

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD • CHRISTMAS EVE  
DECEMBER 24, 2020 • 8:00 & 10:00 P.M. 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](http://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](http://AbidingPresence.net/live)*



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# GATHERING

## ★ Introit—“Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

arr. J.S. Bach

*Abiding Presence Virtual Choir*

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,  
and usher in the morning;  
ye shepherds, shrink not with affright,  
but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy,  
our confidence and joy shall be,  
the pow'r of Satan breaking,  
our peace eternal making.

Johann Rist, 1607-1667; tr. John Troutbeck, 1832-1899



## ★ 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

★ **Christmas Greeting**

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



★Christmas Dialogue & Prayer

P It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

C **Your Word, Jesus, is truth.**

P In his light, draw all to the manger

C **to gather in wonder with the shepherds.**

P In his light, draw all to the manger

C **to sing for joy with the angels.**

P In the brightness of his life

C **cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.**

P It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

C **In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.**

**WORD**

★First Lesson—Isaiah 9:2-7

R The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

★Hymn

“Love Has Come”

ELW 292



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950  
Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noëls composés en langue provençale*, 1856  
Text © 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (ASCAP), c/o Integrity Media, Inc., 1000 Cody Road, Mobile, AL 36695.

\*Second Lesson—Titus 2:11-14

R The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

\*Hymn

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW 270



*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*

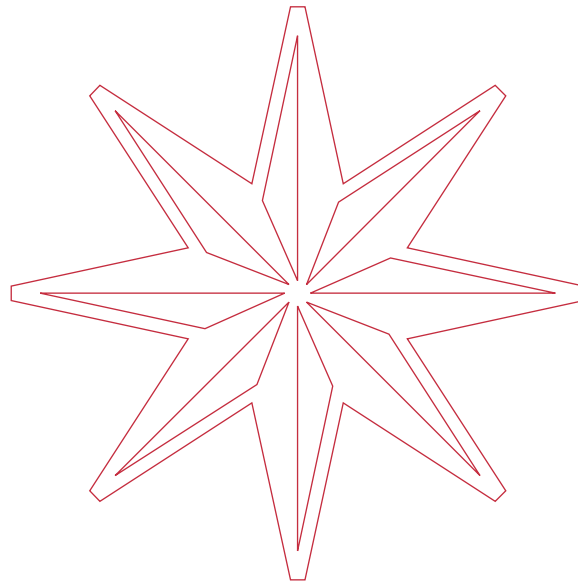
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

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

★ Christmas Gospel—Luke 2:1-20

★ Homily

Pastor Keseley



★ 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

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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

### □ Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father  
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### ★ Prayers of Intercession

**P** Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

# MEAL

## \*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](https://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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## \*Musical Offering

**“The Huron Carol”**

**arr. Dan Forrest**

*Abiding Presence Virtual Choir & Orchestra*

## \*Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

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

## \*Words of Institution

### \*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.**

## \*Welcome to the Table

*“The body of Christ, given for you.” † “The blood of Christ, shed for you.”*







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.

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

★ Post-Communion 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.**



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

# SENDING

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

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sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
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 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.

