

ONE
Night, ONE
Star,
ONE
Child



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2021

5:00 p.m. Worship

* = Please stand, if you are able.

WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Away in a Manger
Sunday School Ringers

Traditional

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Good news! Great joy!

People: Jesus Christ is born!

Leader: Good news! Great joy!

People: O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CANDLES

“Good news of great joy,” the angel said,
“for to you a savior is born.” “Peace on earth,”
the choir sang,
“for God reigns in the highest.” “Follow me,”
the star beckoned,
“For Hope was born in Bethlehem.”

As we light the Christ candle,
we watch for the Christmas story around us.
Emmanuel has come and is coming.
Come, all ye faithful, and worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

CALL TO CONFESSION

The holy child of Bethlehem came to cast out sin and to bring to us the gift of salvation.
Let us open our hearts to receive
what God seeks to give.

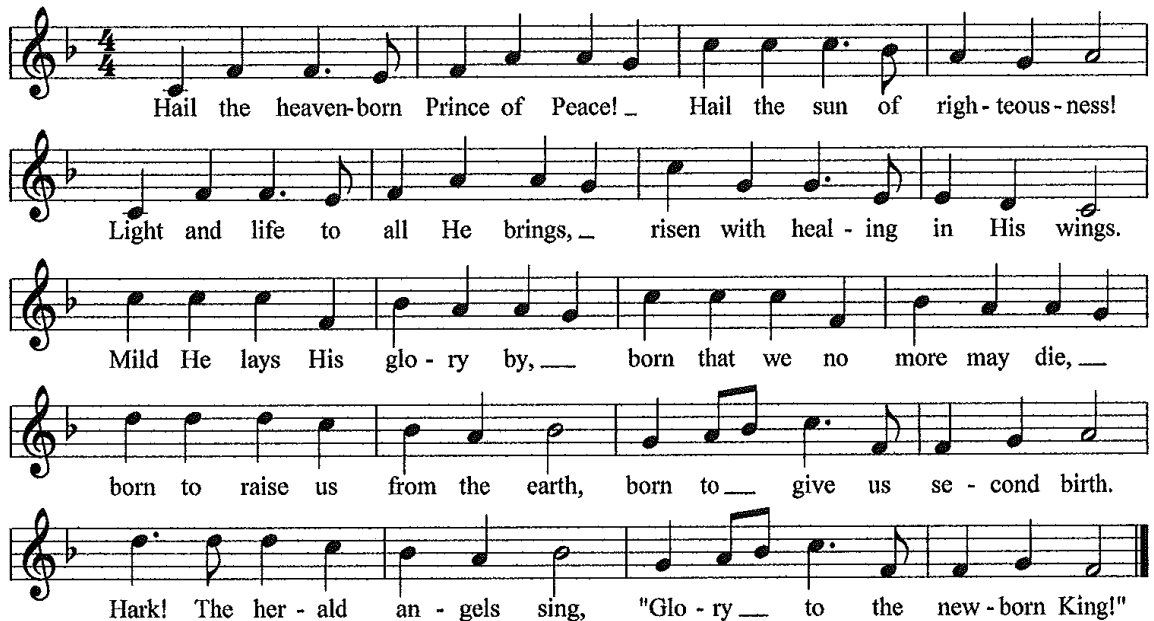
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you have come among us in Jesus Christ, hallowing our humanity and embodying love. We confess that we have turned from the path Jesus has marked, failing to claim all you intend for us, withholding love from our neighbors and ourselves. Forgive us. Be born anew in us, that our lives might reflect Christ's radiant light.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Peace on earth, mercy mild.
God and sinners reconciled.
This is good news!
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 31 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (vs. 3) *Mendelssohn*



Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! _ Hail the sun of righ - teous - ness!
Light and life to all He brings, _ risen with heal - ing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, _ born that we no more may die, _
born to raise us from the earth, born to _ give us se - cond birth.
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry _ to the new - born King!"

MUSICAL OFFERINGS

- *God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen* -Michael Kapsak, piano
- *Joy to the World* - Sunday School Ringers

BIBLE ACTION STORY

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be **registered**. ² This was the first **registration** and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be **registered**. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went to be **registered** with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a **child**. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her **child**. ⁷ 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.

⁸ In that region there were **shepherds** living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an **angel** of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah,^[a] the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a **child** wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the **angel** a multitude of the heavenly host,^[b] praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"^[c]

¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the **child** lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this **child**; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the **shepherds** told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The **shepherds** returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

***HYMN**

A Christmas Medley

The First Noel

*The first noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.*

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie.
Above the deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

Angels We Have Heard on High

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

O Holy Night
Sarah Foess, solo

Adolphe Adam

***OFFERING RESPONSE**

What Child is This? (vs. 3)

Greensleeves

So bring Him in- cense, gold, and myrrh. . Come one and all _ to own Him. The
King of kings _ sal - va - tion brings. _ let lov - ing hearts _ en - throne Him.
This, this _ is Christ the King _ whom shep - herds guard _ and an - gels sing.
Haste, haste _ to bring Him laud: _ the Babe, the Son _ of Ma - ry!

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

HYMN NO. 60

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Carol of the Bells

Ukrainian Carol

Please silence cell phones during the worship service.

Wireless personal listening devices are available in the Sanctuary by contacting an usher.

LEADING WORSHIP

The Rev. Joshua D. Gill, Pastor

Randy Yoder, Director of Music

Liturgist: Danielle Kapsak

Advent Candlelighters: Sarah & Ryan Moore

***THANK YOU** for worshipping with us on this Holy Night.*

It is our hope and prayer that you will return to worship with us again.

Please note: Dec. 26 and Jan 2 we will have one service at 11 a.m.

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00-10:00 a.m. ~ Worship – Sanctuary

9:00-10:00 a.m. ~ Children's Sunday School

(following the Children's Message in worship) – C.E. Bldg.

10:00-11:00 a.m. ~ Adult Bible Study – Library

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. ~ Worship -- Sanctuary

Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of every month, at both services.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2021

The Sean Barba Family (1)	In loving memory of Sean's mother, Corie Barba
Robin Blakely (2)	In honor of my daughter, Molly Blakely, and in memory of my mother, Jane Ann Emig
Glenn and Debbie Bloss (2)	In honor of our parents
Robert B. Casbeer (2)	In honor of Beth C. Magid and Susan C. Holtzapple
Nancy Edwards (2)	In memory of loved ones
V. Yvonne Eichelberger (1)	In memory of my husband, Howard, and children, Craig and Brian
Sally Frey (1)	In honor of our 4 grandchildren
Tom and Sally Glover (1)	In memory of our son, Thomas M. Glover
Richard Gordon (2)	In memory of Janet Gordon and Chris Gordon
Ellen Graham (3)	In memory of my parents, Harry and Doris Graham, and my sister, Eileen Graham
JoAnn Hankey (1)	In memory of my family in heaven
Jane and John Henty (2)	In memory of our parents, Mildred and Clifford Henty, and Gordon and Lucy Persons
Gary and Barbara Hess (1)	In memory of our grandson, Shane Dorsey
Elaine Hoenstine (3)	In honor of my 3 children, Bob, Tammy and Dave, and my 3 grandchildren, Steven, Amy and Kiel, and in memory of my loving husband, Bob

Sandra and Gary Hoffman (2)	In honor of our family and our church family
Foster and Dee Hoyt (6)	In honor of our children, Jennifer and David Mayer, Vickie McClure, and granddaughters, Christina and Amber McClure, and in memory of Donald, Judy, and Norman Hoyt
Becky Husson (1)	In memory of Clarence Husson
Marilyn Jennerjohn (1)	In memory of my husband, Fred
Lori Koontz (1)	In memory of Jim and Joyce Koontz
Edna Lightner (2)	In honor of my great grandchildren, Lena and Tyler
Graham and Lynda MacMillan (1)	In memory of our son, Joe
Beth Magid (2)	In honor of Robert Casbeer and in memory of Emma K. Casbeer
Donna Massey (2)	In memory of Rick Massey and Amy Massey
Beverly McCreary (1)	In memory of loved ones
David C. McIntosh (2)	In memory of Marjorie R. McIntosh
Bill and Lois Moore (2)	In honor of our family and in memory of our parents
Wade and Linda Pugh (2)	In memory of Linda's sister, Patricia C. Valentino
Ed and Connie Ritter (2)	In honor of our children and grandchildren
Carol Schaeffer and Louise Snyder (1)	In memory of our parents, William and Amanda Galligher

Bob and Jackie Smith (2)	In memory of departed loved ones
Bob and Jackie Smith (1)	In memory of Jack Welty
Kate Strickler (1)	In loving memory of my husband, Bob
Charles H. Wellington (1)	In memory of John S. and Margaret T. Wellington
Ruth Welty (1)	In memory of Jack Welty
Kaila Wise (2)	In memory of Phyllis and Ethan Wise with love from Jeff Wise and family, and Vicki Babin and family, and Steven and great grandson Jacob
Dick and Jan Witzke (1)	In honor of our great granddaughter, Annabelle

*Thank you to all who contributed poinsettias to grace our sanctuary.
Your flowers may be removed after this Christmas Eve service.*

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,
 *3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
 Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
 Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain
 O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -

dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

HYMN NO. 60

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

B \flat F B \flat E \flat

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round you
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight, Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - dian
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; With the

B \flat E \flat B \flat

vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heav-en-ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

F B \flat F B \flat

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.



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