



"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"

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MISSION STATEMENT

"WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON"

WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2023

4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

9:30 A.M.



We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith.

As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!

When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see God, send Him a text while driving.

VISITORS.. Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. Pastor Timm would love to meet you!

PLEASE REMEMBER... to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. Pastor and Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

DID YOU KNOW.. Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Hospitals and schools are becoming ‘scent-free’ due to this increasing health hazard. Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church. Thank You.

LITTLE FOLKS.. Parents... please remember that there are ‘busy bags’ hanging on the coat tree in the Narthex to occupy the little ones during worship. Simply return the bags to the tree on your way out of church. Thank you.

BE COMFORTABLE.. There are shawls in the Narthex that you can use if chilled during worship. Just ask one of the ushers and they will get you one. Simply return the shawl to the narthex on your way out of the church.

Hearing Devices: *The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.*

We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.

FLOWERS for the altar today are given in by Larry Unger in memory of wife, Rose Marie AND David Donaldson in memory of wife, Lee

PRAYERS : Izzy Helmuth (granddaughter of Lorie Rapp), Gary Demaree (brother of Dyanne Radke), Mason Fletcher, Dave Hofslie, Jeff Raasch (brother of Gary Raasch) Jerry & Lissi Grill, Anne (daughter of Jennifer Akridge), Steve Gutierrez(friend of Marie Ritten), Karen Kober & Susie Sorenson (friends of Barb Blank), Iva and Gary Pennell(Paul Ehler's Sister and Brother in law),

PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Traditional version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of December. God blesses our prayers.

Is Your Phone Turned Off?

PRELUDE

TEMPLE TALK

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God Is Good!

C **All the time**

P All the time

C **God Is Good!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P We await the coming of Christ
C **God keeps God's promises to us.**
P We await the coming of Christ.
C **With peace in our hearts, we wait.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

C **Amen.**

- P We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

- P God whose reign is just,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

- P The reign of God has come near to you! In Christ Jesus, we are reconciled to God, and therefore God forgives us all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law;
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way.
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.

Refrain

7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one;
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new.

Refrain

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent, as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 19: O Branch of Jesse (4)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 22: O King of nations (7)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (8)

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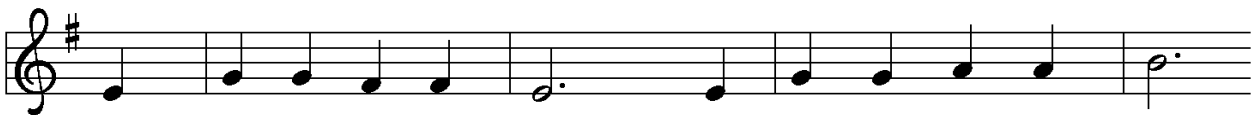
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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

SONG OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

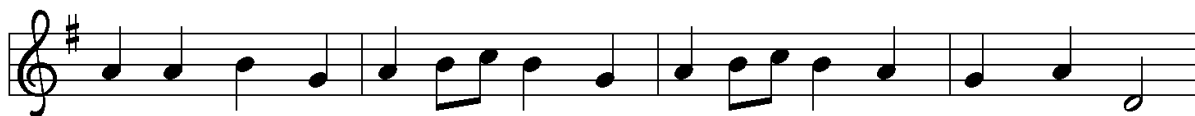
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY *together we pray:*

God of all, you call us into one Body of Christ for the good of the world.

Strengthen us through your word and meal, that we might support and sustain one another in all that you call us to do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you

C **And also with you**

WORSHIP CAROL

CHOIR: (4:00) *"The Advent Canon"*

BELLS OF GLORY: (9:30) *"Still, Still, Still"*

PSALM 113

R Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

C ² Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

R ³ From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

C ⁴ The LORD is high above all nations and his glory above the heavens.

R ⁵ Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,

C ⁶ who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

R ⁷ He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

C ⁸ to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

R ⁹ He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke1:5-25, 57-80

⁵In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. ⁷But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. ⁸Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. ¹⁰Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. ¹¹Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. ¹³But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. ¹⁴You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." ¹⁸Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." ¹⁹The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." ²¹Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering

at his delay in the sanctuary. ²² When he did come out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. ²³ When his time of service was ended, he returned to his home. ²⁴ After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, ²⁵ “This is what the Lord has done for me in this time, when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.” ⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰ But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” ⁶¹ They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” ⁶² Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. ⁶⁵ Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. ⁶⁶ All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. ⁶⁷ Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: ⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on^[a] his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior^[b] for us in the house of his child David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve

him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break^[c] upon^[d] us, ⁷⁹ to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.” ⁸⁰ The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to the Lord**

TEACHING

“The Holy Moment”

Pastor Jack Williams

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Prepare the Royal Highway

G Em G D G C D G

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
 2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Em G D G C D G

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
 Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
 Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
 His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Em D A⁷ D A D A⁷ D

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
 So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain Bm Em D Em Am D⁷ G

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 In anticipation of the coming messiah, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P God of song, we praise you for all the ways you show up and surprise us, calling us into your loving service for the sake of the world. Inspire us to carry the gospel message as John the Baptist would. God of Promise;

C In mercy, hear our prayer.

P Strengthen all leaders of faith communities in their call to serve you and the whole Body of Christ, that they might inspire your people to proclaim the gospel in all they say and do. God of Promise,

C In mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray

C We pray for each of our mission congregations, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision and call process. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values while we support the call committee in moving toward a pastoral transition. We also pray for that pastor whom God calls to Gloria de Cristo to work with us to move this congregation forward. Enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we "Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person."

P We pray for all those in our lives, named and unnamed, who struggle with physical or emotional challenges. Grant them your healing grace. God of Promise.

C In mercy, hear our prayer.

P Inspire and support all teachers, so that they might fill their students with wonder and equip them to think critically about the world around them. God of Promise,

C In mercy, hear our prayer.

P In gratitude we remember all the saints who have filled our churches with joyful song. May we lend our voices to your praise in their honor until we are reunited in the great choir that sings around your throne. God of Promise,

C In mercy, hear our prayer.

P We lift all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, into your loving arms, resting in your love and mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE OFFERING (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in person giving as well and online giving.)

OFFERING RESPONSE *(please stand)*

We Give Thee but Thine Own

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We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may
May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re -

be - All that we have is thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.
ceive - And glad - ly as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruit give.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

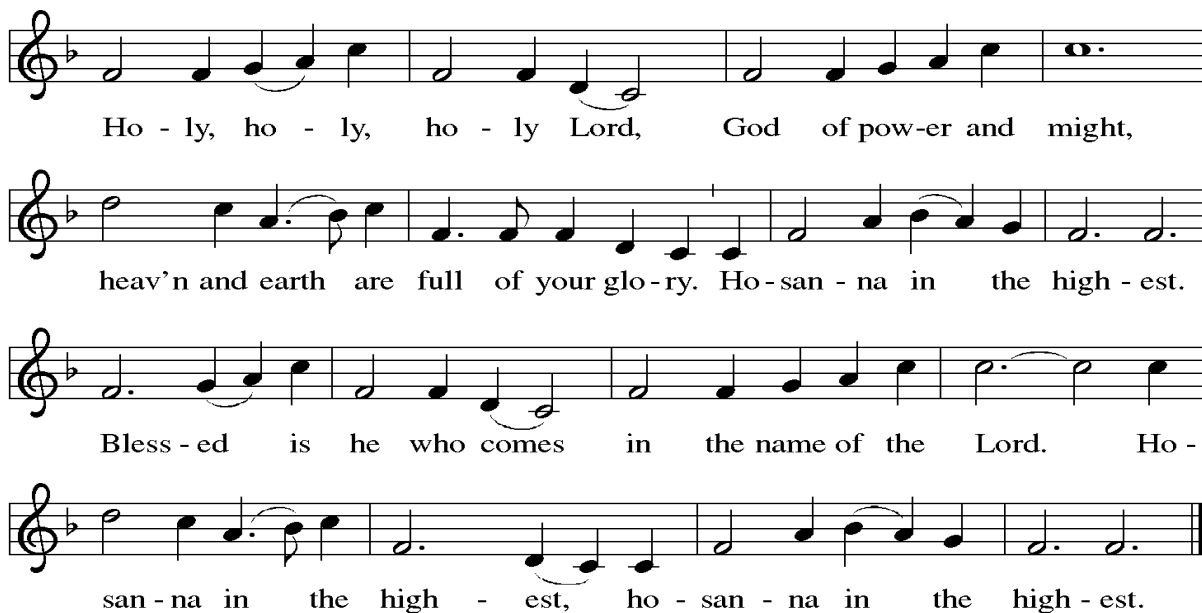
P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

CONGREGATIONAL SUNG RESPONSE



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

- P** Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Communion is open to all baptized believers who know Jesus as Savior and seek to live with him as Lord of all areas of life. You receive the wafer in your hand and choose from the individual cup of wine or white grape juice. Those who do not commune and children may come forward for a blessing, simply cross your arms in front of your chest to request a blessing. Simply complete a slip found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Consider the options on reverse side as to how you may serve this congregation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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.**

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God Your Only Son



Your on-ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt-y
Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and scorned him as he died. The hum-ble king we named a
I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God, I love the
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
rod and to be called a Lamb of God.



ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in your pre-cious blood, my Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

CHRISTMAS

14 Verses

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From Heaven Above

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good
 2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,
 3 "This is the Christ, God's Son most high, who hears your
Insert additional stanzas as desired.
 12 Ah, dear - est Je - sus, ho - ly child, pre - pare a
 13 My heart for ve - ry joy now leaps; my voice no
 14 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, who un - to

news to ev - 'ry home! Glad tid - ings of great joy I
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; this new - born child of low - ly
 sad and bit - ter cry, who will him - self your Sav - ior

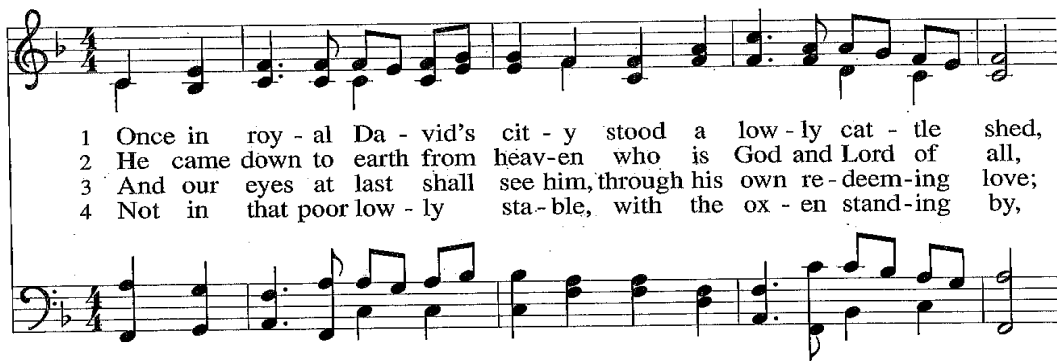
bed, soft, un - de - filed, a qui - et cham - ber in my
 long - er si - lence keeps; I too must sing with joy - ful
 us the Son has giv'n." With an - gels sing in pi - ous

bring to all the world, and glad - ly sing:
 birth shall be the joy of all the earth.
 be and from all sin will set you free."

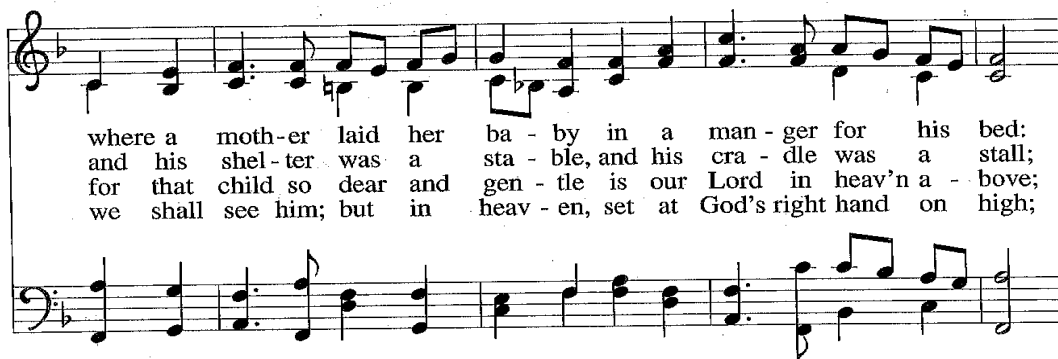
heart, that you and I may nev - er part.
 tongue the sweet - est an - cient cra - dle - song:
 mirth a glad new year to all the earth!

Once in Royal David's City

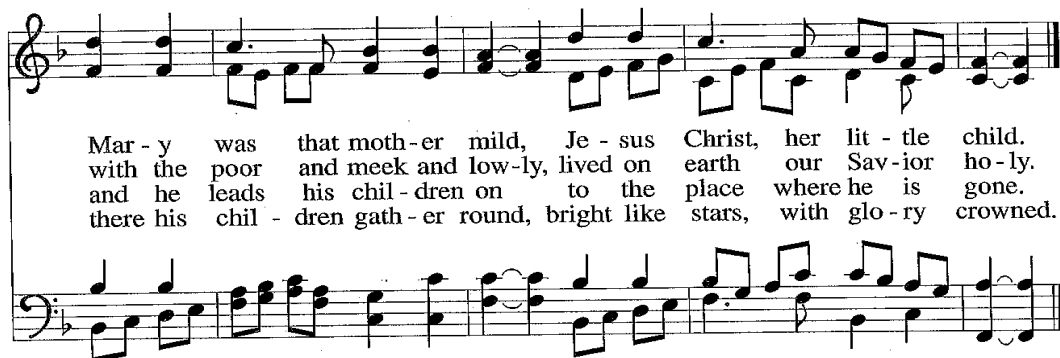
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1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed;
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
 we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth, our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

RISTMAS

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O Come, All Ye Faithful



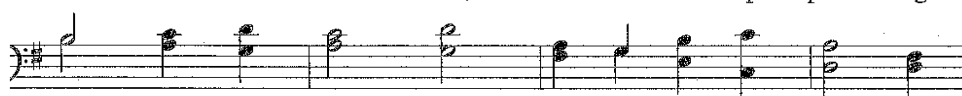
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



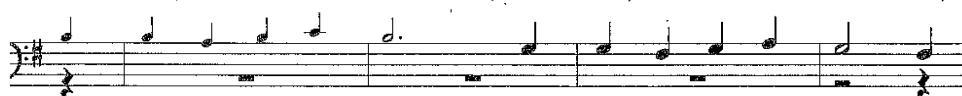
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



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,



POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(please stand)*

P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you safe in His Grace until everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Joy to the World

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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

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

P Almighty God has created you and has a purpose for your life every day! Lord, Help us remember, IF YOU ARE NOT DEAD...

C **YOU ARE NOT DONE!**

P Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Announcements

Thank You to Pastor Williams for his message this morning and to Jerry Randby for leading us in worship.

Christmas Eve services will be at 2, 4,6,& 8 pm with music and Holy Communion at all services. Invite friends and neighbors to join you! **There is no service on Christmas Day!**

Christmas Day Dinner... We will be holding a Christmas Dinner on Monday, December 25th at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. Fellowship will provide the meat, potatoes and gravy. Bring a side dish to share. All are welcome!

THANK YOU: On behalf of the members of Social Concerns Committee, Thanks everyone who participated in the Foster Care giving program. There were so many toys, clothes and books given it took two trips to get everything back to the distribution area. Also given was the Jesus Legend and candy cane, not forgetting 40 Christmas quilts that your Glorious Quilters made. It warms my heart and it should yours as well to know that many youngsters will have a brighter Christmas. And to think none of this would have happened without YOU!

Again, Thank you so much!

Social Concerns Committee

A New Bible Study: A study on the Book of Genesis will begin on Thursday, January 4th at 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Classroom. Jerry Randby will be the leader of this class. We encourage everyone to be a part of this activity, so mark your calendar now so you don't forget.

New Member Class: There will be a new member class beginning January 7, 2024 @ 10:30 am in the Fellowship Classroom. Anyone wishing to become a member or associate member of Gloria de Cristo is invited to attend. We will meet again on the 14th & 21st and will be received into membership on January 28th. Stop by the office and pick up the book for the class.

Yard Sale Drop Off: The next Yard Sale drop off will be Saturday, January 13th. Volunteers will be stationed at the trailer in the southeast corner of the parking lot from **8-10 am** for you to bring donated items. If you would like to help with this task, please be at the church by 7:30 am to help get set up to receive items.

Yard Sale - mark your calendars! On the last week of February, we will be preparing and hosting the Gloria de Cristo Yard Sale, and you are all invited to come find out what this is about at an organizational meeting on Thursday, January 18th at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Yard Sale is a great opportunity to meet people you may not have had a chance to meet and have a great time while helping us raise money for special projects.

Caregiving Support Group: Are you caring for a loved one or neighbor? The caregivers support group meets every Friday at 11:00 a.m. This is a chance to meet other caregivers for fellowship and lunch at a restaurant in the Foothills. For information contact Sandy Timm at 916-606-8068.

You love to sing! I love the sounds I hear from the congregation! Opportunities are available for you to become part of our choir in leading worship on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. Opportunities are also available for soloists and small ensembles at the 7:45 a.m. Sunday services. Perhaps you would like to become part of the Bells of Glory! Please see me after services, telephone the church office, or telephone me at 928-246-2452. I look forward to talking with you! –Dr. Shirley Ehler

REMINDERS..

- **Monthly Potluck:** The 1st Sunday is our monthly Potluck following the 9:30 am worship. Mark your calendar, bring your favorite dish to share and join us for fellowship and food.
- **Food Pantry:** 1st Sunday of each month we collect food for the local Food Pantry. When doing your shopping consider picking up a couple of items to bring and donate.
- **Bible Study :** Every Monday at 12:30 pm or 3:00 pm at Pastor's home (7649 E. 25th Street). Tuesday's @ 10:00 am via Zoom. (contact the office for the link to join in)
- **Days for Girls:** the next work party is scheduled for 9 am to 1 pm, Saturday, January 6th . You don't need to know how to sew. There is cutting, pinning, tracing, ironing, etc. that need to be done. Come join us for the fellowship and fun.
- **Men's Breakfast** is held the 1st Saturday of each month, 8:00 am at Daybreakers. All gentlemen of the congregation are invited to come.
- **Chair balancing/Stretching:** Classes are held every Wednesday at 1:00 or 2:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$3/session is appreciated to offset the cost of the instructor. Everyone is welcome.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

| Date | Time | Altar | Ushers | Greeter/Communion | Readers |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 12/23 | 4:00 pm | Char | Bob & Judy Zeiss | Sharon Noltemeyer Marge Jones | Jeannie Volpe |
| 12/24 | 9:30 am | Char | Jerry Taylor/Diane Lee | Mary Marsh | Sandy Weidling |
| 12/24 | 2:00 pm | Char | Brian/Janis Suess | Dyanne Radke/Kris Brown | Jeannie Volpe |
| 12/24 | 4:00 pm | Michelle | Mike/Sandy Corless | Ted/Niki Duffy | Michelle Cegon |
| 12/24 | 6:00 pm | Char | Dave/Lynda Steinman | Randy/Mary Zieman | Sandy Weidling |
| 12/24 | 8:00 pm | Char | Jim/Linda Bryant | Cheryl Preul/Mary Marsh | Char |
| 12/30 | 4:00 pm | Joanne | Mary Marsh | Dave/Marge Graham | Jean Gerfen |
| 12/31 | 7:45 am | Char | Dave/Nancy Griffths | Elaine Hofslie/Larry Unger | Mary Marsh |

Attendance December 16/17

72 @ 4 pm, 57 @ 7:45 am, 144 @ 9:30 am Total=273

5 views on You Tube, 198 view on Facebook Total =203

CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK

| DATE | TIME | ACTIVITY | LOCATION |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monday 12/25 | OFFICE CLOSED | | |
| Monday 12/25 | 12:00 PM | Christmas Dinner | Fellowship Hall |
| Tuesday 12/26 | 7:00 am | TOPS | Fellowship Classroom |
| Tuesday 12/26 | 1:00 pm | Foothills Social | Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday 12/27 | 9:30 am | Stephen Ministry Class | Pastor's home |
| Wednesday 12/27 | 6:00 pm | Drama Rehearsal | Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday 12/28 | 7:00 am | TOPS | Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday 12/28 | 5:00 pm | TOPS | Fellowship Hall |
| Friday 12/29 | 8:00am | TOPS | Fellowship Hall |
| Friday 12/29 | 10:30 am | Spanish/English Conversation | Fellowship Classroom |
| Friday 12/29 | 11:00 am | Caregiving Support Group | |
| Friday 12/29 | 1:00 pm | Friday Social | Fellowship Hall |
| Friday 12/29 | 6:00 pm | Women's AA | Fellowship Classroom |
| Saturday 12/30 | 4:00 pm | Worship/Communion | Sanctuary |
| Sunday 1/31 | 7:45 & 9:30 am | Worship/Communion | Sanctuary |

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