

Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2024

2:00, 4:00, 5:30, 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m.

“And she gave birth to her first-born son . . .”

– Luke 2:7

Welcome!

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Prelude

Please stand

The Christmas Proclamation

Entrance Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

arr. David Willcocks

1. 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*
2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: *Refrain*
4. 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*

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, love from the beginning, Word made flesh, breath of heaven. **Amen**

Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name. **Amen**

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all. **And also with you.** Let us pray. . . **Amen**

Please be seated

Anthem

Wexford Carol

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

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The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Today's Worship Participants

Musicians

SPD Quartet

Debi Kilde

Susan Ramlet

Laurent Kuehnl

Woody Woodward

Sanctuary Choir (5:30, 11:00)

Orchestra

Concertmaster: Hanna Landrum

Violin I: Nora Scheller

Elizabeth York

Violin II: Ray Shows

Ian Snyder

Nancy Oliveros Shows

Viola: Megan Tam

Kelsey Farr

Cello: Sonia Mantell

Scott Lykins

Bass: Robert Anderson

Flute: Linda Chatterton

Oboe: Marni Hougham

Clarinet: David Pharris

Bassoon: Chris Marshall

Horn: Aisling O'Sullivan Goel

William Eisenberg

Trumpet: Eli Ross

Jonathan Brandt

Timpani: David Balazz

Harp: Sarah Grudem

Thank you to all who have assisted in serving at our Christmas Eve services!

Please stand

Hymn

Joy to the World

arr. Mack Wilberg

Verse 2: Sopranos & Altos; Verse 3: Tenors & Basses

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

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*As the Gospel is announced the people say: **Glory to you, O Lord!***

*As the Gospel concludes the people say: **Praise to you, O Christ!***

Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

arr. David Willcocks

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"
3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Homily

Pastor Tim Westermeyer

Hymn

The Bells of Christmas

Red Hymnal #298

1. The bells of Christmas chime once more;
the heav'nly guest is at the door.
He comes to earthly dwellings still
with new year gifts of peace, good will.
2. Now let us go with quiet mind,
the swaddled babe with shepherds find,
to gaze on him who gladdens them,
the loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem.
3. Oh, join with me, in gladness sing,
to keep our Christmas with our king,
until our song, from loving souls,
like rushing mighty water rolls!
4. Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,
and keep your Christmas in our breast;
then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,
shall swell our jubilee of song.

Please stand

The Christmas Prayer

Offering

I Wonder As I Wander (2:00, 4:00, 7:30, 9:00)

arr. Barlow Bradford

Ding Dong Merrily on High (5:30, 11:00)

arr. Mack Wilberg

Your offerings can be left in the offering plates at the entrance to the sanctuary, mailed to the church, given electronically at spdnc.org/give, or by using the QR code on the back of the bulletin. Thank you for your generous support of God's mission and ministry at St. Philip the Deacon. Remember: Your gifts make a difference.

Offertory Prayer

God of abundance, **receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen**

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You may receive Holy Communion in one of two ways. First, you may choose to come forward to receive by intinction, receiving a wafer in your hand and dipping it into the chalice of wine or juice. The gluten free chalice is located near where the pastors sit. Or second, you may pick up individually wrapped elements at the usher stand in the narthex and receive while remaining in your pew.

The Great Thanksgiving

Red Hymnal page 152

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might; Heav'n 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.

Words of Institution

The 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,

forever and ever. Amen

Please be seated

Reception of Communion

Red Hymnal page 154

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,

grant us peace.

Anthem

Christmas Day

Gustav Holst

Please stand

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Candlelighting (5:30, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00)

Please tip only unlit candles, not lit ones. Adults, please help children hold candles.

Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Red Hymnal #281

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.
2. 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!
3. 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.

Closing Prayer

Emmanuel, God with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming to be Savior and Lord of all. **Amen**

(5:30, 7:30, 9:00, 11:00) *Please extinguish candles carefully*

Benediction and Dismissal

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

arr. Keith Chapman

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Poinsettias Given By

Steve & Debb Adams Family
The Albright family
Mark & Deb Allison
Mickey Arneson
John & Pam Atkinson
Leesa, Brice, Anna & Andrew Avila;
James Lambrecht
Roxy Benthin
David & Lynda Berglund
The Bixby Family
Bransford & Olson Families
Robert & Lucy Brusic
Lynn Bucka
Paul & Cindy, Ben, Annie & Tom Carlson

In memory of Gale & Myrt Korell; In memory of Roger & Donna Adams
In celebration of the gift of our Savior
In celebration of the Nativity of Jesus
In memory of husband Roger Kruse & daughter Ann Phillips
In memory of Mary & Jack Atkinson; In memory of Sue & Gene Foley

In memory of Clair Lambrecht
In memory of Tony Benthin
In memory of parents Ralph & Agnes Sinclair, sister Joan Sinclair & daughter Heather Berglund
In honor of Harlan[†] & Sonja Diehl, Bill & Sherry Bixby
In memory of Norman Olson
In memory of Matthew Brusic
In memory of Pastor John Bucka
In memory of Dean & Kerstin Carlson & Barb Carlson Gilkey
In memory of Bill & Peg Holmes, Mike Holmes & Bob Holmes
In celebration of the future Taylor & Andy Jones; In celebration of the future Ally & Andy Voyen
In memory of our parents
In celebration of our cherished family

The Cranfield Family
Pam & Tim Dagoberg
Terry & Donna Dickinson
Matt, Kristen, Ava, Elyn, Olivia &
Iris Doherty
Deborah Dybdahl
The Empkey Family
The Family of Jeff & Patrice Erickson
Elly, Emmett & Evan Esbjornsson
John & Virginia Ehlen
Ken & Rosanne Ferguson
David Floren
Craig & Aubrey Foss
The Francis Family
Richard & Natalie Frank
Dan & Claudine Galloway

In memory of our grandparents & great-grandparents
In honor of Caleb, Finn, Samuel & Alex Dybdahl
In memory of Cherie Cooper
In memory of Keith Erickson, Norman & Cathy Kushino
In memory of Sammy
In celebration of our family & grandkids
In celebration of our family & friends
In memory of Joan Floren
In celebration of Bennett, Graham & Harrison Foss
In memory of Bob Kylo
In honor of Mavis Lundberg
In memory of Jenna Rose Enger

Pam Geiger & Family
The Gilbertson Family
Tom & Michele Gonyea
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Leslie & Terry Hakkola

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& Margaux House
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John & Beth Jacob
Merridee & Joel Johnson
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David & Barb Kleven
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Jeff & Heather Larson
Brian, Carleen & Alexia Lensch
Greg & Julie Lindberg

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Sue McConville & Family
Jan Mozey & Family
Donovan & Caren Nash
Jack Osberg
Gregg Panning & Linda Taylor
Greg & Susan Path Family
Bruce & Lori Paulson
Chris Pederson
Dale & Joni Phillips
The Priebe Family
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Kevin & Denise Reilly
Patti Richardson
Jim & Sue Ries
Kathleen Robertson Farmer &
Sandy Robertson
Juan & Orpha Roig
Rex & Cheryl Rugland
Cathy Sackrison
Kevin, Nicole, Matthew & Lauren St. John
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The Schmolze Family
John & Jane Schultz
Lynn Sinclair
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Lynn & Ron Soleta
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Stewart Family
The Strand Patterson Family
The Stranghoener Family
Sally Swedberg
The Terpstra & Soens Families
Trent Family
Jim & Karen Unterseher
George & Diane Waldow, Kelly &
John Perry & Family
Ed & Lisa Wasz
Craig, Carrie & Evan Weber
Jennifer & Kevin Weist
Beth Willis & family
The Winfield Family: Chris, Nicole, Mike,
Jack, Joe, Natalie, Nadine

In memory of Bob Geiger, husband, dad & papa
In memory of parents & grandparents
In honor of our children, Jack, Emma & Gina
In memory of Rachel
In honor of our parents, Don⁺ & Sonja⁺ Hagestuen, Duane & Kathy Fell
In honor of our children, Nora & husband Jon, Griffin & Linnea
In memory of Leslie's parents Harlan & Bettye Dees & brother Keith Dees
In memory of Terry's parents Arvo & Virginia Hakkola & brother Archie Hakkola
In memory of our loving parents, Archie & Maxine Taxdahl & Pat Hansen
In memory of Harold & Neva Langland; In memory of Earl & Gloria Himle
In honor of Ann Hinnenthal
In memory of Carl J. Hoffstedt

In memory of Robert House
In memory of Darlene Heins & Gary Holter
In memory of Ken & Joan Gerten, Ken & Marilyn Iverson
In celebration of family
In memory of Leslie & Alina Rick, Elmer & Alma Johnson
In memory of our loving parents & grandparents, Gordon & Pat Amundson
In memory of my husband, Daniel Kane
In memory of Roger & Iona Aukes
In memory of loved ones; in celebration of our granddaughters
In memory of David Landsverk
In celebration of Christmas
In memory of Wayne Lensch & our grandparents
In memory of Leo Welk
In memory of Anita Lindberg
In memory of John & Beverly Owen
In memory of Ed McConville
In memory of John D. Mozey, husband & father
In celebration of Jesus' birth & our 59th wedding anniversary
In honor of Nina Osberg
In memory of our parents, Virgil & Carole Panning
In memory of Garlin & Glenn Scherb; In memory of Mike, George & Luella Path & Cindy Davidson
In celebration of family
In memory of my wife, Glenda Lee Pederson & daughter, Nichole Rae Pederson
In memory of Leroy Phillips, Dan Phillips, Loren & Marilyn Dekko
In memory of Sue Priebe, Richard & Loraine Tieva
In honor of John & Carole Pike; In memory of Roger & Elaine Ranfranz
In honor of Marian Ducharme & David Lindblom
In honor of my family
In memory of Barb & Ernie Macht, Lillian & Jim Ries Sr.

In memory of Jack Robertson
In memory of our parents
In memory of all our loved ones in Heaven
In memory of Elizabeth Sackrison
In celebration of the birth of Jesus!
In memory of our dad, Paul Sartorius
In memory of Jean Schmolze, wife, mom & grandma
In honor of our parents
In memory of my parents Ralph & Agnes Sinclair & sister Joan Sinclair
In memory of Peggy Snustad
In memory of our parents
In memory of Roger Stachour
In memory of Nancy Stewart
In memory of loved ones
In memory of our loved ones
In memory of my husband, James Swedberg
In memory of Karen Terpstra
In honor of Robert & Hyon Engebretsen & Jacqueline Bronstien
In memory of our parents Ervin & Erna Unterseher, Orin & Mildred Toso & brother, Sherald Toso

In memory of Michael
In celebration of family
In memory of Ross Braland
In celebration of Sasha, Grant, Jack & Poppy Wolter; In memory of John Weist
In memory of Bruce Willis, loving husband & father

In memory of Bob Winfield

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