

Service for the Lord's Day

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2021

5:00 & 8:30 p.m.

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*W*elcome visitors, newcomers, and friends worshipping with us today! If you're interested in joining our church community, please speak to a pastor after worship or contact the church office, 434-293-3133. We hope you will worship with us again, whenever possible.

Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Pastorale

B. Franzosini

Concerto in A Minor (Allegro-Adagio-Allegro)

Bach/Vivaldi

A la venue de Noël - Noël pour l'amour de Marie - Où s'en vont ces gay Bergers

N. Lebègue

Capriccio super Joseph lieber, Joseph mein

A. Estendorffer

Adeste fidelis

J. Demessieux

◆ Hymn 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELIS

Lighting of the Advent Candles (Christ is Born!)

5:00 Judy Dunscomb and George Stetkevych, Andrew and Robert Stetkevych

8:30 Nancy Takahashi and David Oakland

The impossible is about to happen in a stable.

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!

*This is the evening when creation stood still and held its breath,
for God was doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing.*

This is the evening when God came to earth!

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

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

Welcome and Christmas Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of stable, stars and surprises, of light and hope and new life:

Open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our world.

Forgive our obsession with property and possessions;

Forgive our pettiness and narrowness of vision.

Open us to your grace, that we might hear again the song of the angels,

and respond with a song of justice, mercy and peace in our hearts and in our lives.

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

Glory to God hymnal 121

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news: The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us has come to us in Jesus Christ who heals, restores and redeems us. So arise, shine; for your light has come,

**And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

◆ Sung Response

**Let the nations shout and sing, glory to their Savior bring;
All below and all above sing your praise with joy and love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem (5:00)

With Joyful Mirth

arr. Alice Parker

(8:30)

Noël Nouvelet

arr. Léon Roques

Sophie Caplin, Megan Sharp, sopranos
see insert for text

The Christmas Story

The Christmas Processional (All children, youth, parents, young adults are welcome)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

◆ Hymn 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

Epistle Reading

Titus 3:3-7

Christmas Meditation

A Lump of Coal and a Bag of Light

Ken Henry

Responding to God's Word

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

GTG Hymnal, p. 35

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music (5:00)	<i>Before the Marvel of This Night</i>	Carl Schalk
(8:30)	<i>I Sing of a Maiden</i> <i>see insert for text</i>	Patrick Hadley

Prayer after Communion

**To you is born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.
All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son,
light in darkness and hope of the world, whom you sent to save us.
With singing angels, let us praise your name, and tell the earth his story,
that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down,
acknowledging your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Passing the Light

*(When candles are lighted, those already lighted should be held straight up;
unlighted ones should be tipped forward to receive the light.)*

◆ Hymn	Silent Night, Holy Night	STILLE NACHT
	Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.	
	Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight, Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing: “Alleluia; Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.” Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.	
	Silent night, holy night, Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.	

◆ Prayers of Thanksgiving and Benediction

Please extinguish candles.

◆ Hymn 119	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	MENDELSSOHN
Postlude	<i>Postlude on ‘Mendelssohn’</i>	David Willcocks

◆ Please stand, as you are able.

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, December 26

11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary: You are invited to wear Christmas sweaters or holiday comfort wear to worship!

Sunday, January 2

11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary with Communion

Wednesday, January 5

7 p.m. 20/30 CreW Wednesday Wind-Down

Thursday, January 6

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 9

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. In-person Worship in the Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Church School

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal

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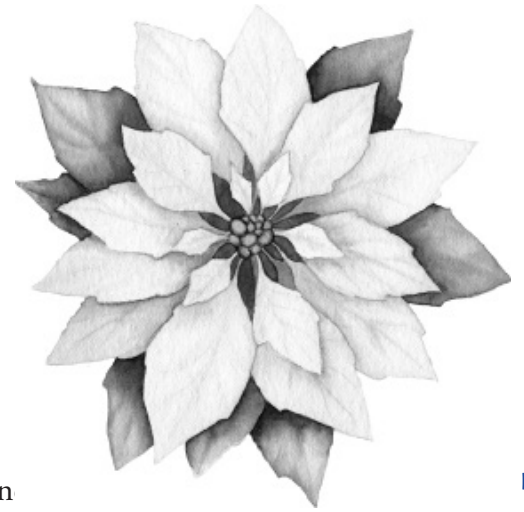
Poinsettias and Other Seasonal Decorations have been given

in honor of...

Clark Hantzmon and James Carnes by Jennifer Sulzberger and Bob DuCharme
Ruthie Buck by Jennifer Sulzberger and Bob DuCharme
Janet Larie by Lucille and Ken Digges
the church by Carol and David Hogg

in loving memory of...

Phyllis Lorman by Cyndy and David Martin
Judi North by Ruthie Buck
Frank Muse by Robert Walters and Janet Muse
Robert and Mary Walters by Robert Walters and Janet Muse
Jim Pisano by Jennifer Sulzberger and Bob DuCharme
Van and Peggy Hantzmon and Syd and Ann Carnes by James Carn
Mr. and Mrs. Rollin A. Brooks by the Knollmann, Whitworth and Kirby families
Dr. and Mrs. Claiborne G. Whitworth III by the Knollmann, Whitworth and Kirby families
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Whitworth, Sr. by the Knollmann, Whitworth and Kirby families
Jane and Paul Saunier, Jr. by the family of Allison and David Saunier
Emma Mabel Jaramillo Gonzales by the family of Allison and David Saunier
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Austin Cooper Horn by the family of Allison and David Saunier
Mary Virginia Garrett, Mary Elizabeth Rovnyak, Julius Burke, and Jim Pickley, by Virginia Rovnyak
Mary and Albert Andersen and Virginia Bud and Fred Invernizzi by Ellen and Willie Andersen
Kitty and Bob Stroud by Rob and Margaret Stroud
Cato and Christian Vik by Jørgen and Laura Vik
George and Kay Bartel, Christa Livermon's parents, by the Livermon family
Bill Tom and Miriam Livermon, Randy's parents, by the Livermon family
Irby and Betty Cauthen by Jim and Helen Cauthen and family
Gene Hochstetler by Beth and Will Hochstetler and family
Laura Curtius Lewis (1974-1981) by Lee Lewis, father, and John J. Lewis and family



Anthem (5:00) *With Joyful Mirth* arr. Alice Parker

Let Christians all with joyful mirth,
Both young and old, both great and small,
Now think upon our savior's birth
Who brought salvation to us all.

No palace, but an ox's stall,
The place of his nativity;
This truly should instruct us all
To learn of him humility.

Let all our songs and praises be
Unto his heavenly majesty;
And evermore amongst our mirth,
Remember Christ our savior's birth.

(8:30) *Noël Nouvelet* arr. Léon Roques

Noel anew, let us sing Noel here.
Pious people, let us cry thanks to God.
Let us sing Noel for the new little king,
Noel anew, let us sing Noel here.

In Bethlehem, having all met up,
They found the child, Joseph, Mary too!
The crib took the place of a cradle,
Noel anew, let us sing Noel here.

The angel said, Shepherds leave hence,
Your soul at peace, your heart gladdened;
In Bethlehem you will find the little lamb,
Noel anew, let us sing Noel here.

Behold my God, my savior Jesus Christ,
By whom the miracle will be accomplished
Of saving us by his red blood.
Noel anew, let us sing Noel here.

Communion Music (5:00) *Before the Marvel of This Night* Carl Schalk

Before the marvel of this night
Adoring, fold your wings and bow,
Then tear the sky apart with light
And with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
That fear and death and sorrow cease:
Sing peace, sing peace, sing gift of peace!

The love that we have always known,
Our constant joy and endless light,
Now to the loveless world be shown,
Now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love,
That rules our universe above:
Sing love, sing love, sing God is love!

Awake the sleeping world with song,
This is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng,
In royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss,
A teasing taste of what they miss:
Sing bliss, sing bliss, sing endless bliss!

(8:30) *I Sing of a Maiden* Patrick Hadley

I sing of a maiden that is makeless
King of all kings to her son she ches.
He came all so still where his mother was,
As dew in April that falleth on the grass.
He came all so still to his mother's bower,
As dew in April that falleth on the flower.
He came all so still where his mother lay,
As dew in April that falleth on the spray.
Mother and maiden was never none but she:
Well may such a lady God's mother be.