



***Christmas Eve***

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome & Announcements

## Call to Worship

P: Our time of waiting for the Christ Child is over. We come to the manger tonight, as the shepherds did so long ago.

**C: We come to worship Jesus, the Child of Bethlehem, who is the light of the world.**

P: As we gather in wonder and praise, let us welcome Christ the new born king.

**C: We welcome him into our hearts, our homes and our world.**

P: We light this candle to banish the darkness. This night, God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus.

**C: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Greeting

P: The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God with us, be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

**C: Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem (12/23 Noon)

"Hope in Israel" – C. Tomlin

Shannon Stuckey

Anthem (12/24 3:00)

"And the Stars Sang" – J. Martin

Abby & Megan Hietala

Anthem (12/23 7:00; 12/24 9:00)

"O Holy Night"

Dennis Ellingson

## Word

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching, and Song.*

**Gospel: Luke 2:1-20**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should

be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

***Responsive hum***

***“O Little Town of Bethlehem” ELW #279***

<sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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.

***Responsive hum***

***“Away in a Manger” ELW #277***

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

***Responsive hum***

***“Angels We Have Heard on High” ELW #289***

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

***Responsive hum***

***“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” ELW #270***

## Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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 the People

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## Sharing God's Peace

**Offering Prayer**

P: Loving God,

**C: you sent your only Son to live among us, bringing us your grace and truth. As we prepare to receive the gift of Christ's presence once again, all we have to offer is what you have given us. Receive all that we have and all that we are to your glory and for your service, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Holy Communion**

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion: If you are a guest, please know you are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Jesus said that the body and blood are given "for you and for all people." Communion will be available as you leave worship. For gluten-free wafers, ask the pastors. Children not yet communing are invited to receive a blessing.*

P: The Lord be with you,

P: Lift up your hearts,

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

**C: And also with you.**

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

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

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Blessing and Prayer

Benediction

Candle Lighting

**Sending Hymn**

**"Silent Night, Holy Night!"**

**ELW #281 vs 1**

- 1 Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
sleep in heavenly peace,  
sleep in heavenly peace.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849;  
tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885

Dismissal

P: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



**Please join us for Christmas Day Worship!**

**Live on Facebook at 9:00 a.m.**

# POINSETTIAS



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Ronald Hulke, Mr. & Mrs. Otis Muller	Sharon Hulke
Our beloved husband and father, John	Susan, Stephanie & Rachel Enwright
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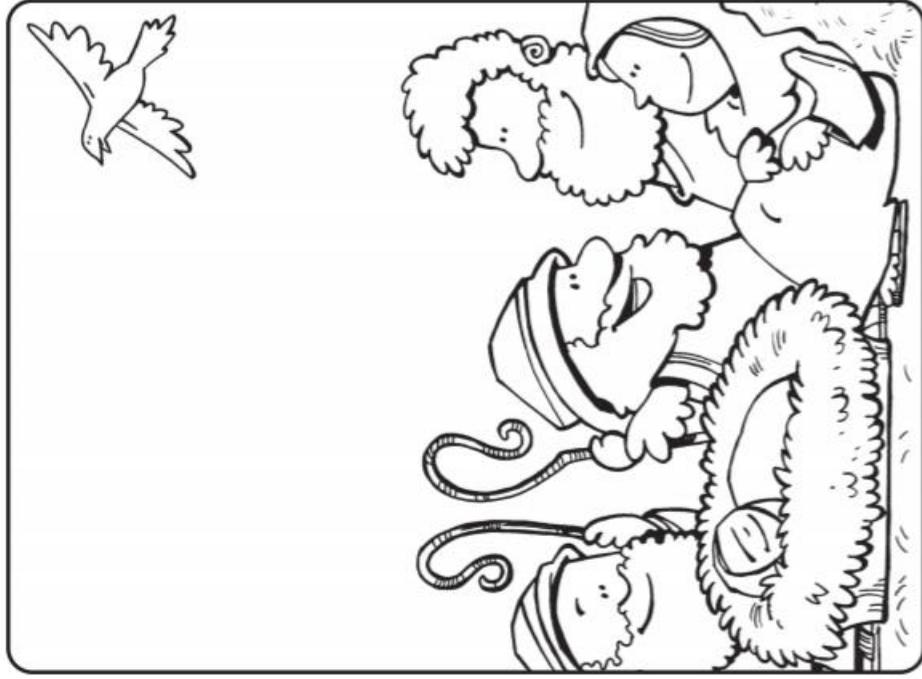


# PRE-READER

Christmas Eve

- Today is **Christmas Eve**. We celebrate **Jesus' birth!**
- One **symbol** we see at Christmas is the **manger**.
- A manger is a place where animals eat. It was also **Jesus' first bed!**

**Jesus was born in a stable, but he was not alone. Listen to the Christmas story. Then draw the animals you think were with Jesus. Don't forget Mary and Joseph!**



**"I bring wonderful news. The child God promised was born tonight."**

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CHRISTMAS EVE



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**Facilities Manager:** Scott Kathman  
**Pianist:** Shannon Stuckey

**Soloists:**

**12/23 Noon:** Shannon Stuckey  
**12/24 3:00PM:** Abby Hietala, Megan Hietala

**12/23 7:00PM:** Dennis Ellingson  
**12/24 9:00PM:** Dennis Ellingson



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