

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

OUR THANKS

We are grateful tonight for Jonathan Dickson sharing his gift of musical talent during the worship service as the trumpeter. Jonathan is the son of Sandi Dickson and the late John Dickson. We are also grateful for Lacy Dickson, for sharing her amazing voice with us.

REMINDER:

We turn and face the cross as it enters and exits the church tonight.

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 2025 offering envelopes are in the Narthex please ask an usher for your offering packet.



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.

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Presiding Minister.....	The Rev. J. Chris Fischer
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Acolyte.....	Sandi Dickson
Lector/Crucifer.....	Joshua Fischer
Communion Assistant.....	Joshua Fischer
Ushers	Leon Chute & Mike Oates
Video.....	Connor Caldwell
IT Engineer.....	Chris Caldwell

(we stand)
*The Hymn

“O Come All Ye Faithful”
trumpet – Jonathan Dickson

Hymn # 283

WE OFFER PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*The Greeting

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

*The Kyrie (sung responsively)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

*The Hymn of Praise

“Glory To God In The Highest”

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(Refrain)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. (Refrain)

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. (Refrain)

*The Prayer of the Day

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. **Amen**

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

The Lighting of the Christ Candle
The First Lesson (Isaiah 9:2-7)
Psalm 96 (sung responsively)
The Second Lesson (Titus 2:11-14)

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung in unison)

Alleluia. I am bringing you good news of great joy for ' all the people, to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messi-' ah, the Lord.

Alleluia. (Luke 2:10-11)

The gospel is announced: The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Holy Gospel (Luke 2:1-14 [15-20])

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon **“CHRISTMAS IS LOVE”**

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

*Hymn of the Day **“Away In A Manger”**

*The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
The Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
Of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
And became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again**

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Hymn # 277



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.)



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
- *Florence Chute by Leon Chute
- *Dick Martley by Betty Martley
- *Family and Friends by Diane Richardson
- *Anne B. Landers by Mike & Bobbi Metz
- *The Rev. & Mrs. J. Luther Ballentine by Mike & Bobbi Metz
- *Mr. & Mrs. B. L. Metz, Sr. by Mike & Bobbi Metz
- *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 by Sophie M. O’Connor
- *Robert Rudawski by Sophie M. O’Connor
- *Bob Potter by Jane Potter
- *Dan Corrigan by Jamie Corrigan
- *Dianne Calloway by Claude Calloway
- *Eric Rasche by Dave & Sue Rasche
- *Gary & Elizabeth Vinson by Bob & Jean Vinson
- *Their parents by Robert & Vicki Allen
- *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
- *Their parents, Neal & June Cain and Earl & Lourine Korn and son, Peter Korn by Dave & Nancy Korn

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

The Communion (Continuous method-Please follow the directions of the ushers.)

All baptized believers are invited to commune with us tonight. Children not yet receiving Holy Communion are invited to come with their families to receive a blessing. On the way up, you are to pick up a cup and bring it to the altar. Prefilled cups in the center of the tray contain grape juice; otherwise wine will be dispensed at the altar into empty cups. Gluten free wafers are available as needed. Please notify the Pastor. To have the elements brought to you for communion, please notify an Usher. It would be helpful if you would sit on the front pew or on the aisle. As you go to the altar for communion, you are invited to dip your fingers into the water of the Baptismal Font and make a sign of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.

*The Communion Blessing

*Post Communion Hymn **“Now, Lord, You Let Your Servant”**
**Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled,
My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared
In the sight of ev’ry people: a light to reveal you to the
Nations and the glory of your people Israel.**

Pastor Fischer

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*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.
Please do not tip lighted candle.

*The Hymn

“Silent Night”
German Verse – Virgil Hobbs

See Insert

*The Benediction

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. **Amen.**

*The Closing Hymn

“Joy To The World”

See Insert

(candles are extinguished)

*The Dismissal

Postlude

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

-Mendelssohn/Cummings

(*) Congregation stands

In accordance with the scriptures;

He ascended into heaven

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

And his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

Who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

And the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation. (we kneel) *The Leader concludes each petition with “Lord In Your Mercy,” and the response is, “Hear our Prayer.”*

*The Christmas Peace Is Shared

The Offering is Received

Offertory Anthem

“By Candlelight”

- Ruth Elaine Schram

There is a baby tucked in a manger, sleeping tight.

And over the manger, there is a star that is shining bright in the night,
showing the world the way to the place where He sleeps upon the hay.

And we make our way by candlelight.

Animals share their humble abode with Him willingly,

but they seem to be asking, “Why has He come, and who is He? Is He royalty?”

Gently, the mother sings to the child lullabies fit for a king.

And she softly sings by candlelight.

Flickering candles, twinkling stars shine like diamonds in midnight blue;

shimmering snow is reflecting their sparkle in ev’ry hue.

There is a sense of wonder, for our faith has been renewed,

as we see His face in this simple place by candlelight.

Over the manger, angels spread their golden wings;

While He is presented priceless treasure and lovely things, gifts from kings.

What could we offer, what could we bring to this baby from above?

We will bring our love, by candlelight, by candlelight, by candlelight.

*The Offertory Hymn

“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”

MEAL

*The Prayer (The congregation responds with AMEN.)

*The Great Thanksgiving (sung responsively)

L. The Lord be with you.

C. **And also with you.**

L. Lift up your hearts.

C. **We lift them to the Lord.**

L. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Preface of the Day

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise (Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding) ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus (sung by all)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

* 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.

Hymn #181

Let us proclaim the mystery of Faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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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.

*The Communion Hymn (sung by all)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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(we sit)

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to proclaim the good news to our community and to the world by word and action.*

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST (11:00 p.m.) Christmas Eve 2024

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

(We kneel for prayer upon entering the pews.)

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Lovely Child, Holy Child" arr. David K. Johnson
soloist – Lacy Dickson

The Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (we kneel)

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. **We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



PSALM 96

(sung responsively)

- Sing to the Lord ' a new song;
Sing to the Lord, ' all the earth.
- 2Sing to the Lord, bless the name ' of the Lord;
Proclaim God's salvation from ' day to day.**
- 3Declare God's glory -' mong the nations
And God's wonders a- ' mong all peoples.
- 4For great is the Lord and greatly ' to be praised,
More to be feared ' than all gods.**
- 5As for all the gods of the nations, they ' are but idols;
But you, O Lord, have ' made the heavens.
- 6Majesty and magnificence are ' in your presence;
Power and splendor are in your ' sanctuary.**
- 7Ascribe to the Lord, you families ' of the peoples,
Ascribe to the Lord hon- 'or and power.
- 8Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the 'holy name;
Bring offerings and enter the courts ' of the Lord.**
- 9Worship the Lord in the beau-'ty of holiness;
Tremble before the Lord, ' all the earth.
- 10Tell it out among the nations: "The ' Lord is king!
The one who made the world
So firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peo-'ples with equity."**
- 11Let the heavens rejoice, and let the ' earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that ' is therein.
- 12Then shall the trees of the wood shout for joy
at your com-'ing, O Lord,
for you come to ' judge the earth.**
- 13You will judge the ' world with righteousness
and the peoples ' with your truth.

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

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.
³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Psalms 96

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

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

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he
favors!"

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

Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive its
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em -
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow Nor thorns in - fest the
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the na - tions

King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 ploy, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 ground; He comes to make his bless - ings
 prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
 flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
 ness And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.