



**The Poinsettias
are given to the
glory of God...**

And in loving memory of...

Robert and Alice Allen by Dewey and Cheryl Allen;
Clayton and Mary Bailey and Audrey and Bob McFaul by Sue and Pat McFaul;
Their mothers, Marianne Bell and Betty Skare, Denise's sister, Judi Bell and Denise's father, Ronald Bell by Don and Denise Skare;
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And in recognition of...

Their 40th wedding anniversary by Gary and Ruth Koch.

A special thank you to the Koenig family for donating the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall in memory of parents, Ervin & Arvella.



GATHERING

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

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 in the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4;

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GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

A reading from Isaiah.

(Not Printed)

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:

Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and lamb before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today!

Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:

Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this!

Christ was born for this!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866

Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.

**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

God of wonder,

in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near.

As you have come among us now,

**send us out in joy, hastening to share
the good news of your love.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**



Assisting with Worship

Jenn Collins, *Pastor*

Al Freiberg, *Coordinator of Music*

B Team, *Ushers*

Joel Freiberg, *Pianist*

Jim Hahn, *Guitar*

Ryan Jacobson, *Drum*

Jon Seamon, *Trumpet*

SPECIAL MUSIC

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

“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.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864

**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

**Tell 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 peoples with equity.”**

Let 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.

**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,
for you come to judge the earth.**

You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

HYMN

“Away in a Manger”

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 cent.

CHRISTMAS STORY



“An Unexpected Christmas”
St. Paul's Church
Auckland, New Zealand

Luke 2:1-20

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

**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.**

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

**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!**

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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard

it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**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.**

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

OFFERING

Meal

OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God,

your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross.

As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us,

warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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