



Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

*Come to the stable
and see the newborn King!*

* indicates where the congregation is to stand if able

italic type is spoken by the liturgist – bold is spoken by the congregation

CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

Angel Space by Paul Burbridge and Murray Watts

***HYMN #143** Angels, from the Realms of Glory

1. Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; you, who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!
2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!
3. Sages, leave your contemplations; brighter visions beam afar; seek the great desire of nations; you have seen his natal star: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!
4. All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One: come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!

OPENING PRAYER OF PRAISE

It may seem naive, in a world of grief, to choose to live in joy;

It may seem foolish, in a world where solemnity is power, to sing and dance to a different tune;

It may seem cruel, in a world of suffering and injustice, to speak of light and celebration;

But you have come, Jesus, to bring joy into our grief, light into our darkness, singing into our mourning; and it is an act of healing and proclamation to believe and embrace the joy you offer.

Joy to the world! The Lord is come! Hallelujah! Amen.

***HYMN #134 Joy to the World**

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 earth, 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, wonders of his love.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 11:1-6

STORY *The Legend of the Christmas Rose* by William H. Hooks

HYMN #129 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung, of Jesse's lineage coming, by faithful prophets sung. It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night.
3. This flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels the glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. Enfleshed, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 96

HYMN #137 He Came Down

1. He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.
2. He came down that we may have light...
3. He came down that we may have peace...
4. He came down that we may have joy...

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Titus 3:3-7

STORY *The Boy That Christmas Saved* by Tom Hollis

RECOGNITION OF THE OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

You bless us with an abundance of gifts, God of this holy season, not as a reward for doing good, but as a means to reach out with healing to the broken, to clothe those who shiver in winter, and to bless others with the hope which has been ours. As we offer our gifts to you, we do so in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN SING

SHARING JOYS, CONCERNS AND FRIENDSHIP (Please pass the friendship pad that is found in the center of the pew)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who is 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.

***HYMN #136** Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain: Go, tell it on mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens their shone a holy light. (Refrain)

2. The shepherds feared and trembled when high above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This week's carillon is in memory of our "Loved Ones".

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: This week we are asking for can soups/broths and Produce that does not require refrigeration. Bring your item(s) to the church during the week or next Sunday morning. Donations are to be placed in the wagon located in the vestibule.

FIRST WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH: On January 4 beginning at noon, there will be the next lunch at the church featuring a special speaker. This month we will hear from Nancy Haines Spears. Nancy served as a Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corp, including a year in a Mash hospital in Vietnam. She will share reflections on the evolving roles of women in the military and her experiences as a young nurse in a war. Currently, she is a resident at Pine Run with her new friend, Gail Shaffer, member of Forest Grove. All are invited to hear her fascinating stories. Bring your own bag lunch.

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP – JANUARY 6, 2023, 6:00 – 7:30PM: Our mission focus will be on helping others keep warm. We will welcome donations of warm weather clothing, new or used, including coats, scarves, gloves, hats, socks, and thermal underwear. Please wash used clothes before you donate. We will also be making fleece blankets. Dinner will be potluck of soup and bread. We will need a few donated pots of soup and loaves of bread. Please sign up for the event and let us know if you want to donate food for the meal. Not everyone needs to bring food this month and

MLK DAY OF SERVICE OPPORTUNITY – JANUARY 16: Our friends at Thompson Memorial Church are having a special day of service that will partner with organizations like Rise Against Hunger, World Vision, and Fisherman's Mark. The day begins with registration at 9:00 followed by a performance by the Parkway Drumline. The whole event will conclude at noon. Sign up for participation by going to the following link: <https://tmpc.org/mlk>.

Calendar:

December 25	10:00am	Christmas Day Service.
December 26		Offices Closed.
December 28	12:00pm	Lunch Bunch, bring your lunch.
	6:00pm	Boy Scouts – CPR Training.
December 29	8:00am	Boy Scouts – CPR Training.
December 30	8:00am	Boy Scouts – CPR Training.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Elder of the Month: Michael Myers

Deacon of the Month: Marilyn Cook

In our thoughts and prayers:

The Conner/Lang Family, Aleena Lang, Raymond Tinari,
Jim Turner, Violet Sanders, Steve Rash, Bill Yerkes, David Posnett, Mary Lou Humlhanz

Church Staff

Susan Fall, Pastor

Leanne Yerkes, Director of Music

Susan Flanagan, Office Administrator

Frank Orzechoski, Financial Manager

Natalia Blinova, Childcare

Mark Lempp, Grounds Keeper

