

December 24, 2024 5:00 PM

Prelude

Call to Worship "Come to the Light" Choir

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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.

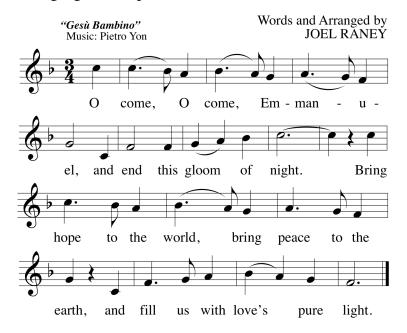
Leader For those living in loneliness, a new light has dawned.

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.

Love's Pure Light Congregational part



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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.

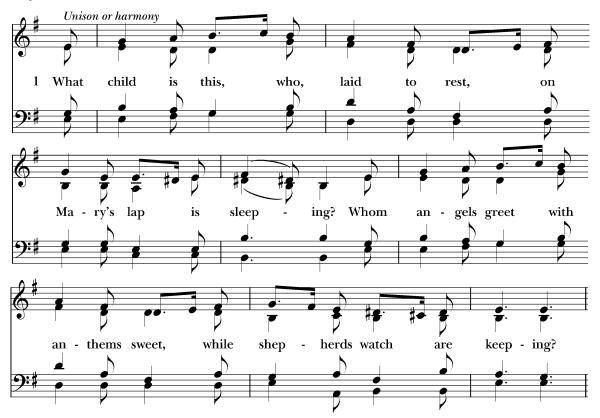
Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

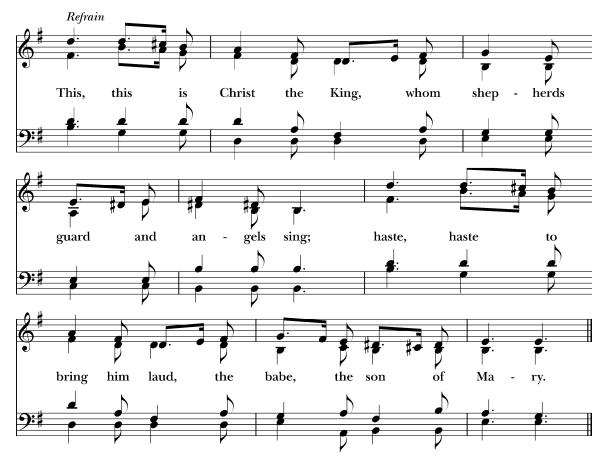
The Priest then says

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?"



(Refrain on next page)



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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

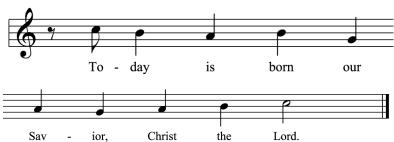
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have

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

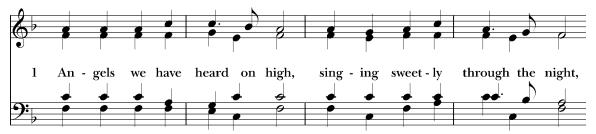
Titus 2:11-14

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.

Sequence 96 "Angels we have heard on high"





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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 Ouirinius 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. J. Thomas Downs

Hymn 111 "Silent Night" (vs. 1-2)





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.

Anthem "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"

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The Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world:

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble:

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into iov: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Priest says this concluding Collect

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

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The Great Thanksgiving

The complete text begins on p. 361, BCP

Eucharistic Prayer A

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

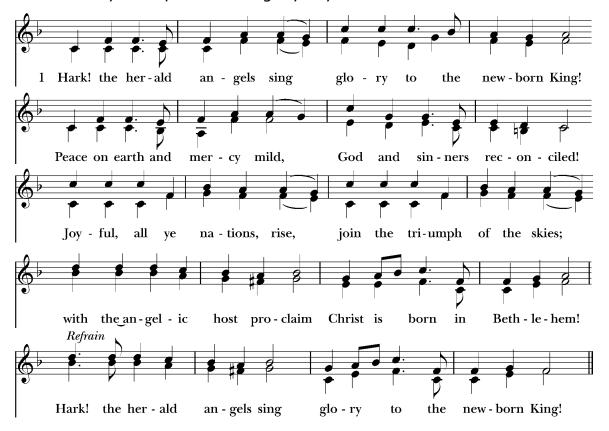
People We lift them to the Lord.

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

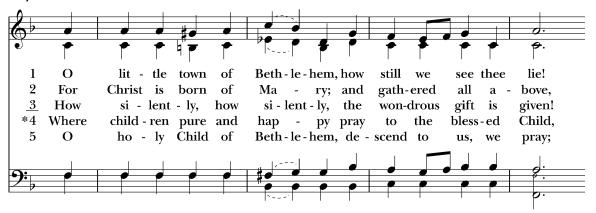
A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

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.

Hymns During Communion

Hymn 79 "O little town of Bethlehem"



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Hymn 89 "It came upon the midnight clear"





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Hymn 109 "The first Nowell"

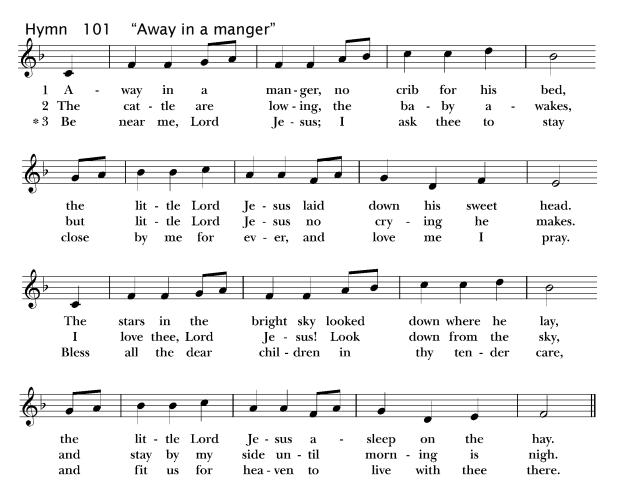


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6 Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain



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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.**

Closing 100 "Joy to the world! the Lord is come"



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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: Justice and peace efforts at First Congregational UCC

For Healing & Convalescing: Ruth Kapala, John Precord, Reed Hamp, Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Carol Putkamer, Phil, Jane McClain, and Harry.

Birthdays: Rev. Tom Downs (26), Rev. Bruce Michaud (27), Ed Ludwiczak (28)

Military: Ian Hamp, Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: St. Paul's, Saginaw, Holy Trinity, Wyoming, and Church of the Nativity, Boyne City; Anglican: the Diocese of Kuching (South East Asia)

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

Mike Furtaw, Soloist Vivian Furtaw, Soloist MaryAnn Hubbard, Flute Leo Woida, Soloist Kat Tomaszewski, Organ/Piano Trinity Episcopal Church Choir



Future Worship Schedule

Wednesday, December 25 - Christmas Day

11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud

Sunday, December 29 Lessons & Carols (11 am)

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

Sunday, January 5

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

Sunday, January 12

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

Sunday, January 19

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

Sunday, January 26 ANNUAL MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING THE 11 AM SERVICE

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Nurya Love Parish, 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Nurya Love Parish Canon for the Northern Collaborative

Wednesdays, January 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

SUNDAY SUPPER NEED

TOILETRIES, SOCKS, GLOVES/MITTENS & SCARVES NEEDED

Our custom during the holiday season is to give our guests at Sunday Supper gift bags of toiletries and other small surprises along with socks, gloves, mittens, and scarves. This year, the event will occur on Sunday, December 29. We would welcome newly purchased or hand-knitted or crocheted items if you would like to participate. Money gifts are also welcome if you want us to shop for you. See Ellen Eagan if you have questions.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2024



For:

In Memory of

Fern & Toby Masters Earl & Elaine Sands

In Honor of

Our Church Leadership

In Memory of

Gordon L. Collins Gordon B. Collins Delia & John Precord

David Precord

Basil & Agnes Collins

In Honor of

Our Granddaughters

In Memory of John Taylor

In Honor of Our Church Family

In Loving Memory of Carl Pilarski

In Memory of Larry Urbanowicz Elizabeth Wilson

All the Members of the Goodburne Family

In Honor of Our Trinity Church Family Given by:

Jim & Betty Masters

Bruce & Midge Connon

Angeline Collins & Family

Rich & Cheryl Bates

Cynthia Taylor

Coopes-Meske Family

JoAnn Pilarski

Sid Urbanowicz

Audrey Heath

In Memory of Mary Jane Bauer

Her Loving Family

In Honor of Our Children 8

Our Children & Our Grandchildren

Kurt & Ruth Kapala

In Memory of

Fred Woolman

Robert & Corine Cornish

Eric & Michelle Cornish

In Honor of

Christ's Birth

Walt & Sue Jackowiak

In Memory of

My Son, Robert Lynn

Linda Gapske

In Memory of

Toni, Sam & Neal

Their Mother, Sonya Titus

In Memory of

Cadarette/Kramer Families

Carole Cadarette

In Memory of

Harry & Emily Begian

Kenneth R. & Virginia Hubbard

Their Children,

Kenneth D. & MaryAnn Hubbard

In Memory of

Grandparents,

Mayfield & Rozella Cousins

Albert LeFave

Mary & Leroy Snider

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Henry & Grace Woida

Cousins Family,

Ted, Dawn, Faith & Grace

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Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

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.

The Vestry

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