

Poinsettias (continued)

In memory of Catharine & Albert Munzinger, from their daughter, Kay Fiala

In memory of Allen Mynick from Dale & Helen Davis

In memory of Jane & "Junie" Nyce from the Franks family

In memory of Our Parents from Judy & Chuck Neidhardt

In memory of Rev. Sue from Wendy Hammel

In memory of Alma, Bertha, Earl and Emma Swartley from Susan & John Hendricks

In memory of Thomas Timko from Vada and family

In memory of Bob & Bette Trevorah from their daughter and family

In memory of Alberta Walsh from her granddaughter

Join us for virtual Christmas Day worship!

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Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022
5pm

St. John's United Church of Christ
Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Welcome to Christmas Eve Worship at St. John's United Church of Christ!

The nursery is open for you to use mindfully if your little one needs a break. No volunteers are on duty, so a parent, guardian, or responsible adult must stay with their child. We ask that all those that use the nursery wear a mask if you are sharing the space with other families.

An audio recording of this service will be available tomorrow on our Facebook Page, Website, or YouTube Channel. Additionally, CDs of this service will be available by contacting the church office.

If needed, please ask a Hospitality Team member for an audio device. Wheelchairs and a first aid kit are stored in the first aid closet in the narthex. The Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the church library on the wall closet to the Sanctuary.

There is no physical passing of the plate for an offering. You are encouraged to leave your gift at a basket by the door or give electronically. Additional details are found on the back of the bulletin.

*You are invited to stand if able when indicated by an asterisk.

Prelude

Andrew Paulson

The Angel Gabriel.....Kristina Langlois
Still, Still, Still.....Paul Manz
In the Bleak Midwinter.....David Lasky
Silent Night.....Victor Labenske
What Child is This?.....Shirley Brendlinger
O Little Town of Bethlehem.....Lloyd Larson
O How Joyfully.....Vicki Tucker Courtney

Welcome

*Carol

O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri -
2. God of choirs of an gels, Light ful and of tri -
3. Sing, Lord, we greet thee, Sing in ex - ul -
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this hap - py

um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Light, Lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;
ta - tion, Sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n a - bove;
morn - ing, Je - sus, to thee be glo - ry giv'n;

Come and be - hold God, him Born the King of An - gels:
Ve - ry to the God, Be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted:
Glo - ry to the God, Fa - ther, In - the, the ap - pear - ing:
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

*Commission and Benediction

Postlude

Joy to the World..... Kristina Langlois

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dale Davis, Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Addie Stong, Associate Pastor

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children & Youth

Advent Wreath Lighting: Children's Choir Members

Children's Choir

Scripture Readers: Janet Morton, Ava Probst

Hospitality: Gerry Linderman, Gale Linderman, Sarah Hogen

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Poinsettias

In memory of Warren & Lorraine Badger from their daughter, Susan & John Hendricks

In memory of the Baker & Fink family from Wayne & Beverly Fink

In memory of Sue Bertollette from her husband, Bob Bertollette

In memory of Evaline Cagney from William Cagney

In honor of our children and grandchildren from Bob & Sandy Taylor

In memory of Herb & Kay Crouthamel, David Krail, and Loved Ones from Debbie Krail and family

In memory of Edward & Elsie DeBatin from Alan & Marlene Shelly

In memory of Pete Ehly from Grace, his wife, and daughter, Dean Meacham

In memory of our parents, Harry & Edna Fretz and Clarence & Eunyce Godshall, from Don & Barb Fretz

In honor of all of our friends who have helped us in so many ways from Alan & Judy Johnston

In honor of Rosa Giletti from Judy Koenig

In memory of June Hendricks from her nephew, John & Susan Hendricks

In memory of Daniel & Anna Henninger from Lyn & Don Huntsinger and family

In memory of Archie & Blanche Huntsinger from Lyn & Don Huntsinger and family

In memory of our parents, John & Leona Johnston and Jack & Laura Burkholder, from Alan & Judy Johnston

In memory of Thomas & Irene Joyce from their daughter, Mary Billy

In honor of Judy Koenig from her sister, Connie May

In memory of Loved Ones from James, Frances and Siobhan Morris

In memory of Loved Ones from the Keim/Baker family

In memory of Loved Ones from Chriss Ruth Bodde

In memory of Loved Ones from Judy Koenig

In memory of Loved Ones from Mary Lou & Ray Snyder

In memory of Charles R. May from Connie May

***Carol**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



1. It came up-on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful wings un - furled,
3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,
4. For lo! the days are has - t'ning on, By proph - et seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth, To touch their harps of gold:
And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world;
Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow,
When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious King."
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains, They bend on how'ring wing,
Look now! for glad and gold - en hours, Come swift - ly on the wing,
When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
And ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!
And the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

***Presentation and Dedication of Offering**

***Carol**

Joy to the World



1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs em - ploy;
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove



Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
The glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,



And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing,
Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy,
And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his love,



And heav'n and na - ture sing, joy.
Re - peat, and re - peat, and the sound - ing joy.
And won - ders, won - ders, of his love.

***Advent Wreath Lighting**

During Advent, remembering that the world is in need of healing and wholeness, we fixed our hearts on HOPE. We light the candle of hope this Christmas Eve. Hope burns bright!

During Advent, we were reminded that LOVE is from God, and that love is God. Nothing in all of creation can separate us from that love. We light the candle of love this Christmas Eve. Love burns bright!

During Advent, we wondered if JOY was something deeper than happiness. We discovered that joy is an awareness that we are being held and cherished by our creator. We light the candle of joy this Christmas Eve. Joy burns bright!

During Advent, we contemplated if there really could be PEACE on earth. We now know that that peace begins within and spreads through acts of care, compassion, and kindness. We light the candle of peace this Christmas Eve. Peace burns bright!

All: During Advent, we've been waiting. And while we were waiting, God was preparing us for a birth that would change the world. A seismic shift was underway. Everything would change. God would come to us as a baby. Tonight, we celebrate Emmanuel, God with us! On this holy night, we light the candle of Christ. Christ burns bright! Joy to the world!

Anthem

Prayer of the Christmas Animals.....Hal Hopson
Children's Choir

*All creation sings this holy night. Hear the joyful, ringing song.
Birds and beasts all join in praising throng. Come to see the wondrous sight.*

*And now before the Child they seek, A lamb to Him does speak:
"How proud to share Your name I am; As prophets said of old,
For You who are the One foretold Must bear the name of lamb"*

*And now before the Child they seek, A donkey to Him does speak:
"Twas on my back Your mother rode To Bethlehem this day,
And on a coming palm-strewn day I'll gladly bear Your load."*

*And now before the Child they seek, A dove to Him does speak:
"And I, a simple cooing dove, My praise will never cease
That I will be Your sign of peace and symbol of Your love."*

*All creation sings this holy night. Hear the joyful, ringing song.
Birds and beasts all join in praising throng. Come to see the wondrous sight. Alleluia.*

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Children's Message

Abbie Lampe

Christmas Gospel Part I

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius 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 in the guest room.

*Carol

Away in a Manger

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, wakes,
2. The way cat - tie are man low - ing; no the crib poor for ba - by to stay
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus no and cry - ing me, he I makes pray.

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I Bless all you, the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care

The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
And stay - tie by my cra - dle till - sleep on the hay.
And take us to heav - en to live with you there.

Christmas Gospel Part II

Luke 2:8-14

Now in that same 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!"

*Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain
Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,
Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Christmas Gospel Part III

Luke 2:15-20

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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

Meditation

Let Your Heart Be Light

Rev. Addie Stong

Silence