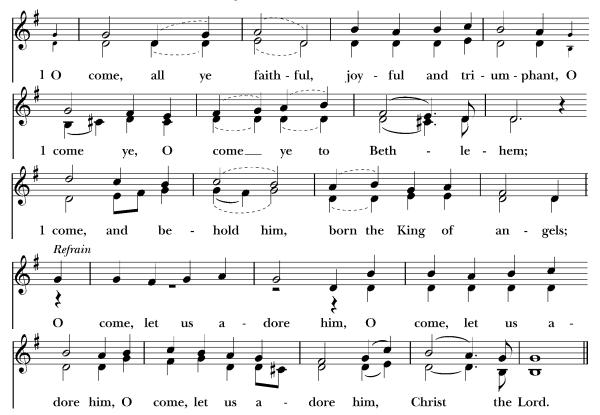


December 24, 2023 5:00 PM

Prelude

Entrance 83 "O come, all ye faithful"



6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Refrain

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Lighting of the Christ Candle - Choir & Congregation

CHRISTMAS EVE - The Light of Christ (Responsive Litany)

Leader For those walking in darkness, a new light has dawned.

People Christ is our light and the source of everlasting hope.

Leader For those living in fear and dread, a new light has dawned.

People Christ is our light and the source of everlasting peace.

Leader For those living in hopelessness and despair, a new light has dawned.

People Christ is our light and the source of everlasting joy.

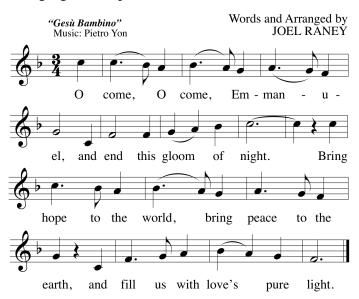
Leader For those living in loneliness, a new light has dawned.

People Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

Candle Lighting

Tonight, we light all the candles as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The candles of hope, peace, love, and joy all remind us that Christ is our light and the source of eternal hope, everlasting peace, boundless love, and endless joy. The Christ candle reminds us that God's perfect gift was sent to us that we might have life abundant and everlasting. Joy to the world and peace on earth. Let us worship Christ, the newborn King.

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Closing Prayer

Gracious God, tonight as we gather together to conclude our Advent journey, we celebrate that a new light has dawned. A child is born and that child is our light and the source of our joy. He brings hope into the world, and the promise of peace on earth. He is love incarnate, love divine, and we thank you dear Lord for this, the most perfect gift imaginable. Joy to the world! Christ is born! Amen.

The complete text begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer.

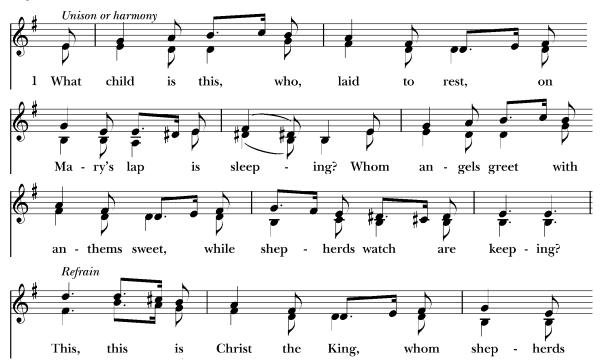
Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

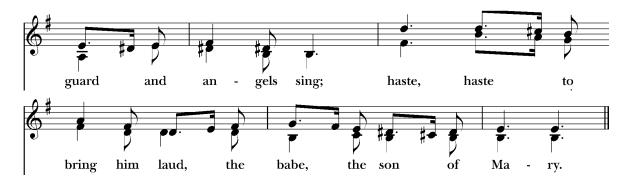
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Priest then says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

Hymn 115 "What child is this?"





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The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

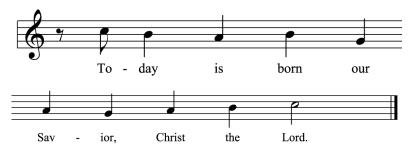
Isaiah 9:2-7

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. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 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. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 96



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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
 he is more to be feared than all gods.

Refrain

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his 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 his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.

Refrain

- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."
 Refrain

- 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 before the LORD when he comes, *
 when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Refrain

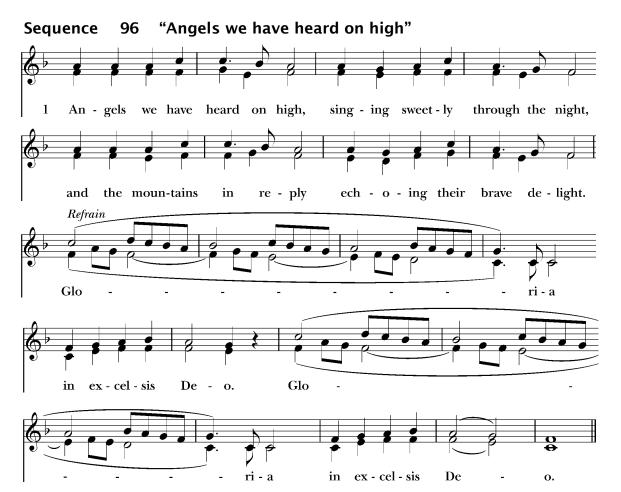
Titus 2:11-14

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

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

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Priest The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

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. 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!"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Anthem "The Shepherd's Spiritual"

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The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Skip our Assisting Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence is kept for recollection of sins. The Leader and People then say

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says this concluding Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

Offertory

Anthem "How Will We Know Him?"

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The Great Thanksgiving

The complete text begins on p. 367, BCP

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

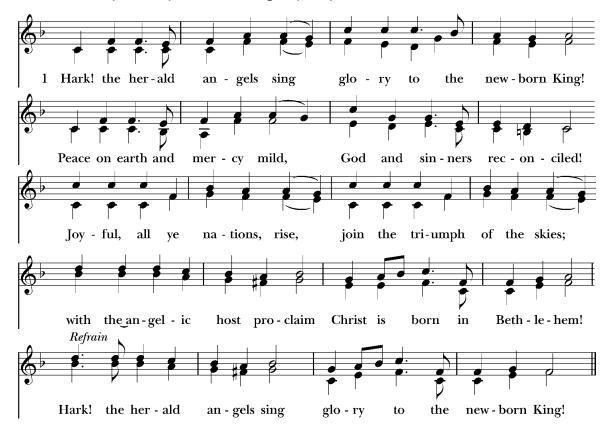
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give

thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and

Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing

this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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Then the Priest continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy

Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Priest continues through the Invocation, then says

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken and silence is kept. Then may be said

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

Special Music During Communion Polish Carols - Leo Woida

Hymns During Communion

Hymn 101 "Away in a manger"



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89 "It came upon the midnight clear" mid night clear, that came up on the Still through the clov skies they with en come rious song of old, from gels bend ing an their heaven ful wings furled, still peace un and ly their harps gold: near the earth to touch of mu sic floats o'er all the wea world; ry "Peace the good from earth, will men, on to sad bove its and low ly plains they a King." The heaven's all gra cious world in sol emn bend on hov ering wing, and ev er o'er its gels still ness lay hear the sing. to an

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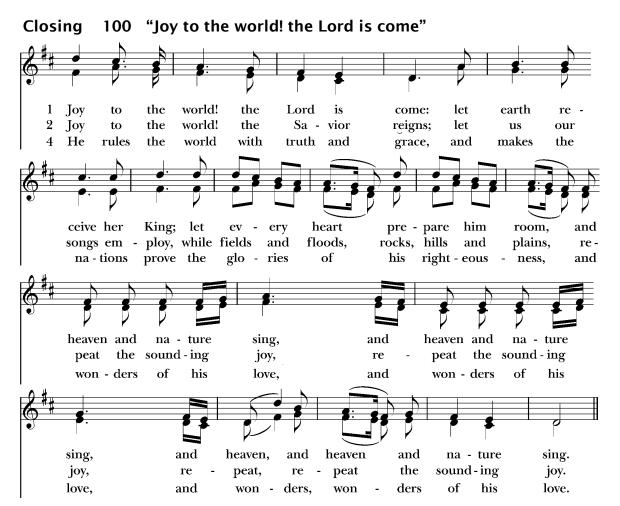
After Communion, all say

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest bestows the blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

In Our Prayers

LARCC: All who do tasks for the church at First Congregational UCC

For Healing & Convalescing: Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Bruce Connon, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Joyce, Carol Putkamer, Phil, Jim Gilmet, Jane McClain and The Most Rev. Michael Curry.

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Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham,

John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: Presiding Bishop, and the Diocesan Staff of Eastern and Western Michigan; Anglican: the Diocese of Ilesa South West (Nigoria)

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The Flowers at the Altar

Given to the Glory of God and In Memory of My Grandmothers, Mary Kramer & Orpha Cadarette My Mother, Clarise Kramer Grzenkowicz by Carole Cadarette

Musicians

Katie Flemington, Flute
Mike Furtaw, Soloist
Vivian Furtaw, Flute
MaryAnn Hubbard, Flute
Rebecca Stockdale, Soloist
Kat Tomaszewski, Organ/Piano
Steve Westrope, Guitar & Soloist
Leo Woida, Soloist



Future Worship Schedule

Monday, December 25

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud

Sunday, December 31

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

Sunday, January 7

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, January 14

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Sunday, January 21

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, January 28

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Sunday, February 4

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, February 11

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Sunday, February 18

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, February 25

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. LaRae Rutenbar

Wednesdays, December 27 and January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud 1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2023



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In Gratefulness to Bruce & Midge Connon Our Trinity Church Family

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In Memory of Her Daughter, Carol Rundell Marion Gosselin

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In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

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