



First Sunday of Christmas

January 1, 2023

9:30 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION: A CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, HANOVER, PA

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ENTRANCE HYMN:

Oh, come, all ye faithful,,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to
Bethlehem;
Come and behold him
Born the king of angels: Refrain

Refrain

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

OH, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

2. The Highest, most holy,
Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He
comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

3. Sing, choirs of angels
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven
above!
Glory to God
In the highest: Refrain

GREETING

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

O come let us adore him.

May the light and peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

1. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Refrain

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

2. Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains
prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly
song? *Refrain*

3. *Come to Bethelhelem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn
King. Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus,
redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set
us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

Numbers 6:22-27

PSALM HYMN:

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is
come!
Let earth receive its King:
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth, the Savior
reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks,
hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

JOY TO THE WORLD (Psalm 98)

3. No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings
low
Far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and
grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love.

SECOND LESSON:

Galatians 4:4-7

HYMN:

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say;
Jesus Christ is born today;
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the
grave;
Jesus Christ was born to
save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 2:15:21

Before the Gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

1. What child is this, who, laid to
rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet and
anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are
keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and
angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for
sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce Him
through
The cross be borne, for me,
for you;
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!

3. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!

THE PRAYERS

In the Word made flesh, we see God's love for all people. Therefore, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need.

After each portion of the prayers the people's response to:

"Lord, in your mercy"

Hear our prayer. Amen.

OFFERING

(Use this time for reflection)

OFFERTORY VERSE:

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

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;
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Receive our offerings, and nourish us at your table, that your Word may take flesh in our lives; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(tune of "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" at "Holy, holy")

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary...and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heav'n and earth adored.

O how blest is He who comes In the holy name of God.

Joyful, all you nations rise; Join the triumph of the skies;

With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (Words of Institution)

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION (HYMN:

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.

3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God Loves pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT!

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven
afar,
Heav'nly hosts sign alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

HYMN:

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR

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 earth, good will to all,
From heav'n's all gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing.
2. Still through 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 lonely plains
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.
3. And you beneath life's crushing
load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden
hours
Come swiftly on the wing;
oh rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing!
4. For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever circling years
Shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the
earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the
song
Which now the angels sing

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in the incarnation of your Son you have united earth and heaven. May we who have tasted heavenly things share the gift of your presence with all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

DEPARTURE HYMN:

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light. *Refrain*

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth.
Refrain
3. Down in a lonely manger
The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn.
Refrain

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!

Peace to God's people on earth!

As heralds of God's peace, go forth in joy to love and serve the Lord.

We are called through Christ to praise God and love generously.

Thanks be to God.

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	<u>January 1</u>	<u>January 8</u>
Pianist	Lori Rebling	Donna Lehman
Assisting Minister:	Nancy Smith	Ginny Murray
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Ushers:	Team 6	Team 6
Altar:	Ginny Murray Donna Lehman	Ginny Murray Donna Lehman

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH! If you are seeking a faith community, exploring faith, desire to be a part of our ministries, or have questions, please feel free to speak with the Pastor or any staff member.

JANUARY DESIGNATED GIVING will benefit the Jessica and Friends Community. Please see the December/January Evangel for more info.

THE RADIO BROADCAST, COMMUNION BREAD AND WINE AND THE WORSHIP BULLETINS are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Clete and Doris Smeak's 73rd wedding anniversary by the children and grandchildren.

THE ETERNAL FLAME is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Clete and Doris Smeak's 73rd anniversary by the children.

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Radio—Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 - \$60 or any portion you desire)

Altar Flowers—Jan. 8 (1 vase) Jan. 15, 22 & 29 (2 vases) (\$20)

Communion Bread & Wine—Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$12)

Worship Bulletins—Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$20)

Eternal Flame- Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 (\$10)

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES are available to pick up in Fellowship Hall. Envelope numbers have changed this year so that we could alphabetize and consolidate giving units which enabled us to purchase fewer envelope boxes.

CARDS TO HOMEBOUND - The Faith In Action Committee would like to continue the **Cards for the Homebound** program. A sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the elevator entrance. There you will see a list of those of our members that are homebound with their birthdates and addresses. Please pick at least one member and make a commitment to seeing that the person gets a birthday card and a card for major holidays in 2023. This is an easy way for us to share Christ's love and concern for those of our members that are no longer able to attend church. We would like to have everyone covered by January 1, 2023. Thanks for helping with this project.

JANUARY OFFICE HOURS - The church office will be closed on January 2. **We thank you in advance for your understanding.**

