Virginia Rauth, Wilton III, Sue Shatto, Ed Joyner, Marcia Bell, Bobby Toms, Susan Hess, Danny Harman, Carla Beck, Adunni Dennis, Karen Hess, Robert L. Gray Jr., Mae Bolin, John Kent, Bonnie Miller, Cotton Harrison, Betty and Bob Gray, Robert Ricketts, Mildred Coshon, Rob and Becky Hankey, Susan and Jim Rauth, Shirley Long, Cheyanne Sanger, Nancy and Jerry Anderson, Bessie A., Deborah Boisvert, John Moser, Kim Grimm,

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all who have died, (especially for _____), in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mothe	er (and of all the) saints, let us
commend ourselves, and one another, and all or	ur life, to Christ our God.

A: To thee, O Lord our God.

+Silence

December 24, 2023

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD



Given in Memorial

- +Deborah Carr Naomi and Dan Springston; Sandra and Maurice Carr
- +Clabaugh Family Holly Clabaugh; Charlotte and Harvey Harbaugh; Elizabeth and Lewis Clabaugh
- +Donna Clabaugh Holly Clabaugh; Charlotte and Harvey Harbaugh; Lewis, Elizabeth and Kenny Clabaugh; Nacy and Terry Best
- +John and Sally Giffin Carol Boyer, John and Margaret Giffin, Ed and Susie Joyner, Ray and Hazel SImpkin, John W. Holt III, Douglas Ives, Jonah Kiefer, and all those from our Harriet Chapel Family who are with the Lord.
- +Kathryn Hauser and Shawn Donnelly Tim Hauser, Susan Donnelly, Barbara and Al Donnelly, Lloyd and Shirley Flynn
- +Fran Hennessy My Family
- +Lorraine and Dennis Hoffman our departed family
- +Laurie Jansen Tim, Mom, Dad, Gee-Gaw and Granddad Ritterpusch, Grandmother and Granddad Cleary; Aunt Joan and Uncle Jim, Aunt Jane and Uncle Tom, Gerts and Jack
- +Mimi and Tom McReal Jerry McReal, Mike McReal, Teresa Case, Patricia McReal
- +P. Joann Miller Clinton and Josephine Miller, LeRoy and Virginia Grable, Beverly Miller, Joann Garble, Nancy Dutterer, Samuel and Katharine Dutterer, Jeanne Ingram, Gene Long
- +Pat Plum The Kent Family, Dustin and Corney Muse, Tillie Dishong

- +Susie Robinson Betty, George, Steven and Cathy Jo Moser, Neva and George Moser Sr., Jane and Earl Robinson, Dolly, Clifford and Randy Sweeney, Mary and Guy Martin, Janet, Norris and Jimmy Martin, James Burrier Sr., Sr. Joan Maenner, Cindy and Preston Carbaugh, Dylan Moser, Jody Ann Eiker, Ryan Hickle
- + Enid Shannon Willie Thomas, Enna Thomas, Eugene H. Shannon, Lischer Shannon, Bertha Shannon, Himie Budu Shannon, Theresa Thomas, Benedict Massey, Emma Shannon Walser, Harris Wolobah
- +Judy Sweeney Smith Gary Sweeney, Sis and Paul Sweeney, Ella and George Pittinger, Boots and Wilton Smith, Hon and Betty Smith, Bub Sweeney, Shirley Mae and Wayne Smith, Hattie and Howard Sweeney, Bob Pittinger, Bobby Sweeney, Elaine Nunemaker
- +David Sweeney Ryan Hickle, Jody Ann Eiker, Dolly Sweeney, Randy Sweeney, Mary and Guy Martin, Mark Sweeney, Jean and Albert Sweeney, Richard Sweeney, Clifford Sweeney, Helena and Paul Baxter, Matt Just, Peggy Jest, James Burrier Sr., Leota Koontz, Delores and Robert Devilbiss, Ronnie Wisner, Vicky and David Wetzel, Pauline and Lee Weddle, Minnie and William Stitely, Norine and George Shook, Mary and James Martin, Nellie and George Miller, Gloria and Rebecca Martin, Leota Reed, Lulu and Charles Martin, Daisy and Wilbur Miller, Irene and Lawrence Harne, Ella and William Sweeney, Leibert and Wayne Miller, Penny Lynn Crites, Janet, Norris and Jimmie Martin, Melanie Shoemaker, Barbara Slick, Ronnie Miller
- +Debbie Sweeney Randy Sweeney, Dolly Sweeney, Pauline and Jim Bell, Kristopher Sweeney, Brady West, Baby Ashton, Tommy West, Buddy Beard, Gil Click, Charles and Addie Bell; Paul, Rob and George Bell, Hop and Cass Ambrose, June Knott, Bud and Eliza Knott, Joe Little, Tim Kelly, Mary Jane and Earl Harrington; Norris, Janet and Jimmy Martin, Alex Kennedy, Billy Misner, Bud Sweeney, Gary Sweeney, Juanita and Sterling Kelbaugh, Garnett Wisner, Albert Sweeney, Jody Eiker, Midge Bell, Ryan Hickle, Skipper Misner,
- +Dorothy Sweeney Gary Sweeney, Paul and Sis Sweeney, Bobby Sweeney, Robert Pittinger, George and Ella Pittinger, Randy Sweeney

Given in Thanksgiving

+Mary Allison – The health and blessings of my home family and my church family.

- +Donna Clabaugh Rowan Clabaugh
- +Laurie Jansen Bill, Tara, Vern, Colton, Brenna, Erin, Tommy, Danny, Ann, Mike
- +Sally and John HollyAnne, John Grey and Nick, for our parents, brothers, sisters, nieces, and nephews, for those we love, especially everyone at Harriet Chapel
- +Fran Hennessy my families, both physical and church families
- +Denny and Lorraine Hoffman for our family
- +Mimi McReal Ian and Thomas McReal
- +Karen Patterson the love of family, friends, and Harriet Chapel
- +Susie Robinson for all and everyone
- +Enid Shannon Adunni, Keyona, Jimmy and Eugene
- +Judy Sweeney Smith Our family, especially my mom
- +David Sweeney James and Jeremy, Chase, Chad, David, Colby, Danielle, Logan, Aubrey, Lexi, Jacob, Joseph, Shelby, Kaitlynn, Leah, Sam, Jess, McKenzie and Wyatt, Lorena, Debbie, Nevin, Colleen and Frank, Debby and Leroy, David, Jamie and Jacqui, Blaine and Sam, Beth and Chad, Tammy and Robert, Randy and Christine, Andy, Kelly and Chad, Jennifer and Ray, Sherri and Louis, and Alisha,
- +Debbie Sweeney Randy and Christine, Tammy, Robert, Danielle, Logan, Aubrey, and Mya, family, and friends



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CONFESSION OF SIN

+Please stand or kneel, if able to do so.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant stands and says:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Sharing of the Peace

O: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A: And also, with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord

C: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice for God.

+please be seated.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Offertory Anthem: What Child Is This Sung by the choir.

+Please stand, if able.

The Doxology (sung)

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.

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also, with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

C: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

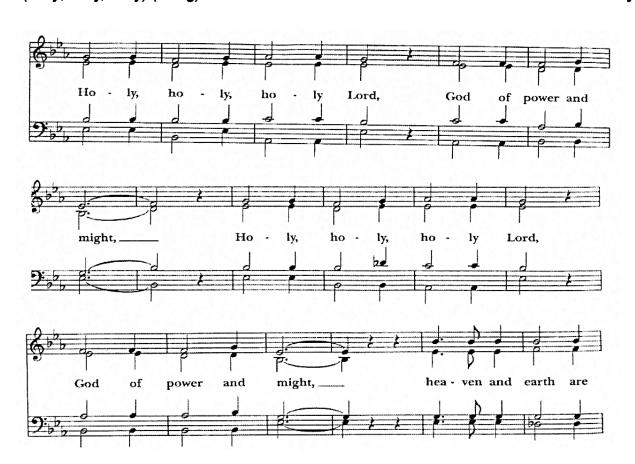
Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels an Archangels and will all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) (Sung)

S -130 in front of Hymnal





+Please stand or kneel if able,

Celebrant continues;

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On he night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

A: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE PARTY OF THE P

+Silence

C: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

A: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

C: This is the table of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love Him and those who want to love Him more,

So come you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,

You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.

Come because it is the Lord who invites you, those who seek Him will find Him here.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion, or you may request a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come to the altar rail, or if you need a gluten free wafer, please indicate this to the greeters and if you feel called to be baptized at a later date, talk with Father Doug or Pastor Sally. Thank you.

1st Communion Hymn: Away In A Manger Trio: Bella Williams, Karen, and Stephen Hess

2nd Communion Anthem: It Came Upon A Midnight Clear Solo: Donna Clabaugh

The Celebrant continues.

Let us pray.

+Please stand if able.

Celebrant and People:

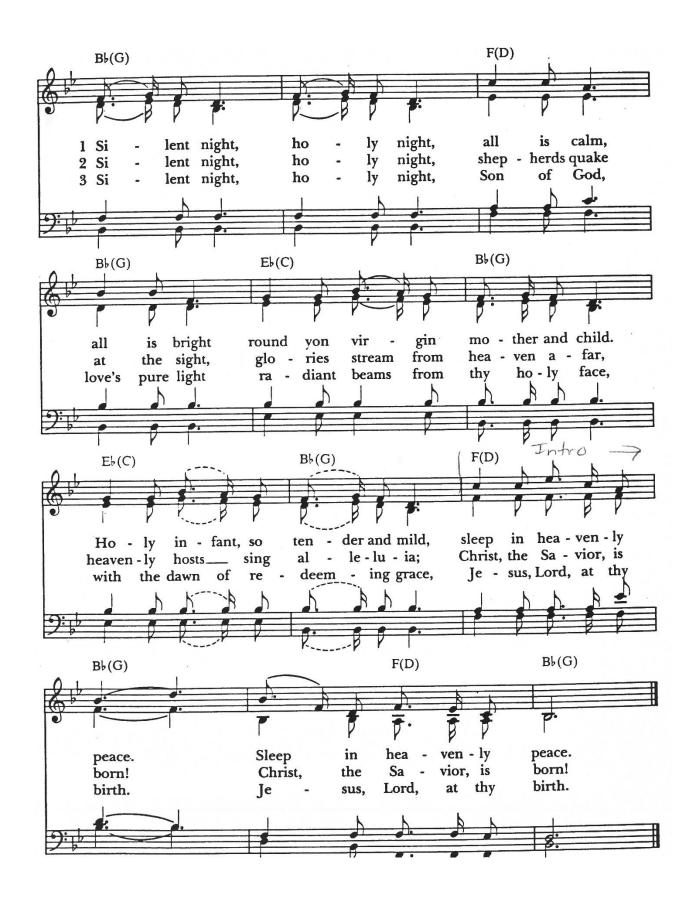
Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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CANDLE LIGHTING: while the Altar Servers light the candles, Stephen will play Silent Night as an instrumental. Once all the candles have been lit, the lights in the sanctuary will go down and Stephen will give us our queue to begin singing the Hymn: Silent Night. Thank you.



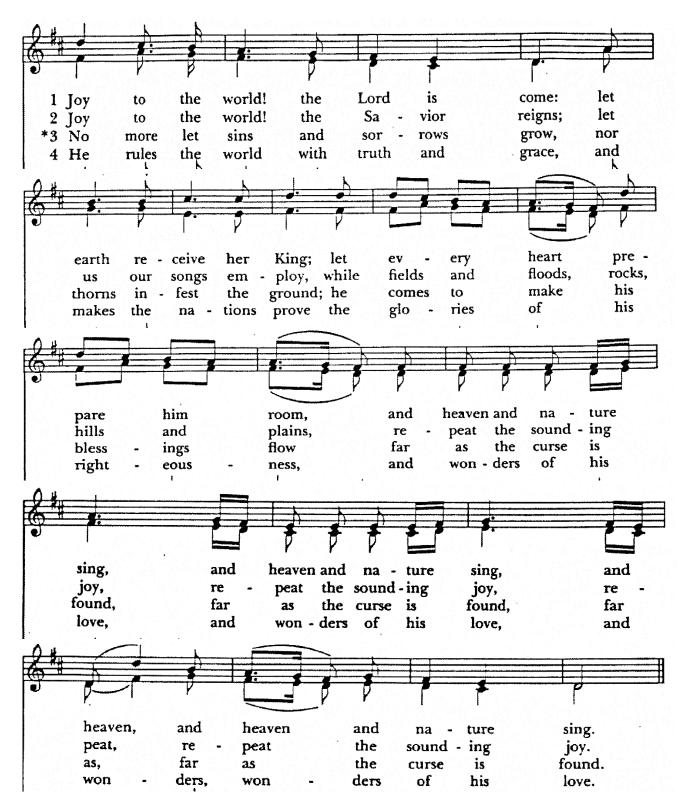
HYMN: Silent Night GH #184



Please Extinguish Your Candle After the Blessing

Announcements

RECESSIONAL: Joy to the World GH #187



GO NOW IN PEACE (sung while candles are being extinguished)

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true
Know he will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there watching from above
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

DISMISSAL

C: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME! We are happy you are worshipping with us. If you have any questions, please ask. We look forward to seeing you again, so come back to worship, serve, and share fellowship with us.

- + <u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>: There will be no worship service, however the chapel is always open for your needs and to rest in God's peace.
- + SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH: Lessons and Carols
- + A special thank you to all those who shared their talents with us throughout this holiday season.

Inclement Weather Policy: Fr. Doug and Pastor Sally will always try to get to church for services unless the roads are unsafe. *Please use your own discretion about whether the roads near your home are safe for travel.* If we know in advance that church will not be held, we will post the cancellation on Facebook and on our website. *An email will also be sent out, so please be sure that we have your correct email address.* You can call 301-712-5356, if you are unsure about whether church will be held.

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