

# NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## WINNETKA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DECEMBER 24, 2022

4PM



## GATHERING

### ORGAN PRELUDE

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella  
Fanfare on *All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

### WELCOME

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

With the prophet Isaiah,  
we proclaim the promise of God:

**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.

**For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us!**

And he is named Wonderful Counselor,

**Mighty God,**

Everlasting Father,

**Prince of Peace!**

Let us worship the newborn King!

**CAROL** | STANDING

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels!

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest! (refrain)

**PRAYER OF ADORATION** | STANDING

**God of mystery and wonder,  
on this holy night, the angels sing your praises with great joy!  
The shepherds welcome your saving love, born in a manger.  
Mary and Joseph ponder your promise, cradled in their arms.  
And so we come to praise you,  
singing with the angels,  
amazed with the shepherds,  
cradling the Christ Child in our hearts.  
Glory to you, O God,  
source of light and love for all people.  
Amen.**

**GLORIA** | STANDING

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

# WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-14

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY REMEMBERED

Rev. Paul Gilmore

### CAROL | STANDING

Oh, How Joyfully



1. Oh, how joy - ful - ly, — oh, how hope - ful - ly,
2. Oh, how joy - ful - ly, — oh, how peace - ful - ly,
3. Oh, how joy - ful - ly, — oh, how thank - ful - ly,



waits the world on\_ Christ - mas Eve! Love comes heal - ing,  
sleeps the world on\_ Christ - mas Night! Sins\_ are\_ cov - ered,  
wakes the world on\_ Christ - mas Morn! God has\_ spo - ken,



God re - veal - ing. Friends, be\_ joy - ful\_ and be - lieve!  
grace dis - cov - ered. In\_ our\_ dark - ness shines the light!  
death is\_ bro - ken. Al - le - lu - ia!\_ Christ is born!



## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Eternal God, Immanuel, God-with-us,  
tonight you come among us as a baby,  
a newborn reaching out to us,  
to bring hope to our hearts.

We thank you for the tenderness with which you touch our lives.  
God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

Tonight as we remember the baby lying in a manger,  
we pray for peace...  
peace in all the places where there is anger or war or fear;  
peace in all the hearts that know conflict or stress.  
Cradle all these people and places in your love  
so the world may sleep in heavenly peace this night.

God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

Tonight as we remember the mother Mary rocking her baby,  
we pray for all children born this Christmas season...  
Help us create communities where every child is valued  
and every family has enough.

God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

Tonight as we remember the father Joseph protecting his little one,  
we pray for all those watching over the helpless and the hopeless...  
Be with all those who must work tonight  
to keep the world safe and to care for those in need...  
Be with those who are sick or sad or lonely  
so each one will know your comforting presence...

God of love,

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God  
tonight as we remember the shepherds coming in haste,  
and the wise men coming in wonder,

open our hearts to reach out to the Christ Child,  
to receive the gift you offer us in him,  
even as we offer our love to you in his name.  
Bless us in the year ahead so we can share your love  
with all the lives that touch ours.  
And now in one voice we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

## 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 debts as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST | STANDING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

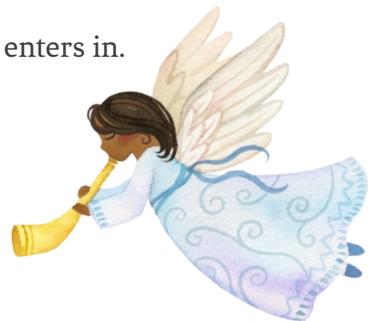
# TABLE

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE | STANDING

O Little Town of Bethlehem

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!



## \*GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING | STANDING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Good and gracious God,  
on this holy night your Word became flesh,  
heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds,  
wise magi followed a mysterious star,  
and eternity entered time in Jesus, the child of Bethlehem.  
And so we join with all the angels in the Christmas sky,  
and around your eternal throne, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, and  
God of might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry!  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est,  
Ho - san - na in the high - est! We praise you, Lord!

We praise you and give you thanks, holy God,  
for sending your beloved child Jesus, into the world.  
Born in the darkness of night, he is the Light of the world.  
Born in the humility of a stable, he is filled with majesty.

Though poor, he is rich in mercy and grace.  
Though rejected by the world, he welcomes all to his table.  
Though dying on the cross, he brings new life.  
In rising from the grave, he promises to be with us always.  
God of mystery and manger,  
as you laid your own Son into Mary's arms,  
you now place these gifts of bread and wine into our hands.  
Let your Holy Spirit move in power over them, and over us,  
that they may become for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ,  
and that we may see him in each other,  
and open our hearts to live for him  
until the day we are gathered together in your eternal kingdom.

**Through Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we bless you, God of glory and grace, now and forevermore.  
Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **COMMUNION**

*Please come forward by the center aisle to receive communion from the elders and deacons. Once you have received, please return by the side aisles.*

The bread of life ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**  
The cup of salvation ... **Thanks be to God or Amen**

## **COMMUNION SONG**

Christmas Communion Song  
Daniel Rausch, soloist

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God,  
in gratitude for this meal in which you have given yourself to us,  
we give ourselves to you.  
Lead us out this night to be guided by your light,  
filled with your love,  
feeding a hungry world,  
and sharing your Good News with those we meet.  
We ask all this in the name of Jesus,  
born in wonder for the sake of the world you love.  
Amen.

## SHARING THE LIGHT

### PASSING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Silent Night, Holy Night

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.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia!"  
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light,  
Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.



## PROLOGUE OF JOHN

John 1

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being.  
What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it.  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son,  
full of grace and truth.

## CAROL | STANDING

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!  
Hail! The heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail! The Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die:  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

## CHARGE AND BLESSING | STANDING

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

I Saw Three Ships

# POINSETTIAS AND CHRISTMAS GREENS

## **The Cramer Family**

*In memory of Joel's parents, Lorraine and Bob Cramer*

## **Tim & Emily Marshall**

*In memory of Joy Marshall*

## **Jo Strong**

*In memory of Frank Watts  
In thanksgiving of WPC love*

## **John Weber**

*In memory of Sally Weber*

## **Andrew Hopkins & Cynthia Wrapp**

*In memory of Barbara McIntosh and Lois Hopkins*

## **David and Nancy Holly**

*In honor of our daughters, Lauren and Kate  
In honor of our parents, Addie and John Holly, Joanne Fredsall  
In memory of Roger Fredsall*

## **Kimberly Petersen**

*In memory of Erling Petersen Jr, Erling Petersen Sr, and Viola Petersen*

## **John Couleur**

*In memory of John Titus Couleur*

## **Lois Klimstra**

*In memory of Paul Klimstra*

## **Andy and Susan Langan**

*In memory of our fathers, Edward A. Langan and Edmon E. Sturgeon*

**Kirk and Margie McInerney**

*In memory of Margie's parents, Jack and Dorie Scripsema*

**Jim, Amy, Hannah, and Haley Thompson**

*In memory of Charles and Joyce Weiss, Dr. James and Donna Thompson*

**Phyllis Beattie & Francisco Gutierrez**

*To the glory of God in memory of Maria Gutierrez*

**Eric and Emily Walker**

**Bill McNair**

**Young Kim**

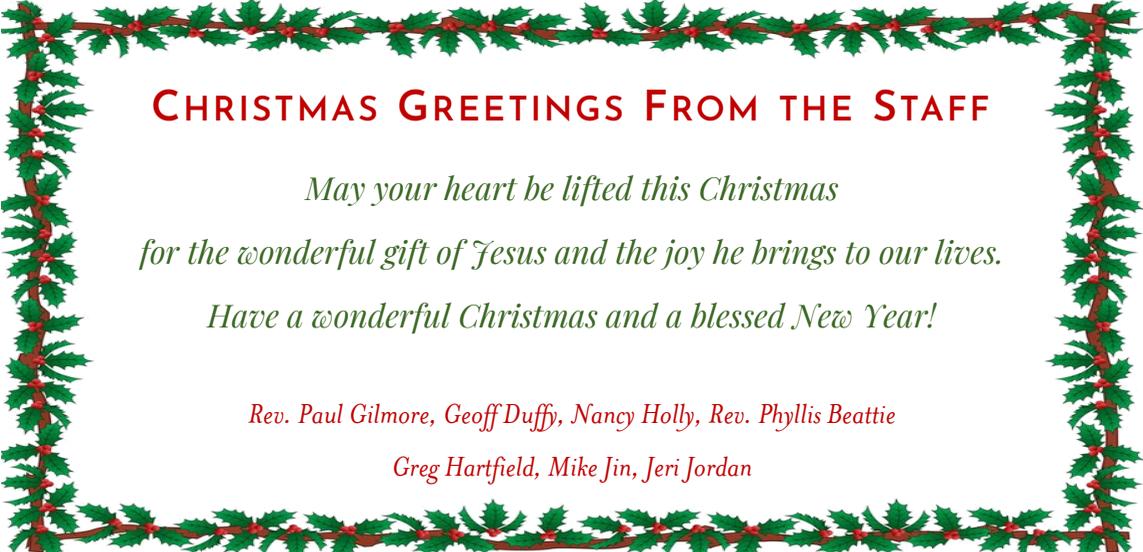
**Kathy and Karl Fink**

**Sandra Pippel**

**Karl Ritz**

**Erik and Robin Scheier**

**Pat Berwanger**



**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM THE STAFF**

*May your heart be lifted this Christmas  
for the wonderful gift of Jesus and the joy he brings to our lives.*

*Have a wonderful Christmas and a blessed New Year!*

*Rev. Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duff, Nancy Holly, Rev. Phyllis Beattie*

*Greg Hartfield, Mike Jin, Jeri Jordan*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Information about weekly Bible studies and small groups can be found in your weekly email or at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org). Sign up at [winnpres.org](http://winnpres.org) to receive our weekly email.*



### OFFERING

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- Give online at [winnpres.org/give-online](http://winnpres.org/give-online).

## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

### CHRISTMAS DAY

There will be **NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE CHURCH** on Christmas Day. Everyone is invited to join us for breakfast and a brief worship service at the Jonquil Hotel.

### CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST @ THE JONQUIL

Join us as we continue our tradition of sharing the gift of Christmas joy with the residents of Good News Partners' Jonquil Hotel (1600 West Jonquil Terrace,

Chicago). Please see your weekly email or the website for all the details.

### JANUARY 1: CAROLS AND PETS @ 10AM

Four legs, two legs, or no legs, everyone's welcome at our Children and Pets Carol Service, a fun-filled carol service for all the family. No pet too big, no child too small!

### JANUARY 8: EPIPHANY PAGEANT @ 10AM

Celebrate the arrival of the Magi with the annual children's Epiphany pageant. Come hear the Christmas story re-told by our Sunday School children like you've never heard it before.

## SERVING TONIGHT

Worship Leaders: Paul Gilmore, Geoff Duffy  
Greeters: Jill Vint, The Schutz Family  
Lectors: Sam Beukenkamp, Maggie Schutz,  
River and Issac Lewis

Prayer Leader: Haley and Hannah Thompson  
Musicians: Daniel Rausch, Warren Oja

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