

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD • CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2020 • 6:00 P.M. FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome

*Poinsettias for Christmas Eve were given by Rev. Tom and Carol Bailey
to the Glory of God and in memory of their son, David Bailey*

Christmas Day

Our annual recorded Christmas Morning service is a fun and festive 20 minute service of prayers, scripture, reflection and music. Join us at AbidingPresence.net or on our social media pages any time after 6:00 a.m.

Lessons, Christmas Carols & Holy Communion

*The celebration of Christmas continues this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. as we worship live at
AbidingPresence.net/live*



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GATHERING

★ Call to Worship

- P Augustus and Quirinius—
ancient names that seem odd to today's ears...
- C **characters in an ancient story
that we long to hear.**
- P Nazareth and Bethlehem—
distant towns we know little about...
- C **places our hearts long for,
because of the One who traveled there.**
- P We gather together to hear once more,
a story so ancient and yet so current,
so distant and yet so near.
- C **We come to hear the story
of God coming to us.**
- P We gather this holy night in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



★ Hymn

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW 283



Harmony 1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
Harmony 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
Melody 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
Melody 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
 Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

***Greeting & Prayer of the Day**

P The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, Word made flesh, born of Mary, be with you all.
C And also with you.



WORD

★Hymn

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

ELW 289



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

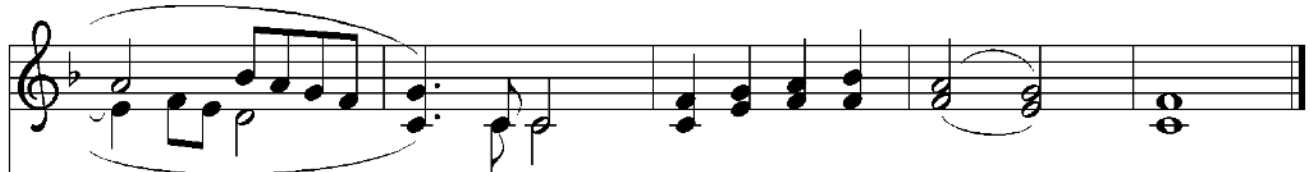


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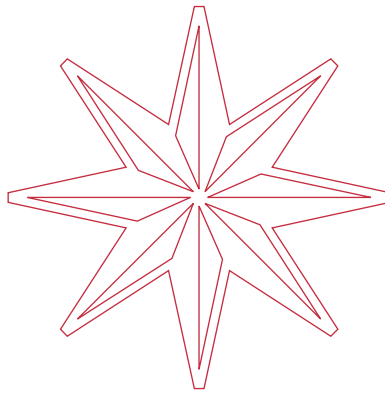


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Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

★ Christmas Gospel—Luke 2:1-20



★ Hymn

“Away in a Manger” (verse 1)

ELW 277

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.

Text: North American, 19th cent.
Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

★ Homily

Pastor Keseley



Harmony 1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, “Glo - ry to the new-born king;
Harmony 2 Christ, by high - est heav’n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
Melody 3 Hail the heav’n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.”
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin’s womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, “Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!”
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
 Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

★ **Prayers of Intercession**

P Hear us, O God. C Your mercy is great.

★ **The Lord's Prayer**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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.

★ **Offering**

As we join our voices to the angels in singing praises to God and celebrate the birth of Christ our King, we invite you to make your offering tonight either online at AbidingPresence.net/give or by mailing a check to the church (6304 Lee Chapel Rd, Burke, VA 22015).



Tonight's offering will go to support our ministry priority of feeding people.

*It will be split between the **ELCA World Hunger Campaign** that is feeding people globally and the **Abiding Presence Food Ministry** that is feeding people locally.*



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1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

★Offering Prayer

★Candle Lighting

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

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

★Hymn

“Silent Night”

ELW 281

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,

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,

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

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

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions 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

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

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.

heav'n and na - ture sing.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748
 Music: ANTIOCH. English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

*Dismissal

- P In darkness we arrived. C In light we now leave.
 P Though once we stumbled, C we now walk with confidence.
 P Rise up and go, for the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.
 C May the light of Christ lead us forevermore.

