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DECEMBER 24TH, 2025 - 3 PM CHRISTMAS EVE

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC – DUET

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

Pr Jared & Pr Nicholas

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

P: In the Name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us chase away the darkness, and welcome Jesus into our lives.
(a moment of silence for reflection)

P: Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus:

C: Forgive our stubborn doubts and failures of faith.

P: Your Son was born in a humble stable:

C: Forgive our neglect of the poor and needy.

P: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem:

C: Forgive our slowness to move and take action.

P: The Magi followed the Star to find the Savior:

C: Forgive our reluctance to seek and worship you.

P: And the Angel said, “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” With joy, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

CAROL:

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
And also with you."

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CAROL

“The First Noel” (v.1)

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CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING - KYLA & MATTHEW FETSCH FAMILY

ADVENT CAROL:

“Light One Candle to Watch for the Messiah” (vs.1-4)

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

² 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. ³ You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴ 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. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ 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. ⁷ Great will be his authority, 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.

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 96 (Read Responsively)

¹ Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**

³ Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods.**

⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**

⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**

⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king! The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**

¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD, for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance.

¹¹ The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ 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.

Response: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (*please rise in body and/or spirit) **"Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory"(v.1) #561**

GOSPEL: Luke 2 1-20

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

CAROL

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” (v. 1)

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⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ 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 in the guest room.

CAROL

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” (v. 1)

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⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

CAROL

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (v. 2, then v.1)

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¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

CAROL

“What Child Is This” (v. 1)

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Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

CAROL

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice ”

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CREED (*please rise in body and/or spirit)

P: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

C: Yes, We Believe!

P: Do you 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?

C: Yes, We Believe!

P: Do you 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?

C: Yes, We Believe!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER

(offering plates are located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. The offering plates are brought forward during the singing of our offering hymn.)

OFFERING CAROL:

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

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OFFERING PRAYER

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

By your word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love, For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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CHOIR ANTHEM

" Mary Did You Know"

OSLC Choir

CANDLE LIGHTING AND PRAYER

As ushers come down the aisle, we pass the light from one candle to another by tilting the UNLIT candle towards the lit candle.

CANDLE LIGHT CAROL

"Silent Night, Holy Night" (vs. 1-3)

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CHRISTMAS BLESSING

May the everlasting God enfold you in blessing, may the embrace of the Holy Child ✝ comfort you, and may the Spirit's light shine upon you and keep you this night and always. **Amen.**

Candles may be extinguished as we sing our closing Carol

CAROL

"Joy to the World" (vs. 1-4)

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SENDING (p. 146)

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION & SENDING

Christ the Savior is born! Repeat the sounding joy, proclaim this good news.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all on earth!

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