



## THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR

December 24, 2022

Communion

**PRELUDE**

*A Joyous Christmas*

E. Leavitt

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor Diane Christopher

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God! He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and that life was the light of the world. The light shines in the darkness; and the dark cannot comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John; who was sent to bear witness to

the light. This was the true light, which enlightens every heart that comes into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and yet the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But, as many as did receive him, to those that believe in his name, he gave power to become daughters and sons of God.

✠ **HYMN**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**CHORAL RESPONSE**

**ANTHEM**

*An Antiphonal Noel*  
Soloist, Diane Larson

J. Raney

Sing noel on this Christmas night, sing noel.  
Earth is filled with a holy light, sing noel.  
Angels lift their praises high, sing noel.  
Mary whispers a lullaby, sing noel.  
Alleluia, sing noel. Joyous news, glad tidings tell.  
Sing noel. Born is the King of Israel.

**CHRISTMAS GREETING**

Pastor Craig Lindsey

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 2: 1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in swaddling cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

**CAROL** *Silent Night, Holy Night!* 122

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2: 8-14

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

**CAROL** *Angels We Have Heard on High* 113

**SERMON** “SWADDLED IN A MANGER”

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 2: 15-21

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

✠ **HYMN**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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**CALL FOR OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Emmanuel! God with Us!*

M. McDonald

Unto us a Son is given, the gift of God to us from heaven;

Born a child and yet a King, a Savior to redeem.

Emmanuel! God with us.

Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, the Song of God with us to dwell;

Light of life to all he brings; Alleluia, we sing!

Emmanuel!

*\*If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

*\*\* If you have a special prayer request, please fill out the blue card in front of you and place it in the offertory. Our Pastors and the Prayer Ministry Team will pray for your request. There is also a box in the Narthex you may place it in as well.*

✠ **DOXOLOGY**

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

The Invitation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (Sung)

**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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Sharing the Elements

(Please hold your elements until all may receive together)

✠ **HYMN**

*Joy to the World*

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✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;  
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✦ **POSTLUDE**

*Fantasia on In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

✦ **All those who are able, please stand**

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**Wishing you a Joyous Christmas!**



**WELCOME** to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together in spirit.

**VISITORS:** Consider yourself at home while you are here!  
We are glad you have joined us today.

**POINSETTIAS PURCHASED BY:**

Judy Aguayo	In memory of Denita Castillo.
Charles & Vera Anderson	In memory of our family.
Karen Bahnick	In memory of Isaac & Anna Reimer.
Marilyn Barney	In memory of my sister, Lora Mebust.
Don Brooks	In honor of my father, Roy Brooks.
Mike & Kay Brouwer	In memory of our parents.
Jack & Carol Claton	In memory of our parents.
Cheryl Conner	In memory of Donald Conner, and Thom & Lillian.
Finch Family	In memory of family.
Eloise Fredrickson	
John & Sandy Green	In memory of our Daughters, Deborah and Rebecca.
Mary Lee Haas	In memory of my Husband, Kerm Haas.
Wanita Hall	
Kurt Hargleroad	
Liz Haynes	
Jean Hein	In memory of Martin Hein & Douglas Marvin Hein.
Sara Hennigar	
Linda Hester	In memory of Walter Micallef.
Cindy Johnson	
Kylene Joplin	
Donaldina Joung	In memory of grandson Brandon and parents.

Linda Kucera	In memory of Janette.
Diane Larson	In memory of Russ Hartley.
Steve Larson	In memory of Joan Larson.
Bob & Mary Lillie	In celebration of our parents and children.
Nelda Lobb	
Janice & Bob McCoy	In memory of parents Audrey & Alfred Wright.
Clayton Messelt	Merry Christmas to all!
Anne Morrison	In memory of loved ones.
Rick & Pat Nau	In memory of our parents.
The Nicholson Family	
Linda Norman	In gratitude for church pastors and staff.
Bruce & Carmen Nylund	
Patricia Pearson	
Jim & Kathie Rusk	In memory of family.
Kristine Sells	In loving memory of my love, Chuck Sells
Ted & Gee-Gee Smith	
Bill Sproull	In memory of my wife, Nancy.
Carol Stephens	
Mark Thompson	In memory of Barbara Cogswell.
Randy & Debbie VanHyfte	
Gerry & Mike Wigent	In memory of John & Grace Provost and Kathryn.
Betty Yoder	In memory of our sons Tony & Craig.



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