

He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; He will be called Son of God....Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Hymnal #53 "What Child Is This?" Verse 1

Luke 2:1-7 Ed Palmer

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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 for them in the inn.

Hymnal #25 "Away in a Manger," Verse 1

Luke 2:8-16 Ruling Elder Gary Stenzel

Angels appear to shepherds in the fields and announce the birth of the Messiah

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favors!"

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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

Candlelight Carol: Hymnal #60 "Silent Night"
Elders will light their candles from the Christ candle and share the light of Christ

Benediction and Closing Verse Rev. Laurie Palmer

Closing Carol, Hymnal #40 "Joy to the World!"

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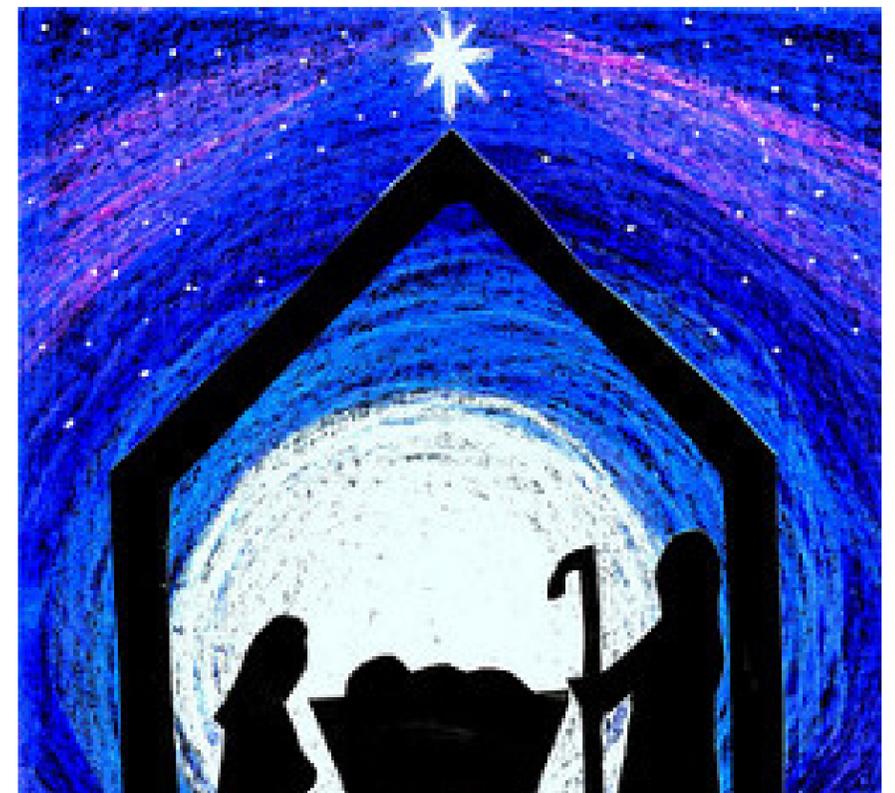
Glorify God. Enjoy God. Live Christ's Love



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2017

A Service of Lessons and Carols



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WE GATHER IN THE NAME OF GOD

Prelude

🕒 Opening Hymn #41 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Lighting the Christ Candle

Ruling Elder Paula Salter

Hear these words from John 1: 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 came into being through Him, and without Him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Light the Christ Candle

God of the star and of the manger, we open our hearts to Your love. As these candles shine, light our lives with Your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us Your peace that surpasses our understanding. Fill us so that our joy may be complete. Magnify Your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by You. We walk in the light of Christ. We pray in His name, who had nowhere to lay His head. Amen.

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

Rev. Laurie Palmer

Adam and Eve disobey God’s command and disrupt the order and goodness of creation.

Adam and Eve heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” The Lord God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,

cursed are you among all animals

and among all wild creatures;

upon your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers;

he will strike your head,

and you will strike his heel.”

Hymnal #2 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” *Verse 1*

Genesis 22:16-17

Ruling Elder Gary Stenzel

God promises that, through Abraham, all the peoples of the world will be blessed.

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, “By myself I have sworn, says the Lord:.... I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore.

Hymnal #9 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,” *Verse 1*

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Rev. Laurie Palmer

The people who walk in darkness receive the promise of the Messiah.

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....

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.

His authority shall grow continually,

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.

🕒 Hymnal #44 “O Little Town of Bethlehem,” *Verse 1*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

The Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Who are we, Lord God, that You should come to us? Yet You visited Your people and redeemed us in Jesus Christ.

As we celebrate His birth, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of Your Word, and move us by Your Holy Spirit to bless Your wonderful works.

And Your works are wonderful, indeed. You are holy, O God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. You sent Him into this world to satisfy the longings of the people for a Savior, to free us from sin, to bring justice to the oppressed.

He came among us as one of us, taking the lot of the poor, sharing human suffering. We rejoice that in His death and rising again, You set before us the promise of eternal life.

Holy are You! Alleluia! Bless this bread and this cup that they may be for us the body and blood of our precious Savior, Jesus Christ. For we pray in His name, who taught us to pray:

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.

The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

The Prayer after Communion

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Ruling Elder Paula Salter

An angel appears to Mary and announces that she will bear a holy child

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David.