*Bob Potter	by Jane Potter	
*Dan Corrigan	by Jamie Corrigan	
*Dianne Calloway	by Claude Calloway	
*Eric Rasche	by Dave & Sue Rasche	
*Their parents	by Robert & Vicki Allen	
*Gary & Elizabeth Vinson	by Bob & Jean Vinson	
*Their parents, Neal & June Cain and Earl & Lourine Korn and son, Peter Korn by Dave & Nancy Korn		
*Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Rasche & Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hannahs by Dave & Sue Rasche		
*Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Straup by Bob & Susan Straup		
TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD & IN HONOR OF:		
*Shelley Carroll	by Claude Calloway	
*Her husband, Terry	by Beth Cribbe	
*Carolyn Culbreath	by Sid & Rette Stokes	
*Their daughters, son-in-law, grandson	by Steven & Amy Goodson	
*Their Children and Grandchildren	by Dave & Nancy Korn	
*Their Grandchildren	by Bob & Susan Straup	
*To the Honor and Glory of God	by Sophie M. O'Connor	

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LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE (4:00 p.m.) **Christmas Eve** 2024

Welcome and Announcements Prelude "Lovely Child, Holy Child" soloist – Lucy Roehrs -arr. David N. Johnson

*Entrance Hymn

"O, Come All Ye Faithful"

Hymn #283

*DIALOG

L: The light shines in the darkness,

C: and the darkness has not overcome it.

L: The Word became flesh and lived among us,

C: and we have beheld Christ's glory.

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

***OPENING PRAYER** L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message

The Lighting of the Christ Candle



Poinsettias may be picked up after the 11:00 p.m. service. (Please leave the three white poinsettias in the manger as they remain in the Sanctuary throughout the Christmas season.)



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TO THE HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD & IN MEMORY OF: *James Adams

by Connie Adams, Julie and Jamie *Al & Doris Stokes & Stevens Culbreath by Sid & Rette Stokes *Bill & Frances Christmas by Chris & Anna Caldwell *Bill & Betty Caldwell by Chris & Anna Caldwell *Larry Boller & Eldred Clardy by Paula Boller *Papa & Grandma Sally by the Campbell Family *Jim Campbell by the Campbell Family by Leon Chute *Florence Chute *Dick Martley by Betty Martley *Family and Friends by Diane Richardson by Mike & Bobbi Metz *Anne B. Landers *The Rev. & Mrs. J. Luther Ballentine by Mike & Bobbi Metz by Mike & Bobbi Metz *Mr. & Mrs. B. L. Metz, Sr. *The Rev. "Jack" Fischer & Mac Thomas by Pastor and Beth Fischer *Tatiana Mitutenko by Sophie M. O'Connor *Joseph O'Connor & Judy Fritsche by Sophie M. O'Connor

*Mr. & Mrs. Anton Rudawski

*Robert Rudawski

Presiding Minister - Rev. J. Chris Fischer Organist/Music Director - Jill Helgeson Acolyte – Cathy Rudisill Communion Assistants – Rynde Dial & Beth Fischer Ushers – Claude Calloway & Mike Metz Video – Connor Caldwell IT Engineer – Chris Caldwell Nursery Keeper – Nancy Korn

NURSERY

A nursery for small children, 3 years of age and younger, is available.

<u>THE ALTAR FLOWERS</u> are given in honor of the Nativity of our Savior and in memory of family members by Dr. Georgia Lou Huff.

TO ALL WORSHIPPERS, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ALIKE, we

extend a cordial welcome to you at this special worship service. May the miracle of God's love, evidenced in the birth of Jesus, bring light to your life, increase your faith, and fill you with great joy and peace!

Sunday, December 29

One-Combined Worship 10:00 a.m. No Sunday School or Potluck Meal

All offerings to be credited to 2024 must be received or postmarked by December 31ST. Offerings received after this date cannot be credited to 2024.

The 2024 offering envelopes are in the Narthex please ask an usher for your offering packet.

REMINDER

Early reminder, 2024 annual reports are due on or before Sunday, January 5th. All 2024 Committee Chairpersons are to turn in a report to the church office.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Song of ProphetsIsaiah 9:2-7It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Pamela Michalski #282, stanzas 1 and 4

The Song of BethlehemMicah 5:2-5aO Little Town of Bethlehem

Max Roehrs #279, stanzas 1 and 4

The Song of Mary Luke 1:26-38 What Child Is This

The Song of Christ's Birth Luke 2:1-7 Away In A Manger

The Song of the Angels Luke 2:8-14 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing John Trent #270, stanza 1

Mike Metz

Rynde Dial

#296, stanza 1

#277, stanzas 1-3

The Song of the Shepherds Luke 2:15-20 The First Noel

Beth Fischer #300, stanzas 1 and 2

The Song of ChristmasJohn 1:1-15Rev.Good Christian Friends, Rejoice#

Rev. Stephen Roehrs #288, stanzas 1-3

MEDITATION	"CHRISTMAS IS LOVE"	
OFFERING		
ORGAN OFFERTORY	"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"	- arr. Cindy Berry

***RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

- L: Glory to God in the highest,
- **C:** and peace to God's people on earth.
- L: Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
- C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.
- L: Blessed are you, son of Mary. You share our humanity.
- C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.
- L: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
- C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world. Amen.

*The Christmas Peace Is Shared
*The Eucharistic Prayer (Lead by the minister with congregational responses.)
Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son, Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** *The 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.

COMMUNION We invite all baptized believers to commune with us today. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. Holy Communion this evening will be by **intinction** where the wafer is dipped into the chalice. The first chalice (silver) contains wine and the second chalice (ceramic) contains grape juice. To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher.

*LIGHTING OF CANDLES The ushers will light the candles of the first person in each row. Please pass the light to everyone in the row. Tip unlighted candles into a flame to pass the light. <u>Please do not tip lighted candles</u>.

*HYMN

"Silent Night"

See Insert

***THE BLESSING**

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

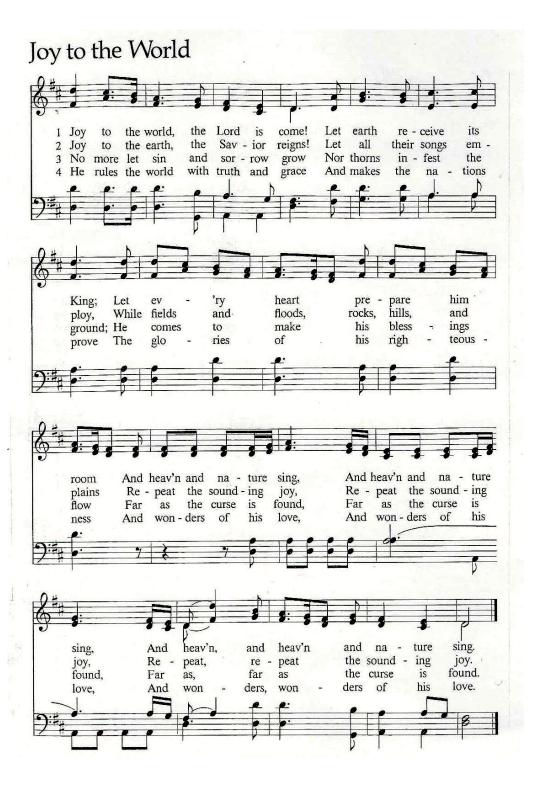
*THE CLOSING HYMN "Joy To The World" *THE DISMISSAL

See Insert

***POSTLUDE** *"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"* - arr. Joann Brown Ledoux

(L) Leader (C) Congregation *We Stand





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