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The Offering

The Great Thanksgiving

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Prayer 895

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be they name.
Thy kingdom come, they 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.
Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

SENDING

Sharing the Light of Jesus Christ

Hymn 239

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, the 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!

Dismissal with Blessing

Hymn 246

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Going Forth

Sunday Next: Covenant Renewal
First Sunday after Christmas Day
December 29, 2024 || Luke 2:15-21

Prayer List: Homebound Members, Emma McGinnis, J.D. Paschal, Aaron Griffith, Barry Williams, Tommy Hicks, Johnny Glover, Jesse Sigmon, Joe Alexander, Joanna Gibbs, Dennis Irving, Shannon French, Wanda Poole, Mitch Mason, Regina Hampshire, Ray Gibson, Rebecca Filibey, John Noell, Donna Snoufer, John Rush, Kennedy Kollesar, Mary Lynn Somers, Steven, Latoyia, Lee Rakestraw, Marguerite Holt, and Curtis Dickens. **Please call the church office to be added/removed from Prayer List.*

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Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024

5:00 P.M.

Come Let Us Adore Him

ENTRANCE

Prelude

Greeting

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
**And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory.**

Prayer

**O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus you gave us
a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in his light we
may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift
of love to all people, so that the likeness of your Son may be
formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of
everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Hymn 217

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby a wakes
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in they tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

PROCLAMATION

Children's Message

Blessing of the Nativity

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love.

When our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God with us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 245

The First Noel

The first Noel the angels 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!

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)

And by the light of that same star Three wise men
came from country far; to seek for a King was
their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went.

(Refrain)

This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem
it took its rest; And there it did both
stop and stay right over the place where Jesus lay.

(Refrain)

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently
upon their knee, and offered there in
His presence, their gold, and myrrh and frankincense.

(Refrain)

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

² 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.

³ **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.**

⁴ 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. ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ **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.**

⁷ 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.

Hymn 220

Angels from the Realms of Glory

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:

Refrain

Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new born King

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your
Flocks by night, God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:

(Refrain)

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions
Bear afar; seek the great desire of nations;
Ye have seen his natal star:

(Refrain)

Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in
Hope and fear; suddenly the Lord, descending
in his temple shall appear:

(Refrain)

Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:1-20

¹ At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. ² (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. ⁴ And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. ⁵ He took with him Mary, to whom he was engaged, who was now expecting a child.

⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. ⁷ She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

⁸ That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. ⁹ Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, ¹⁰ but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. ¹¹ The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! ¹² And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger."

¹³ Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in highest heaven,
and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."

¹⁵ When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

¹⁶ They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. ¹⁷ After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. ¹⁸ All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, ¹⁹ but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. ²⁰ The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them. (NLT)

Sermon

Joy

RESPONSE

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