Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

Friday, December 24, 2021 11:00 pm

Candlelight Carol Service of Holy Communion

GATHERING/WELCOME

Walk in the Light	Church Choir
Gentle Mary	Chamber Choir
	Holy Comforter Handbell Choir
PRFI LIDE. The First Neel	Church Choir



KYRIE Stand & Face the Back of The Church



 $^{\rm o}$ come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O high - est, most ho - ly,
Sing, choirs of an - gels,
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, light of light e - ter - nal, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, The high - est, most 3 born this hap - py morn - ing; come ye, O Beth le - hem; born of a vir gin, a mor - tal he comes; a - bove! sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en Je sus, to thee be . . . glo ry giv'n! come and be hold him. born the king of an - gels: Son of the Fa ther now in flesh ap pear - ing! Glo ry to God in . . . the . . . high - est: now in flesh ap pear - ing: Word the Fa - ther, Refrain a - do - re ni - te mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re come, let a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore us a - do Dove - ni - te re mus mi - num. come, let us dore him, Christ the Lord! a

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of Mary, be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 9:2-7

SECOND LESSON: Titus 2:11-14

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.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

(The Reading of the Gospel)

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.



Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

THE CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Each petition ends with "Lord in your mercy."

The congregation responds with "hear our prayer."

PEACE

- P The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C And also with you.

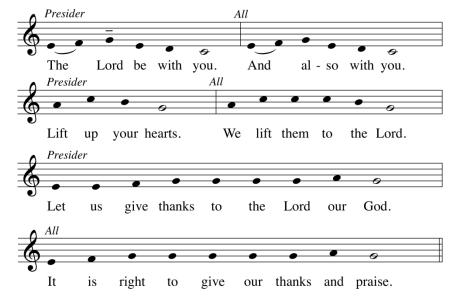
OFFERING PRAYER

P Gracious God,

C your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer at this table and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

The presiding minister gives God thanks and invites the assembly to join heaven's hymn of Praise: ..." We Praise your name and join their unending hymn"...

SANCTUS



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION



THE LORD'S PRAYER Tune: Away In A Manger

1. Our Father in heaven, All praise to Your name! Your kingdom among us, Your will done the same. By mortals and angels, Come, Lord, reign alone; Oh, hear us and bless us from heaven's high throne.

3. For Yours is the kingdom; o're all things You reign.
And Yours is the power;
All things You maintain.
To You be the glory, resounding again From all of creation,
Forever! Amen.

2. The bread that we yearn for Provide us each day;
As we forgive others,
Our sins take away;
In times of temptation,
Lead us to be near;
From evil deliver
Your children most dear.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P In Christ's manger, at Christ's table, come, see what God makes known for you.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

All people are welcome at the Lord's Table to receive Christ's real presence and grace. You will be invited forward by row, receive the elements from the communion assistant, and then return to your seat. There you may briefly remove your mask to eat and drink the bread and wine, then put your mask on. The cups may be placed in the small bin in your pew by the aisle.

LAMB OF GOD



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:



Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950

Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale, 1856 Text © 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (ASCAP), c/o Integrity Media, Inc., 1000 Cody Road, Mobile, AL 36695.

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P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Remain Standing

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine. As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the world. In Jesus' name we pray.

C Amen.

CANDLELIGHTING

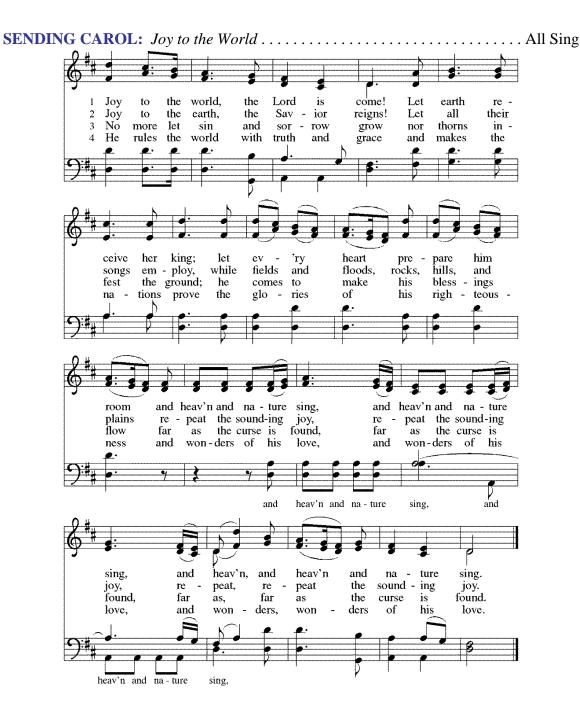
The pastor will light his candle from the large Christ Candle, which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world. With the assistance of the acolyte, the light will be passed throughout the congregation. *Please use the extinguishers in each pew to put out the candle, and do not remove your mask to blow it out.*

- 1. 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.
- 3. Silent night, holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from your holy face,
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at your birth.
- 2. Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight;
 Glories stream from heaven afar,
 Heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!
 Christ, the Savior, is born!

THE BLESSING

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh.

C Amen. (Please extinguish your candles)



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

THE SENDING

- P Glory to God in the highest!
- C Peace to God's people on earth!
- P Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: We Wish You a Merry Christmas All Sing

We Wish You a Merry Christmas, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year!

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Special Thanks to All our Church Musicians:
Church Choir
Chamber Choir
Handbell Choir
Greg Byrum: Soloist

Repeat Refrain

** A Special thank you to our lector Ashley Hyman

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A Special *Thank You* to Everyone who made this a Wonderful Advent & Christmas Season!

<u>Welcome Christmas friends!</u> Jesus is born this day. May He be born again in your hearts this night. We especially <u>welcome guests</u> of Holy Comforter. **Please** fill out a card from the rack in front of you. If you do not have a Church home in the community, please consider joining Holy Comforter on Sundays.

NOTE: All classes and music activities resume January 9th.



Poinsettias for Christmas 2021

GLORY TO GOD:

Greg Byrum

IN HONOR OF:

Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin S. (Mary) Byrum
Shirley Causby in honor of Greg Cline
Greg Cline in honor of Shirley Causby
Greg Cline in honor of Faye & Warren Heller
John & Leslie Crist in Honor of Wyatt & Brooklyn Suttenfield. & Max & Olive McCotter,
Patrick & Jacob Crist

The Kearney Family in honor of the saints of Holy Comforter, past and present (2 poinsettias)

IN MEMORY OF:

Donna Bean in memory of Faye H. Bean Jim, Alex & Garrett Buell in memory of Carmen Buell Greg Byrum in memory of Mr. Olin S. Byrum Shirley Causby in memory of Tommy Causby Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega In memory of Dr and Mrs William Kannapel Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega In memory of Susan K. Misner Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather Mauney Yount Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Paul Outlaw Mark & Rebecca Yount and Luke & Alec Via in memory of Myra & John Yount Susan & Don Nelson in memory of Charles Grafton Allie Flusche in memory of Adrielle Goodwin Dean & Dianna Halverson in memory of Helena Noel Dean & Dianna Halverson in memory of Richard "Dick" Halverson John & Leslie Crist in Memory of Ray and Rita Broome, Bill & Rosa Crist Mark & Ann Reese in Memory of Shirley Sharpe Robertson Mark & Ann Reese in Memory of James Allen Reese Rianna Nance In Memory of Theron Nance Debbie Mendez in memory of Alice and Mark Lyerly Debbie Williams in memory of loved ones Shelia Kelly in memory of parents & grandparents Diana Kooser in memory of loved ones Sue Lahr in memory of Stan Lahr

This is the list that the church office received. We apologize if there were any names omitted.



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