

The Chapel in the Pines

December 25, 2022

*Serving our Community by Preaching, Teaching,
and Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

Nativity of the Lord

A Service of Lessons and Carols



**The flowers on the Communion table this week are given
to the Glory of God by Tim and RJ Peppe.**

Gathering Music

The Chiming of the Trinity

Prelude

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all..
And also with you.

***Congregational Choral Call to Worship**

#131 Angels, from the Realms of Glory (verse #1)

**Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth.**

**Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.**

**Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever...Amen.**

***Invocation**

***A Litany for the First Sunday of Christmas**

Jesus Christ, the son of Mary, the Son of God is born.
God's word has been made flesh among us.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
**Those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them a light has shined.**

You, O Lord, have multiplied the nation. You have increased its joy.
For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and the government shall be upon his shoulder.
**His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

He is also called Emmanuel, for in him God is with us.
Thanks be to God!

***Hymn** #136 The First Noel (verses 1 and 2)

1 The first Noel, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

2 They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **[Refrain]**



A Christmas Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The First Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
For a child has been born – for us! The gift of a son – for us!

Hymn #137 What Child Is This (verse 1)

1 What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

The Second Lesson Isaiah 11:1-9
...and a little child will tend them.

Hymn #160 Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming (verses 1 & 2)

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
As men of old have sung.
It came, a Flower bright,
Amid the cold of winter
When half-gone was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The Rose I have in mind:
With Mary we behold it,
The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
She bore to men a Savior
When half-gone was the night.



The Third Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

The Holy Spirit will come upon you, the power of the Highest hover over you; Therefore, the child you bring to birth will be called Holy, Son of God.

Hymn #141 O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1 and 2)

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.

The Fourth Lesson Matthew 1:18-23

She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus – "God saves" – because he will save his people from their sins.

***Hymn** #127 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne (verses 1 and 2)

1 Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown,
When Thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity.

Refrain:

O come to my heart, Lord Jesus -
There is room in my heart for Thee!

2 Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal decree;
But of lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,
And in great humility. **[Refrain]**

The Fifth Lesson Luke 2:8-16

...the shepherders talked it over. "Let's get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us."



Hymn #128 It Came upon the Midnight Clear (verses 1 and 2)

1 It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold;
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men,
From heav'n's all-gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.

2 Still thru the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

The Sixth Lesson Matthew 2:1-11

Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. They opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh.

***Hymn** #163 As with Gladness Men of Old

1 As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore be led to Thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him Whom heav'n and earth adore,
So, may we with willing feet
Ever seek the mercy seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds Thy glory hide.

Amen.



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Christmas Meditation

A Christmas Carol – Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1856

The Seventh Lesson John 1:1-14

We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son...

*Hymn #162 the Birthday of a King

1 In the little village of Bethlehem,
there lay a Child one day,
And the sky was bright with a holy light
o'er the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain:

Alleluia! O how the angels sang.
Alleluia! How it rang!
And the sky was bright with a holy light,
'twas the birthday of a King.

2 'Twas a humble birth-place, but oh, how much
God gave to us that day,
From the manger bed what a path has led,
what a perfect, holy way. **[Refrain]**

*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude



Prayers for Chapel Friends:



Patty and Jackie Madden, Jack Sealey, Phyllis Mahin, Anthony Tuliano, Cynthia Peppe, Janet Hegeman, Ellie Lyons, Maggie Simmons, Dot Cantwell, Kathy Steele, Sabrina Levine, Chandler Steward, Mike Karnish, Evangeline Caliandro, Laurie Stevens, Little Daniel Auman, Koran Sanders, Joseph Rickards, Katie Halus, Charlie Murray, Father Gary Sawtelle, Kevin Alley, Val Scantlin, Cami Thistles, Nick Benschoter, Angie Pinyan, Lou Mathews, Mary Faas, Eddie McInnis, Israel Duncan, Olivia McDonald, Denise DuLeon, Lerici Racine, and the people of Ukraine.

Prayers for Chapel Family:

George Hoffman, Bud Holzerland, Mary Kay Allen, Nancee Letter, Charles Hinson, Jane and Jeff Lowe, Dave Westerman, Meta Evans, Joan Tourt, Peggy Olson, Shirley Percival, Alicia Delong, Audrey Tourt, Bill and JoAn Moses, and Edward Lee.

December Announcements



Tuesday-December 27

Wednesday-December 28

Friday-December 30

Saturday-December 31

Amy Collins

Bill Baker

Anna Lee

John Shaunessy



Altar Flowers

January

1-1 Volunteer Needed

1-8 Volunteer Needed

1-15 Volunteer Needed

1-22 Volunteer Needed

1-29 Volunteer Needed

Looking Ahead!

Sunday-January 1

9:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord Sunday

Thursday-January 5

2:30 pm

Fran's Friends

Sunday-January 8

9:00 am

Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Sunday-January 15

9:00 am

Chapel Board Meeting

Sunday-January 22

9:00 am

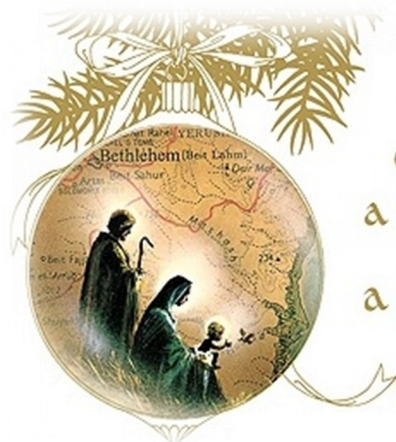
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday-January 29

9:00 am

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



FOR
UNTO US
A CHILD IS BORN
UNTO US
A SON IS GIVEN.