

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, December 22, 2013

Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Candle of Love

GATHERING/WELCOME

PRELUDE: *Once In Royal David's City* Farlee

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our life, our mercy, our might.

C **Amen.**

P As we await the day of the Lord, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Great and Holy One,

C **in this time of waning daylight, we confess the shadows of sin in our lives. We build ourselves up at the expense of others. We rely on our own efforts to make our lives secure. Yet you, O Lord, are the potter, and we are the clay. Come to restore us in your image, remake us into your people, and rebuild what sin has broken, that we and the whole creation may rejoice. Amen.**

P Fear not, people of God: the Almighty has done great things for us. God casts away our sin from us and makes of us a new creation. In + Jesus Christ, God comes to set you free. Take heart in the tender compassion of our God.

C **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG: *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* All Stand & Sing

1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10–16

A reading from the seventh chapter of Isaiah.

An Israelite and Aramean military coalition presented a serious threat to King Ahaz of Judah. In response, Ahaz decided to secure his throne and kingdom by seeking refuge in Assyrian help. Isaiah reminds Ahaz that human attempts to establish security will fail. The prophet gives the sign of Immanuel that is the only source of true safety: God is with us!

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. ¹³Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH: The fourth candle represents **LOVE**. Because of his love, all people are saved. Since God's love for us is perfect, may we perfect our answering love by loving one another.

LESSON ANTHEM: *Sing We Noel* Chamber Choir

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1–7

A reading from the first chapter of Romans.

Most of the Christians in Rome do not know Paul. In this letter's opening he introduces himself as an apostle divinely appointed to spread God's gospel. The gospel's content is the promised coming of Christ, and Paul's mission is to bring about the obedience of faith among all nations, including his Roman audience.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, ³the gospel
concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was
declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection
from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and
apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his
name, ⁶including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION..... All Stand & Sing

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18–25

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew's story of Jesus' birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus, which means "God saves."

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²²All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." ²⁴When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.



CHILDREN'S PLAY

HYMN: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* All Remain Seated & Sing

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy 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.

For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all the earth.

(Play continues...)

HYMN: *What Child is This* All Remain Seated & Sing

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!
2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898

(Play continues...)

HYMN: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* All Remain Seated & Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king:
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations rise;
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth. (*Repeat Refrain*)

(Play continues...)

HYMN: *Away in a Manger* All Remain Seated & Sing
Children sing verse 1, All sing remaining verses

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th century

(Play continues...)

HYMN: *O Come, All Ye Faithful* All Remain Seated & Sing

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest;
(Repeat Refrain)

(Play continues...)

HYMN: *Joy to the World* All Stand & Sing

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.

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.

Congregation is Seated

PRESENTATION FOR HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors present the candidate:

I present Leigh-Ann Isis Perez for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Leigh-Ann Isis Perez baptized into Christ?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister continues:

As you bring Leigh-Ann to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Leigh-Ann may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Leigh-Ann grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Leigh-Ann by praying for her in her new life in Christ?

C We do.

The assembly stands

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* catholic with a small "c" refers to the whole Christian church throughout the world.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

P Leigh-Ann Isis Perez, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

C You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain Leigh-Ann with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the

sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Leigh-Ann Isis Perez, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

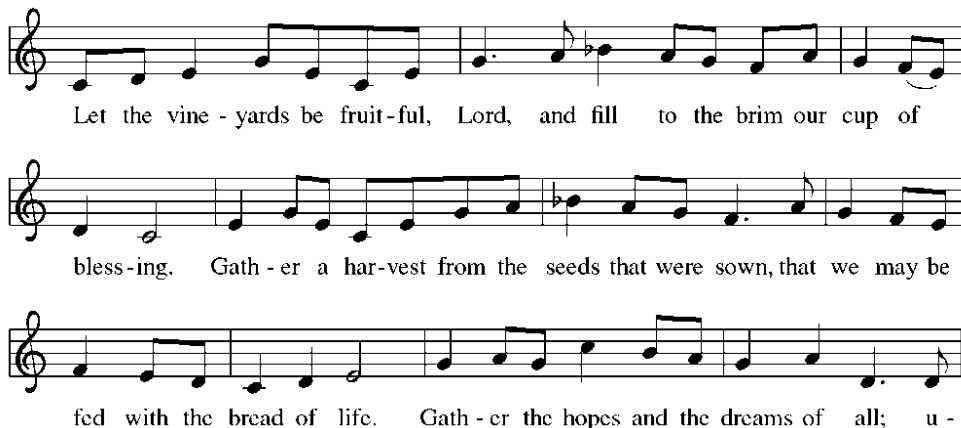
A Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Angels From the Realms of Glory* Church Choir

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* All Stand & Sing



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bles-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

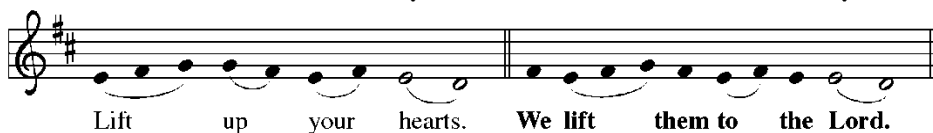
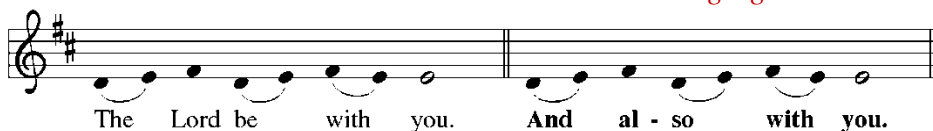
C God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

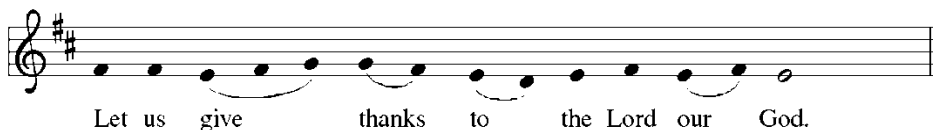
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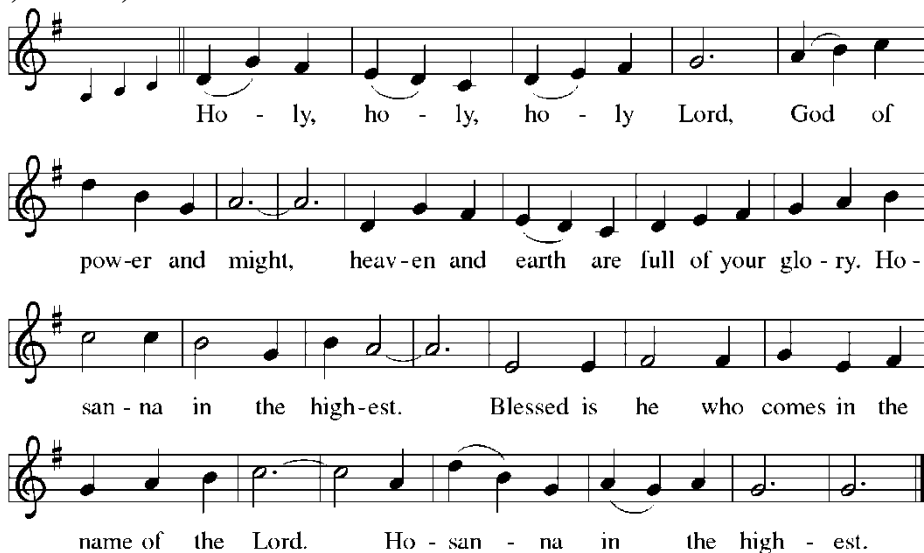
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PREFACE

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen.

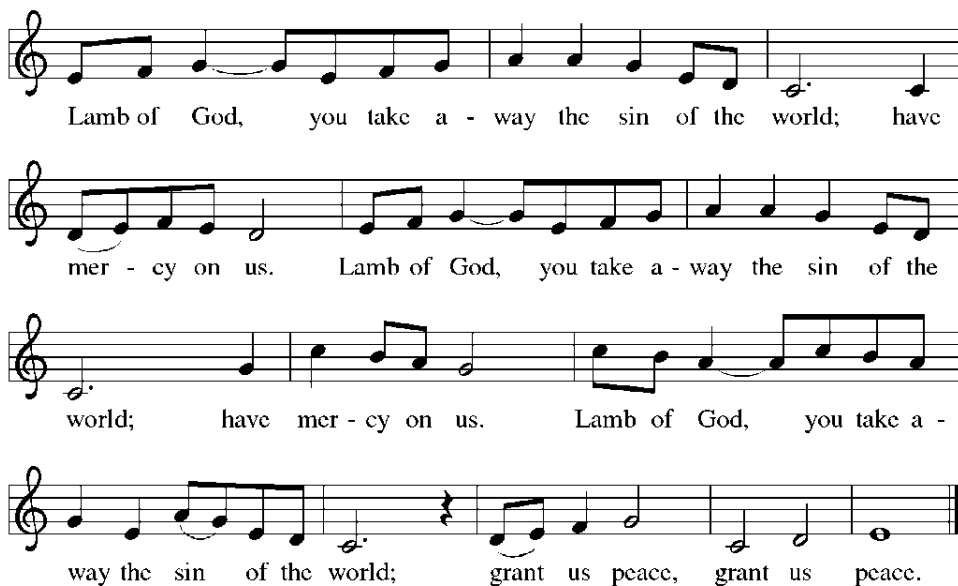
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table where Christ comes to make a home in you.

C Thanks be to God.



COMMUNION SONG *Congregation is seated as they sing:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

My Sheep Were Grazing Chamber Choir
Once In Royal David's City All Sing
Hymn appears on next page...

Once In Royal David's City All Sing



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
 Music: IRBY, Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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

C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Let us pray.

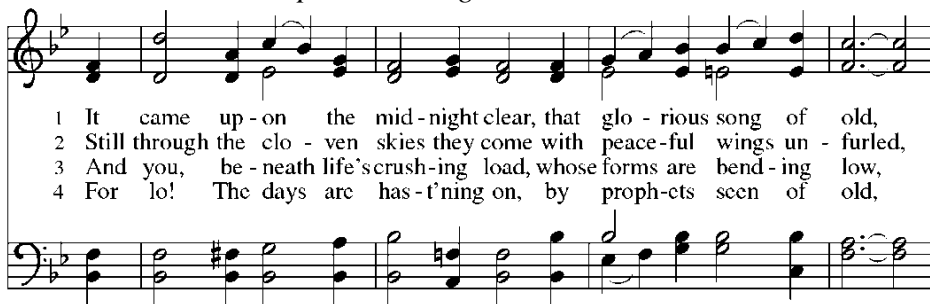
C God of wonder, we give thanks that you have fed us once again with this foretaste of the feast to come. Strengthen us through this gift to serve our neighbor with joy, that all may come to see your glory reflected in the lives of your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

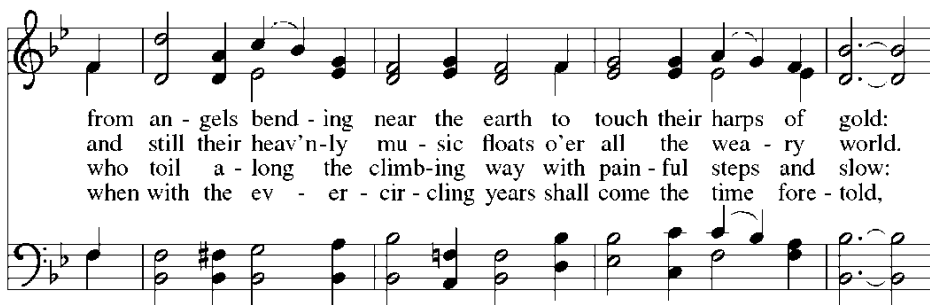
P The God of hope, through Christ our peace, in the power of the Holy Spirit, + bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

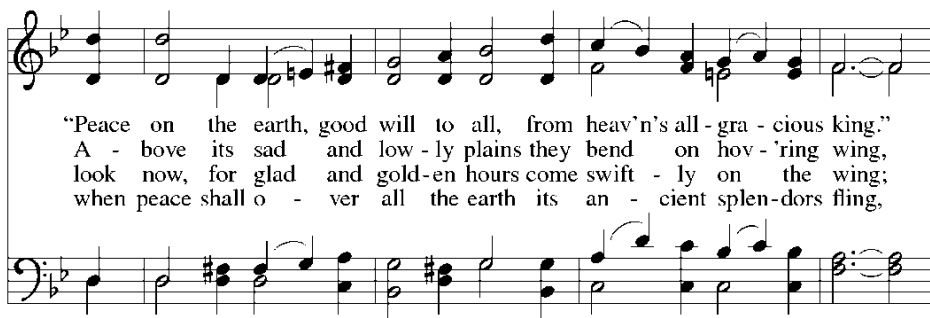
SENDING SONG: *It Came Upon A Midnight Clear* All Stand & Sing



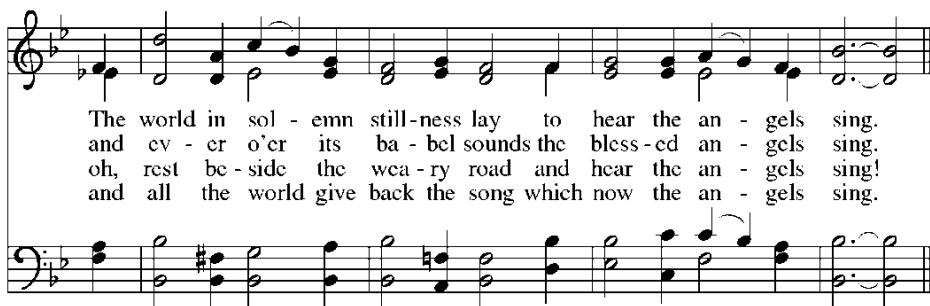
1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,
 3 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 4 For lo! The days are has-t'ning on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 and still their heav'n-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world.
 who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow:
 when with the ev-er-cir-cling years shall come the time fore-told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gra-cious king."
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hov-'ring wing,
 look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing;
 when peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-lemn still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.
 and ev-er o'er its ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
 oh, rest be-side the wea-ry road and hear the an-gels sing!
 and all the world give back the song which now the an-gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876
 Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Bring good news to the poor.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Hallelujah Chorus*

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the Kids Worship Kits found in the Narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. A nursery for children (**infants through 3 years old**) is located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance finding it.



KIDS' WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. The book will be in the narthex on Sundays and in the church office during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer board, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the online form at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Greg Garrison.

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use the containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church.

Greg Byrum, Worship & Music

Offering and Attendance Report for Sunday, December 15, 2013:

Attendance: 155

Budget Report

Numbers not available at time of printing

THE BLUE CANDLE in the crèche reminds us that we are to keep our hearts and minds in confession and prayer this entire Advent Season.

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTORS: Billy Joye, Jr., Sandra Cline

ACOLYTES:

Claire Mitchell, Garrett Fox

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 3)

Fran Holland, O-Captain

Melinda Lingerfelt, Co-Captain

Courtney Gatlin Tracey Nault

Stephanie Hinson

CRUCIFERS:

Hannah Carnes, Noah Rogers

GREETER: Pat Koehler

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Volunteers

TELLERS: Shelia & Tim Kelly

USHERS: Denise Wiegand &
Greg Garrison

BIRTHDAYS FOR THIS WEEK: December 22-28

December 24 Kurt Rogers

December 26 Beverly Robinson

December 28 Molly Koehler

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, December 22

9:30 am Sunday Church School

10:10 am Church Choir Prep

10:30 am *Children's Christmas* Program
Infant Baptism and Holy Communion

5:30 pm Adult Handbells

6:00 pm Church Choir

8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Tuesday, December 24

1:30 pm *Children's* Christmas Eve
Worship

10:45 pm Prelude

11:00 pm *Candlelight Service* with
Holy Communion

Sunday, December 29

No Children's Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service with
Christmas Carols



We welcome
Leigh-Ann Isis Perez
Via Infant Baptism to
Holy Comforter Lutheran Church
Leigh-Ann was born June 29, 2013 to
Jennifer Leigh Wiegand Perez & Jay Luis Perez

THE FIGURES OF A SHEPHERD & SHEEP ARE ADDED TO OUR CRECHE. This morning we are reminded that on a hillside overlooking Bethlehem, some shepherds were watching over their sheep when a bright light appeared in the sky. The shepherds were very afraid. The light was angels sent by God. An angel told them not to be afraid, because he had some good news. He said the Son of God had been born and they would find him in Bethlehem. The shepherds went to find the baby.

SAVE THE DATE: Women of the church are invited to an ***Epiphany Tea*** on Saturday, **January 4 at 3:00 pm** in the church fellowship hall. Refreshments provided. Please bring a few holiday pictures and we will complete a scrapbook page!

The 2014 Flower Chart is now available in the narthex.

Please *print your name* at the date you wish to furnish the altar vases (1 vase or both).

If you wish to purchase both vases, please sign your name on both lines.

Cost of both vases = \$45, One vase = \$22.50.

If you would be willing to serve as a ***Eucharist Presenter*** during **2014**, please sign your name at the date you wish to serve. Sign-up sheet located in the narthex.

2014 Offering Envelopes are available in the narthex for you to pick up.

**The 2014 Congregational Annual Meeting will be held on
Sunday, January 19 before the worship service.**

**All year-end reports from committee and church group chairpersons are due to
Dianne in the church office by Sunday, January 5th.**



SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES:

December 24: 1:30 pm **Children's Christmas Eve Service**
10:45 pm Prelude
11:00 pm ***Candlelight Service with Holy Communion***
December 29: 10:30 am Regular Service with Christmas Carols

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin
Virginia Crump
Daniel Dowd

Ferrie Hedrick
Richard Holden
Zac Hullander

Chase Lineberger
Liz Propst

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Kathy Beam
Dale Burris
Ronnie Hagy
Brian Hedrick
Kathy Helton
Betty Fox
Claudia Frazier
Ronnie Hersey
Betty Kannapel

Laura Lanuto & Family
Jeff Lail
Ruth Lail
Dan Martin
Sandra Nix
Butch Passailaigue
Jean Peters
Taylor Propst & Family
Mara Rappleyea

Joel Rivera (NY)
Steve Sanford
Megan Sigler
Ramona J. Sinclair
Jimmy Surratt
Charmaine Townsend
Buck Weatherford
Beverly F. Wall
Gloria Ward



OUR SERVICEMEN

Jason Gardner

Dillon Kasmer

Jeremy Shaver

OUR MISSIONARIES

Austin & Tanya Propst
(Young Adults in Global Mission)

Please remember these people in your prayers.
If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please let Trudy Whitener know or tell Dianne in the church office.

The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.



POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS 2013

GLORY TO GOD:

The De Nicholas Family
Dianne Lail
Kurt & Cynthia Scholler (2 poinsettias)
Bob & Denise Wiegand for their family

IN HONOR OF:

Adult Sunday Class in honor of Greg Byrum
Adult Sunday School Class in honor of John Kreitzer
Bocchino Family in honor of their 3 children: Lucy, Alex & Henry
Greg Byrum in honor of Mrs. Olin Byrum, Jr. (Libby)
Greg Cline in honor of Tom & Shirley Causby and Faye & Warren Heller
Dr. Raul & Jo Anne de la Vega in honor of Mrs. Betty Kannapel
Kathy Graves in honor of son, Blair Stroup
Dean & Diann Halvorson in honor of Curt Halvorson & Helena Noel
Shelia & Tim Kelly in honor of Nathan
Shelia & Tim Kelly in honor of Madison
Beverley & Charles Mauney in honor of Ginger, Chuck and Jake; Laurel, Jimmy & Katie
Khloe Tench in honor of her mommy, Nana & Papaw
Elizabeth, Sarah & Khloe June Tench in honor of Jack & Laura Tench and Bonnie Tench
Bob & Denise Wiegand in honor of their new granddaughter Leigh-Ann
Rebecca & Mark Yount and Luke & Alec Via in honor of Noah Rawlins & Family
Rebecca & Mark Yount in honor of Luke and Alec Via

IN MEMORY OF:

Donna Bean in memory of Faye Hamilton Bean
Steve & Deborah Bingham in memory of John Bingham
Bocchino Family in memory of Ruth Mencer
Greg Byrum in memory of Olin Byrum Jr.
Eric & Renee Carpenter in memory of Frank Carpenter
Dr. Raul & JoAnne de la Vega in memory of Dr. William Kannapel,
Dr. & Mrs. Raul E. de la Vega and Rose Strait
Monique Estelle in memory of Gisela Stone
Dallas & Gayla Foscue in memory of Troy & Nannie Foscue
Dallas & Gayla Foscue in memory of Cecil & Carolyn Bierley
Kathy Graves in memory of husband, Bill Graves

Marsha Kinley in memory of May Cloninger
 Marsha Kinley in memory of Thelma Kinley
 Lynn Martin in memory of Adam Kijewski
 Charles & Beverley Mauney in memory of Heather, Betsy & Ray Mauney,
 and Sandy McCoy
 Virginia Neagle in memory of Mom & Dad and Carl Neagle
 Phil & Carol Posey in memory of William Posey
 Phil & Carol Posey in memory of Norris & Althea Pruitt
 Nancy Powell in memory of James & Margaret Sipe
 Beverly Reynolds in memory of Joe Reynolds
 Gary & Karen Rogers in memory of Harry & Helen Laver
 Lynne Sudarich in memory of her parents, Leonard & Marie Sudarich
 Jack, Laura, Elizabeth, Sarah & Khloe June Tench in memory of Howard Tench
 and Dorothy Thulin
 Mark & Rebecca Yount, Luke & Alec Via in memory of Heather M. Yount and
 John Yount

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

If you are concerned, due to inclement weather, as to whether we will have church services or planned activities, please check the following for information:

- Call the church office at 704-825-2483 and listen to the recorded message.
- Check the church website at www.holyc.org
- Watch WSOC-TV for their list of closings and/or delays.
- An email will be sent. ***Please give us your email address if we do not have it.*** We will do our best to keep you informed.



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 (Lunch break taken sometime between Noon – 1:00pm, it varies)



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Give of Yourself this Christmas...

Join A Committee for 2014

WORSHIP

() Worship & Music

LEARNING

() Christian Education Committee

() Youth Ministry Committee

SUPPORT

() Finance Committee

() Church Property Committee

() Stewardship Committee

WITNESS & SERVICE

() Evangelism Committee

() Social Ministry Committee

() Lector (Reads the lessons)

() Usher

() Communion Assistant

() Greeter

() Newsletter Reporter

() Other _____



Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Please fill in the information below so it can be forwarded to the committee chairpersons.

NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____