

CHRISTMAS EVE 2022
FAMILY SERVICE
4:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

#126 'Away in a Manger'
#120 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'

OPENING HYMN #118

'O Come All Ye Faithful'

Please stand

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

All And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,
**All to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

The congregation remains standing

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A reading from the Spark Story Bible: Jesus is Born

Read by Tracey Croft of our Lion's Den

“We have to go to Bethlehem,” Joseph told Mary. “Emperor Augustus has ordered that all of the people need to be counted.” “But Joseph”, Mary said, “What about our baby? He will be born soon.” “We will go slowly, Mary. Bethlehem will be crowded so we need to leave now.”

So Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem, the City of David, to be counted along with all of the other people. It was cold when they arrived. Joseph knocked on many doors looking for a room, but everyone said “No”. Finally, an innkeeper answered his door. “I have no room”, the innkeeper said. “But you can stay in the little stable in the back. It’s warm, and the hay is fresh.” “Joseph”, Mary said. “I think it’s time for the baby to be born”. That night Mary

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by Jane and Tim and Families

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by Jo-Ann Bryant & Stephen McLeod and the rest of the Family

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by Deacon Richard & Kathy Beaudoin & Family

JOHN PRIESTER
by the Family

LOVED ONES
by Carol Hulcoop

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by the family & parents of Glenn & Liz Nash
Brother & Sister-in-law

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by Harold & Janet Speers and Family

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by
Sharon Bailey

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By the Family



2022 CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY
OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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RUTH & FRED LOWERY by their son Ross Lowery & Family

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By Mom

PARENTS & LOVED ONES
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CAY & ROSS CONNING & KEN CONNING
By the Conning Family

LOVED ONES
By Diane Smith

gave birth to Jesus. She laid him in a manger. The animals kept them warm as they waited for morning.

Outside of Bethlehem, shepherds watched their sheep on the hills. Suddenly an angel appeared. The shepherd looked up at the bright night sky. "Don't be afraid" the angel said. "I bring wonderful news. The child God promised was born tonight". The shepherds listened in amazement. The twinkling stars seemed to echo each of the angel's words. The angel continued: "Go to Bethlehem! You will find the child lying in a bed of hay!" Suddenly, many angels filled the heavens. They sang together, "*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.*"

"Let's hurry!" one shepherd said. "The angel said the child was born tonight!" But what about the sheep?" another shepherd asked. "Let the angels watch them!" the youngest shepherd said. "Yes! Let the angels watch them!" The shepherds happily hurried into Bethlehem.

The angel was right. The shepherds found the baby, Jesus, asleep on a bed of hay. They told Mary and Joseph all the angel had said. "The angel said the baby is the Messiah-the promised one. He is the one we have waited for", they explained. "But this is a stable. Would God be born here among the animals?" "Moo-o-o-o" said the cow. "Baa-a-a-a" said the sheep. "Coo-o-o-o" said the dove. Mary smiled. She knew that Jesus was Immanuel-God with us.

Later, the shepherds returned to the sheep praising God for all they had seen and heard. **Jesus was born!**

Lion's Christmas Pageant: The Animal Carol

(Additional verses by Daniel Scanlan & Tracey Croft) Presented in loving memory of Lion Felix Cordeiro & Lion's Teacher, Trisha Hamilton.

Closing Pageant Hymn # 126

'Away in a Manger'

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please stand

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

cf Ephesians 3



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DONATIONS ELIGIBLE FOR A 2022 TAX RECEIPT must be into the church office no later than December 30, 2022.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Open December 26, 27, 28.

Closed December 29, 30, 2022, January 2, 2023.

THANK YOU to Dods & McNair Funeral Home for the use of their parking lot this evening and throughout the year.

CALENDAR OF SERVICES

December 25 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Eucharist
11:30 a.m. Christmas Lunch

January 1 8:30 a.m. Eucharist
Epiphany 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist

COMMUNION HYMNS #137 'What Child Is This'; #139 'The First Nowell'

CAROL AFTER COMMUNION: #119 '*Silent Night*'

You may turn on your battery operated candle during the playing of this carol.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Dismissal

Leader Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: #138

'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'

The Prayers of the People

Please sit or kneel

In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

Lord, grant us peace.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites us to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All **we confess that 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 neighbours as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly
repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit, in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say.

People **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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

People **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers for Spiritual Communion

Communion will be offered in both kinds, bread and wine, and will be received while standing in front of the Altar Rail. Hand sanitizer is available at the end of the pews in the middle aisle. If you would prefer a blessing instead of Communion, please indicate this to the Priests by crossing your arms.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven 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.**

Celebrant

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to be in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All **And also with you.**

*The members of the community, ministers and people, greet one another
with the words, "The Peace of Christ".*

OFFERTORY HYMN: #154 'Joy to the World'

The Prayer over the Gifts

Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast.
May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is
Lord now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Please sit or kneel

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.