

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Second Sunday of Advent

Dec 4, 2022

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

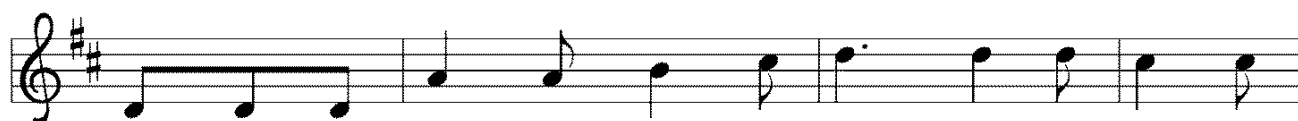
WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

GATHERING HYMN

ELW 248

People, Look East



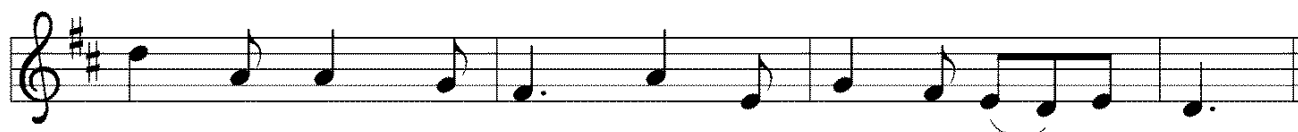
1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

(Please stand as you are able)

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be God's name forever.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep. Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

Purify us with your refining fire

and set us again on your way of love,

that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,

and welcome your coming among us.

C: Amen.

P: People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign. By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on ✝ Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

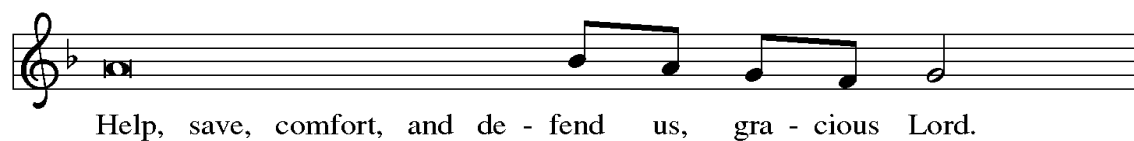
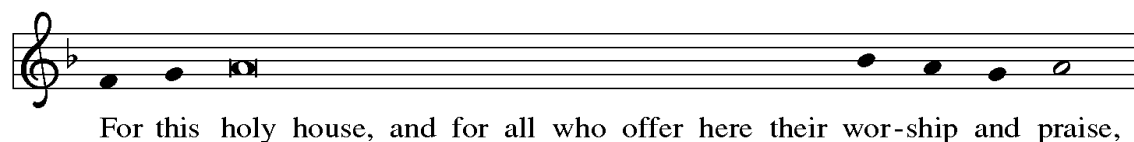
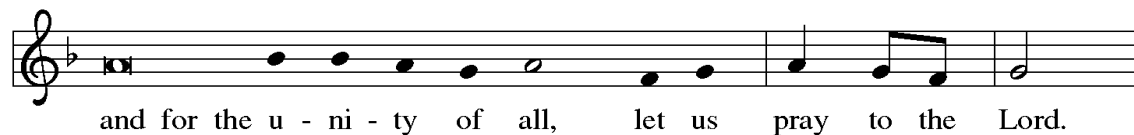
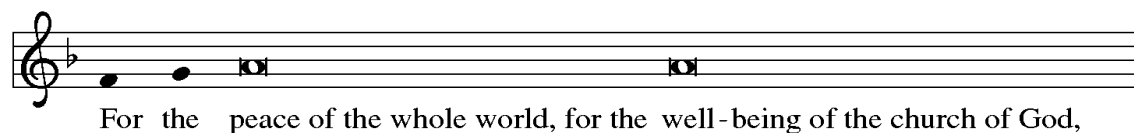
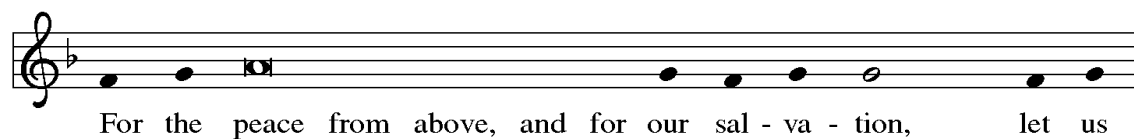
C: Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

A: We praise you, O God, for this circle of light that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent.

As we light the candles on this wreath,
kindle within us the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be light shining in the darkness.

Enlighten us with your grace,
that we may welcome others as you have welcomed us.

Grant this through Christ our Lord,
whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

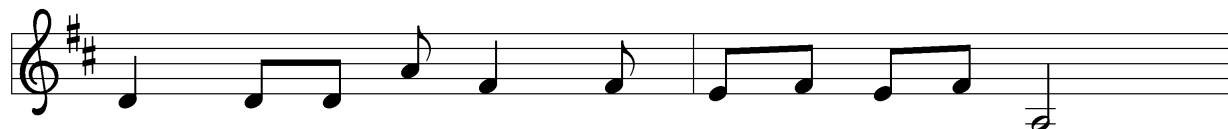
Amen.



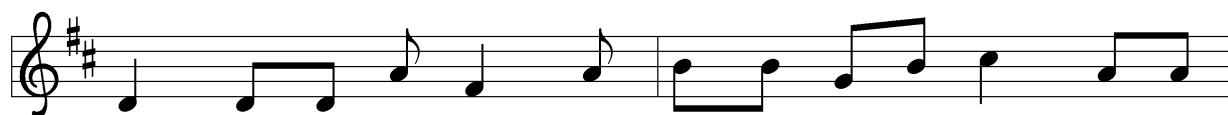
As the second candle is lit, please join in singing: ELW 266 (vs 2)

All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



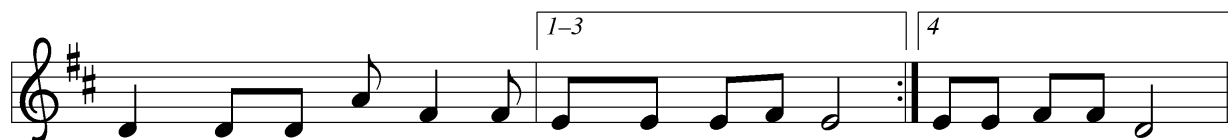
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

THE WORD +

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

- ¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
- ³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
- ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
- ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
- ⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
- ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
- ⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
- ¹⁰On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

- ¹Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the king's son;
²**that he may rule your people righteously
and the poor with justice;**
³that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
⁴**Let him defend the needy among the people,
rescue the poor, and crush the oppressor.**
⁵May he live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
⁶**Let him come down like rain upon the mown field,
like showers that water the earth.**
⁷In his time may the righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
¹⁸**Blessed are you, LORD God, the God of Israel;
you alone do wondrous deeds!**
¹⁹And blessed be your glorious name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. Amen. Amen.

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might

glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name”;

¹⁰and again he says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

¹¹and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him”;

¹²and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that
you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL**Matthew 3:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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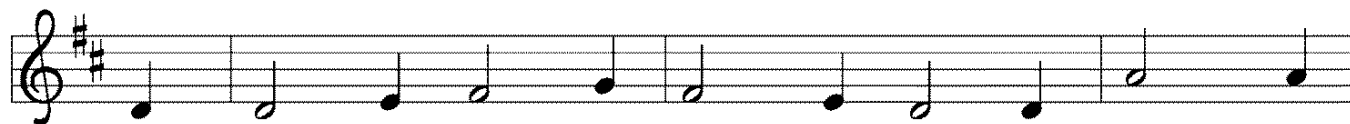
CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

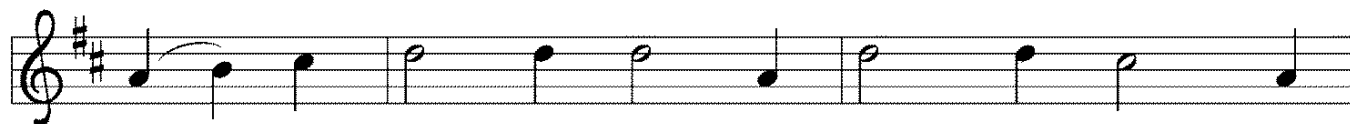
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*(please stand, as you are able)****HYMN OF THE DAY****ELW 249**

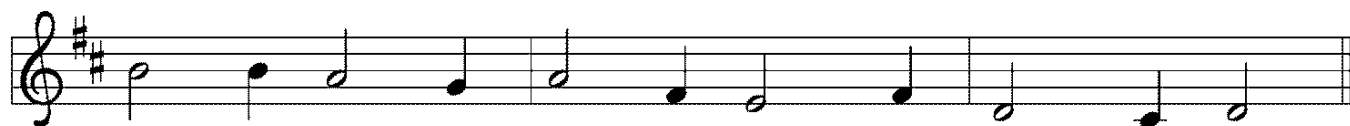
On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an - nounc - es
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; make straight the
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our ref - uge
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, and make us
 5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 way for God with - in, and let us all our
 and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 rise to fall no more; oh, let your face up -
 has our free - dom won, whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.
 we a - dore, and Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

Text: Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. composite

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(for Advent)*

I believe in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God – the source of all light and life.

I believe that God sent Jesus Christ, as the Word Incarnate, into this World so that all might be bathed in his light and know the true source of life. On the witness of the disciples, I believe that Jesus was crucified, died and was buried – then brought back to life that we might also have new life in him.

I believe the Word of God still speaks today to those who have ears and hearts to listen.

I believe, with the power of the Holy Spirit, that my life can be a witness to God's living presence and grace. Amen

+ RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD +**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(response after: God, in your mercy)

C: hear our prayer.

(Please stand, as you are able)

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, 'Peace be with you'.

Please be seated as we finish singing

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

*If you have not already done so, please place your offering in the basket as you exit.
Thank you for your generosity.*

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox, mailed in, or made on our website Holyspiritsecane.org, under Mission tab.

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Come by Here



- 1 Come by here, Lord, come by here; come by here, Lord, come by here;
- 2 Some-one needs you, Lord, come by here; some-one needs you, Lord, come by here;
- 3 Send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here; send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here;



come by here, Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.
some-one needs you, Lord, come by here.
send a bless-ing, Lord, come by here.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: Eternal God, you make the desert bloom and send springs of water to thirsty ground. Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money, and make us messengers of your mercy and love for all in need of your healing and justice. We ask this through Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: *This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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 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 and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God, who has come to save you.

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

(Please be seated)

***P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray:

Faithful God,

in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.

As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.

Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

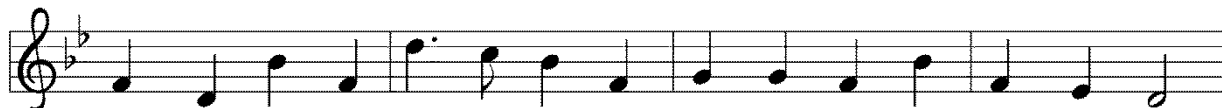
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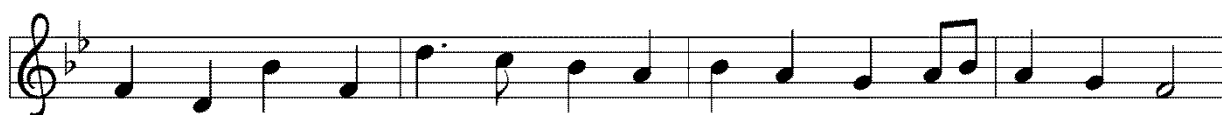
BLESSING & BENEDICTION

P: God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus, and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN*ELW 275****Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
 Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

DISMISSAL**A:** Go in peace. Christ is near.**C:** Thanks be to God.**Nov's Income: \$19,067 Average Attendance: 34****Nov's Expense: \$21,840**

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in loving memory of our son, Kevin by Bill and Cyndi Kline.

Bulletin Covers are dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of our father and grandfather, Roy Crowthers by the Kline and Collins families.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD**Scheduled to serve this week 12/4***Dawn G. – Assisting Minister**Mackay G. – Psalm Reader**Klines- Ushers**Devine/Pysher- Counters**Kathy D.- Altar***Scheduled to serve next week 12/11***Meghan G.- Assisting Minister**Maddie G. – Psalm Reader**Alan S./Alan D. - Ushers**Christensen/Joshi - Counters**Kathy D.- Altar********WEEKLY CALENDAR*********Mon, Dec 5****6:30pm – GS (Mtg Rm)****Tue, Dec 6****6:00pm – Nursery Meeting****7:00pm – Council Meeting (Hall)****Wed, Dec 7****7:30pm – AA (Hall)****Thu, Dec 8****7:00pm – PK Christmas Pageant (Hall)****7:00pm – AA (Mtg Rm)****Fri, Dec 9****7:30pm – AA (Mtg Rm)****Sat, Dec 10****9:00am – AA Breakfast (Hall)****11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)****3:00pm – Hall Rental****Sun, Dec 11****10:15am – Worship****PK Christmas Pageant****11:30am - Sunday School****SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**DateTeacher

12/11

Meghan Gordon

1/8

Pastor Rachel

1/15

Gina Helt

*******PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*******

Healing:

Joe Monte

Mariann Trice

Linda Taddie

Jackie Dewitt

Lisa McDonough

Larry Poff

Hugh Mullarkey

Ann Ferguson

Jean Brown

Gary Kline

Betty Lake

Ed Shoup

Anne Rainsford

Ruth Dukes

Gary Wilkinson

Victor Klein

Christine Abate

Lou Vallies

Joanne Warshaw

Carol Devine

Scott Smith

Richard Barndt

Fred Shappell

Sister MaryJulia McKenzie

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Dec, please call the office or add to the prayer list outside sanctuary).

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

POINSETTIAS – Orders start **Nov 27th thru Dec 11th**. Forms will be included with your bulletin. Help decorate for Christmas.

Help is needed for the Hanging of the Greens today following the service.

NURSERY MEETING – **Tuesday, Dec 6 at 6:00.**

COUNCIL MEETING – Tuesday, Dec 6 at 7:00 in the hall.

SHOP WITH SCRIPT (RAISE RIGHT) – Today is the last day that orders will be sent in. Please hand in your order forms to Raymond (Pastor's husband) or put in Pastor's mailbox. Extra forms can be found in the office.

BEARS - The Bears are available to be dressed for the kids at CAADC and the Fair Acres residents. The deadline to have them back is today, **Sunday, December 4.**

PRE-K CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – We will have our annual Christmas Pageant on **Thursday, December 8th, at 7:00pm** in the Social Hall. All are welcome to attend.

December 11th Sunday morning worship will be a morning you don't want to miss. The Nursery School will be presenting their Christmas Pageant. Please come and celebrate the children.

COFFEE HOUR–Dec 18th sponsored by Finance and Stewardship Committees.



***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES***

3:30 PM –COMMUNION SERVICE

7:00 PM –COMMUNION SERVICE (Facebook)

***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
NO SERVICE***

***SUNDAY, JANUARY 1
LESSONS AND CAROLS***

Christmas Swag and Mimosas.

Wear your Christmas Sweaters, vests, etc. as we have festive, light-hearted service of praise with carols and readings.

Following worship mimosas to toast 2023

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It is that time again, when we donate Christmas gifts to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County AND Fair Acres to help sponsor residents that have no family to buy them presents.

Starting Sunday, November 13, you will see a Christmas tree in the Social Hall with ornaments on it. Some of the ornaments will have specifics for items to purchase for the Fair Acre residents (clothing, sizes, etc.). Monetary gifts will also be accepted to buy gifts for the residents. If you decide to provide gifts for the residents, please take an ornament off the tree and attach that ornament to the **UNWRAPPED** present and return it under the tree by **Wednesday, December 1**, so they can be delivered to the agency by Friday, December 5. All monetary gifts should be handed to Bill/Cyndi Kline or left in the church office.

Other ornaments will have a present on it for toys, puzzles, games, socks (boys or girls – any sizes), underwear (boys or girls – any sizes), books, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, etc. New clothing for any age can also be donated. All gifts can be for any age, including adults, and for male or female. Please return the **NEW - UNWRAPPED** gifts for CAADC and leave it under the Christmas tree. The ornaments do not have to be attached to the gifts. You can buy whatever you want and as many as you want. **DEADLINE for bringing in CAADC gifts will be Tuesday, December 6**, so they can be delivered to the agency by Friday, December 9.

Thank you for helping those who are less fortunate.



OUR STAFF

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

Pastor-Rachel Scheible

Director of Music – Samuel Stevenson

Office Secretary – Jeanne Warner

Holy Spirit Nursery School

Pre-K Teacher – Nancy Harris

Teaching Assistant – Colleen Hall

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GOSPEL MESSAGE

Pointing to Jesus

John the Baptist is a fitting messenger for the season of Advent, a time for the church to prepare for both the nativity of the Christ and for his second coming. John's call to repentance in preparation of Jesus' arrival carries a challenge for us to rid ourselves of everything that obstructs our view. His proclamation is filled with images of cleansing: straightening paths, cutting down useless trees, and burning away chaff. John's baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins means cleansing as well as a changing of the mind, a turning toward Jesus, so that one's whole self is pointed toward the Lord of this world and of eternity.

Undistracted even by thoughts of our own worthiness, the church's focus year round is turned toward the coming of Christ. John points to Jesus, never to himself, and in so doing becomes a model for discipleship. Having heard John's cry, we join the chorus, becoming messengers in turn. All our efforts in worship and evangelism, education and social ministry point, not to ourselves, our programs, our skill or our saintliness, but only to Jesus. Preparing the way of the Lord is very much about pointing others to his real presence in and among us.

This Sunday's Isaiah reading ("the grass withers, the flower fades") and that of 2 Peter ("all things are to be dissolved") reinforce the church's teaching that amidst all that is transient in our lives, and creation, only God's word is eternal. John the Baptist's testimony points us to that Word made flesh, who brings with him a new heaven and a new earth after all else has passed away. John directs us in our faith journeys as individuals and communities toward a witness that is forever pointing to Jesus.