

# Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2021

4 p.m.



*Photo: Rachel Boge*

*As we gather before the service begins,  
we encourage people to use the time as a centering for prayer and meditation.*

*Please recycle your bulletin. Bins are located at the entrances.*

*If you wish to light a prayer candle, they are located on the right side as you enter the Sanctuary.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### The Prelude

Pifa from *Messiah*

Georg Fiederich Handel

Partita: From heaven above to earth I come

Ernst Pepping

Wayne Hatwich, Organist

*(stand as you are able)*

### The Processional

*O come, all ye faithful*

**Hymn #83**

vs.1, 2, 3 & 6

### The Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (†)

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Collect for Purity

*Celebrant:* **A**lmighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* *And also with you.*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

### The Collect for Christmas Eve

*Celebrant:* **O** God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

# THE LESSONS

## The First Reading

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

*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.  
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.

*People: Thanks be to God.*

### Hymn

*Angels we have heard on high*

**Hymn #96**

## **The Second Reading**

### **A Reading from the Book of Titus.**

*Titus 2:11-14*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He 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.

### **The Word of the Lord.**

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## **Gradual Hymn**

*Go, tell it on the mountain*

**Hymn #99**

## **The Gospel**

### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**

*Luke 2:1-14(15-20)*

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.

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!"*

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

# THE BLESSING OF THE CRÉCHE

*Invitation to bring baby Jesus from home crèche*

## Sermon

The Rev. Diane Tomlinson

*A moment of silence is observed after the sermon*

## The Prayers of the People

**W**ith all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

**F**or the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, for the Church of the Province of Central Africa, for the youth in our cities and communities affected by violence, and the perpetrators of violence, and for the unity of all peoples let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Paula our Bishop-elect, and Chilton our Assisting Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or this city of Rockford, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Maryanne, Nick, Rich, Sam, the Degner & Jury families, Smith family, and Ed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or those celebrating birthdays especially, Thailer *Castrey* (12/20), Elizabeth *Castrey* (12/21), Carol *Jambor-Smith* (12/21), and Marilyn *Freedlund* (12/23), let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

**F**or all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Margaret and Jeff, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **The Peace**

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

*People: And also with you.*

### **Offertory**

*Good Christian friends, rejoice!*

**Hymn #107**

### **The Offertory Response**

*In the bleak Midwinter*

**Hymn #112**

vs. 4

What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.

# LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*(standing)*

### The Sursum Corda

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* **I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

**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.**

*(kneeling or seated)*

*Celebrant:* **W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." (†)  
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." (†)

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant:* **A**nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified (†) by the holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and Joseph and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

## **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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.*



*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People:*

***E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Candle Lighting Hymn**

“Silent night, holy night”

**Hymnal #111**

*The congregation stands as the individual candles are lit and the hymn is sung. Candles are raised on verse 3.*

**Verse 1:**

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.

**Verse 2:**

Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

**Verse 3:**

Silent night, holy night,  
Son of God, love's pure light,  
radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

## Blessing (†)

*(standing)*

**Recessional Hymn**

*God rest ye merry, Gentlemen*

**Hymn #105**

## Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

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## Postlude

"Noël Étranger" (Paris, 1757)

*Louis-Claude Daquin*

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Mary G. Johnson, Stacey LaRosa, Owen Carter,  
Phil James, and Denis Anderson

## Assisting in the Liturgy

4:00 p.m.

Crucifer/Server: Fred Pelley

Old Testament: Phil James

Epistle: Kyla Chapman – Neal

Prayers of the People: Fred Pelley

Altar Guild: Mary Johnson and Cindy Joesten

Ushers: Owen Carter

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John and Jean Frana	Bill and Elnor Geissman; John and Mabel Frana
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Mary Nielsen	John
Phil & Andrew James	Janet James
Judy Pike	John G. Pike
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Neal	Our Parents, Grandparents, and Many Mentors

# Announcements

**With the rise of the Omicron variant**, we are reminding everyone to wear a mask in church, take advantage of the hand sanitizer in the back of the church, and keep social distance when possible.

**Each day check out our Facebook page** for a short meditation of the Advent word of the day.

**Book Club January Selection** "Dinner with Edward" by Isabel Vincent. In January the book club will meet via Zoom the date is January 11th at 7pm. When Isabel meets Edward, both are at a crossroads: he wants to follow his late wife to the grave, and she is ready to give up on love. Thinking she is merely helping Edward's daughter--who lives far away and has asked her to check in on her nonagenarian dad in New York--Isabel has no idea that the man in the kitchen baking the sublime roast chicken and light-as-air apricot soufflé will end up changing her life. As Edward and Isabel meet weekly for the glorious dinners that Edward prepares, he shares so much more than his recipes for apple galette or the perfect martini, or even his tips for deboning poultry. Edward is teaching Isabel the luxury of slowing down and taking the time to think through everything she does, to deconstruct her own life, cutting it back to the bone and examining the guts, no matter how messy that proves to be.

**The Parish Annual meeting will take place on Sunday, January 30th** following one service at 9:00 a.m. In keeping with the protocol for safe distancing, we will be meeting in the sanctuary.

**If you would like to run for Vestry** please speak with Jean Frana, Kathy Torrence, or Jennifer Smith.

**Annual reports for committees** need to be turned into the office by January 15th. They will once again be sent out before the meeting via Mailchimp. A few printed copies will be available at the meeting.

**The office will be closed December 27th through January 1st.**

**Diane will be on vacation until January 4th.**

**Please contact Douglas Rogers with any pastoral needs.**