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**August 1, 2021 — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:35 AM & 11:00 AM—Music & Drama Presentation**

Setting Ten—Non-Communion Music & Drama Presentation

PRELUDE

from *WEIHENACHTSBAUM (Christmas Tree)*
1. *An Old Christmas Carol (Psalitte)*

Franz Liszt

GATHERING SONG

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Hymn 283

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!

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*

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

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

CHRISTMAS LITANY

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.

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.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
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.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING**Isaiah 9:2-7**

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You 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. ⁴For 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. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For 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. ⁷His 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.

The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Titus 2:11-14**

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING**Luke 2:1-14**

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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 for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

The word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

IT'S A WONDER-FULL LIFE created by Pam Andrews & Luke Gambill

Act 1

HYMN OF THE DAY

Silent Night, Holy Night

Hymn 281

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, heav'nly 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 your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

*from WEIHENACHTSBAUM (Christmas Tree)
3. The Shepherds at the Manger (In dulci júbilo)*

Franz Liszt

OFFERTORY HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymn 885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

IT'S A WONDER-FULL LIFE

Act 2

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

.....let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

LORD'S PRAYER

p. 208

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

**your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Joy to the World

Hymn 267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, 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 sin and sorrow 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.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*from WEIHENACHTSBAUM (Christmas Tree)
4. Adeste Fideles (March of the three Magi)*

Franz Liszt

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

Altar Flowers. Today's Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Court and Baker Morris in honor of Roxanne Rich.

It's A Wonder-Full Life

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2021 Music & Drama Camp Participants

Tanner Bickley
Charles Deng
Ivy Dickerson
Lake Dickerson
Brooklyn Glass
Amelia Hilton

Katelyn Hilton
Samuel Hilton
Kari McBride
Ann Marie Oswald
Coleman Oswald
Joe Popkowski

Emily Richardson
Burns Roof
Wade Roof
Emily Sippel
Jack Sippel
Hannah Taylor

2021 Music & Drama Camp Leaders

Lynn Arrington
Leah Conrad
Tina Conrad
Kevin Davis
Catherine Deng
Callie Fisher

Jack Fisher
Hannah Fogle
Ruth Goldsmith
Emily Hutto
John Richardson
Abby Grace Roof

Alexis Spainhour
Ann Spainhour
Linda Spainhour
Tristan Spainhour
Wendy Spainhour
Nancy Stone-Collum

A Special Thank You

to Annie Ruth Addy for making the costumes for today's production.

Lord Teach Us To Pray:

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Jack Fisher, Pam Hoskins, Brandon Mathews, Ann Shealy, Natalie Shealy, Travis Spainhour, Stacey Wilson, Allen Wise.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Jo Anderson, Lib Manus, Robert Cromer, David Mellichamp, Barbara Stilwell.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Blanche Lybrand, Jeanie Jacobs, Linda Wessinger, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston, Sadie Howard, Boyd Steele, Elise Harmon, Lucky Jones, Jennifer Brazell, Hazel Rauch, Mary Hamson, Ann Callison, Adele Rodgers, Lisa Long.

Family & Loved Ones of Mt. Tabor:

Nancy Taylor Lee, Joe & Barbara Murphy, Betty Steele, Maida League, Judy Case, Joyce Waters, Joyce Vanhought, Chuck Backman, Martha Hinson, Bill Hunnicutt.

Members of Mt. Tabor Serving in the Military:

Adam Davis, Andrew Hamson, Samuel Davis, Scott Hash, John Post.

Family and Loved Ones Serving in the Military:

Marcus Hayes, Tristan Mullen, Cory Fabian, Hayden Henneman, Edwin Taylor, Patrick Taylor, Edwin Torres, Josh Watson, Jacob Henry Burgan, Patrick Morris, Ben Barron, Barry Duncan, Michael Barfield, Adam Mintz, David Mathews.

The Family Of:

Pat Carter, Faye Smith, Rev. Marion Brazell.

Please help us keep our prayer list up to date by calling the church office with any names to be added or removed. Otherwise, names remaining on the prayer list for more than 2 months will be removed.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Wade T. Roof, III, Senior Pastor
Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music

Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation
Vicar Gayle Nelson, Intern