

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00 p.m.



Photo: Rachel Boge

Prelude:

Fanfare on "Joy to the World"
Wayne Hatwich, organist

Gerre Hancock

Opening Hymn

Joy to the World!

#100

*1. 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.*

*2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy!*

Opening Prayer

adapted from The Shema

Celebrant: Let us love God with our hearts

People: and our neighbors as ourselves.

Celebrant: Let us love God with our minds

People: and our neighbors as ourselves.

Celebrant: Let us love God with our strength

People: and our neighbors as ourselves.

Lesson from the Old Testament

Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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.
You 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.
For 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.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For 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.

His 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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Away in a Manger

#101

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

The Christmas Story

read by Danielle Hardesty

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

Father enliven the Church for all your people. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

Breathe fresh life into all your people. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

Lead us into the ways of justice and peace. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

Teach us to love the world and all who live in it, especially those celebrating birthdays Thailer Castrey (12/20), Elizabeth Castrey (12/21), and Marilyn Freedlund (12/23). Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

We pray for this city of Rockford, for Ukraine. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who are sick especially Nancy and Kylla. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

We pray for those who have died. Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer

Celebrant: Lord Jesus, you are always with us and we are eternally grateful for your love and guidance.

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Offertory

It came upon a midnight clear

Organ

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them unto God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our Sovereign God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you all-holy God, for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. So we offer our praise to you, as we sing:

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

Celebrant: Glory and praise to you, holy and living God. You sent your beloved child Jesus to enter our world as a baby. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He ate with the sad and the lost, healed the sick, and brought good news to the poor.

On the night before he died for us on the cross, he ate dinner with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to God for it, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. As you eat it, remember me."

After dinner Jesus took a cup of wine, again gave thanks to God, and gave the wine to his friends to drink, saying: "Drink this, all of you, for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for the whole world for the forgiveness of sins. As you drink it, remember me."

And so we say our story of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

God of love, we offer you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Christ. Grant that we, filled with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us now pray in the words Jesus taught us:

*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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence is kept and the bread is broken.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Communion

In the Bleak Mid-winter

Organ

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

Dear God, thank you for making us your family. We are grateful have shared Jesus' body with each other. Send us out in love and peace, serving you with happy hearts. We ask all this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Post-Communion Hymn

Silent Night

#111

The congregation kneels during Silent Night, with candles lit

Closing Hymn

Go tell it on the mountain

#99

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

1. *While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,*

Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

(repeat Refrain)

2. *The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth*

Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

(repeat Refrain)

Dismissal

Postlude

Go Tell It

Charles Callaban

Christmas flowers are given by ...

Name

In Honor, Loving Memory or Thanksgiving of:

John and Jean Frana

Bill and Elnor Geissman & John and Mabel Frana

Tyler Hillman

Margy Sarver & Joanie Bowers

John and Rosa Birnbaum

Juan & Josefina Licon & Joe & Laurel Birnbaum

The Cramers

Patricia Reigle

Mark and Diane Tomlinson

Andrew & Alyssa Tomlinson

Dan and Gale Degner

Margaret & Myron Jury, Lois & Dave Cregeen,
Alice Robinson, & Denise Mayer.

Jack and Mary Dammann

Our parents

Robb and Theresa Sinks

Family & friends

Robert and Elizabeth Parker

Our families

David Ross and Tamara Ohr Ross

Fred & Esther Ohr

Maria Mendia

Fortino & Eliboria Martinez

Ron and Jan Wanninger

Adolph & Fannie Anderberg, Al & Vernice Wanninger,
& Darlene Jacobs

Nancy Sauer and Stacey LaRosa

Erma & Francis Sauer, Geraldine & Kenneth Ruhling,
Bernice & Paul Wilbur, Christopher Wilbur, Susan
Cerniglia, Lynda & Joe LaRosa, & Jerry Jeffers

Mickey Swart

Michael K. Wilson, Mildred Swart, Arza Swart,
& all family loved ones

Wayne and Ginny Hatwich

Ruby & Franz Hatwich & Lorna & Al Hetzner

Barbara and Denis Anderson

Our parents

Trish Rooney and Stan McGroarty

Our church family

Phil and Andrew James

Janet James

Judy Pike

The Pike's & The Wendling's

Scott Neal and Kyla Chapman-Neal

Our parents & children

Christmas flowers are given by ...

Name

Mary E. Johnson

Doug and Cheryl Rogers

Eliot Hardesty

Jake and Danielle Hardesty

Valerie Sanders

In Honor, Loving Memory or Thanksgiving of:

Walter & Florence Johnson & the health of Ravin and baby Georgia

Marilyn & Ward Rogers

Chloe

All of Eliot's grandparents & great grandparents

My mom, Peggy

Announcements

The Church office is closed December 26th to January 3rd.

There will be one service at 10 am January 1st.

The Rockford Chapter of the AGO will present an organ concert and carol sing on Thursday, December 29, at 7:00 p.m. in Westminster Presbyterian Church (2821 N. Bell School Road). Henry Rye, one of the chapters 2022 scholarship recipients and a student at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, will be the featured performer along with other Rockford organists. Admission is free. A freewill offering will benefit the Kay Hotchkiss Scholarship Fund.

Wine Tasting fundraiser for Shelter Care Ministries on January 6, 2023. Artale & Co. is opening its store with 24 different wines for you to sample. The event is from 5:30 - 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the door, with 100% of ticket sales going to Shelter Care. Artale & Co. is located at 6876 Spring Creek Road.

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Trish Rooney Assistant Director of Music
Timothy Borden Sexton
Steven KinCannon Seminarian
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Nancy Sauer- Clerk, Jennifer Smith, Sean Cramer, Mickey Swart,
Mary G. Johnson, Stacey LaRosa, Phil James, and Denis Anderson