

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2022



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'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ~ Jesus in Matthew 22:37-39

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING MUSIC

What Is This Lovely Fragrance Miriam Haddon (3:00, 5:00)
Paul Manz

O Little Town of Bethlehem
Paul Manz

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly Lynne Misuda (11:00)
Arr. Phillip Keveren

CALL TO WORSHIP (11:00)

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
Michael Prætorius

Cathedral Choir
Debbie Collier, Director

WELCOME

Pastor Alison Shane

In respect and repentance toward indigenous peoples, we confess promises broken over the years.

P: As worship unites us today, many of us by water and on land stewarded since time immemorial by the Suquamish, Port Gamble S'Klallam, and other peoples of the Salish Sea, let us rejoice in the good news of great joy for all people proclaimed by the angel: To you is born a savior who is Christ the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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;
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!
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing.
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

GREETING Laurie Musick (3pm), Jessica Reiter (5pm), Scarlett Jett (11pm)
L: Rejoice! Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the light of the world, has come!

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, God's Word made flesh, born of Mary, is with you tonight.

C: And also with you.

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Holy God, with Mary and Joseph we celebrate the birth of your beloved son. Give us hearts as humble as Jesus' birth, that we might be moved by the wonder of this precious gift.

C: Amen

HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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.

L: Word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
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!"

Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

In 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!”

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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CHILDREN’S SERMON

Paul Davis

SERMON

Pastor Alison Shane

HYMN

'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Jean de Brebeuf/French Folk Tune



1. 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time when all the birds had fled, that
2. With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was found; a
3. The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair as
4. O chil - dren of the for - est free, the an - gel - song is true; the



God the Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in - stead; be -
rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round; but
was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there. The
ho - ly child of earth and heav'n is born to - day for you. Come,



fore their light the stars grew dim, and wan - d'ring hunt - ers heard the hymn:
as the hunt - er braves drew nigh, the an - gel song rang loud and high:
chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea - ver pelt.
kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy, who brings you beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Je - sus your king is born! Je - sus is born, in ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a!

OFFERING INTRODUCTION

L: God has given us the greatest gift in Jesus. The faith practice of giving is one way we show our gratitude for the promise of life and forgiveness God has given us. Giving is one way we reflect God's grace. Giving is one way we celebrate that God includes us in the building of God's kingdom. To give with the generosity with which God has given to us, both onsite and online worshippers can give electronically [at pflc.org](http://at.pflc.org) (accessed at that address or by the QR code in the bulletin), or write a check to be mailed, dropped off, or gathered now in the offering plates, which will come by at the end of the music offering. Please also take this time to fill out the Keeping in Touch form by using the QR code on the back page of the bulletin or the link below the video viewer on the PFLC website, or by filling out a paper copy to put in the offering plate. You may be seated.



OFFERING MUSIC

Do You Have Room?

O Holy Night

Noel

Shawna Edwards

arr. Adolphe Adam

Redman, Tomlin, Cash

Sanchez Family (3pm)

Takashi Misuda (5pm)

Cathedral Choir (11pm)

Solo: Melinda Madamba

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers:

L: Emmanuel, God with us, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

L: ... in the name of your promised savior, Jesus Christ. **C: Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

CONGREGATIONAL CANDLE LIGHTING

The worship leaders will bring the light from the Christ candle down center and side aisles. Worshippers will then share the light from the aisle to the center of each pew. To avoid dripping wax, please do not tip a lit candle. Tip only the unlit candle when lighting your candle from your neighbor's candle.

HYMN

Away in a Manger

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

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

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

HYMN

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

BENEDICTION

P: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you and keep you with the hope and joy of the birth of the ✠ Christ child, for by his living, dying, and rising God is with you always.

C: Amen

SENDING MUSIC

Glory to God in the Highest
Giovanni Pergolesi

(3pm, 5pm)

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Arr. Lloyd Larson

(11pm)

Let PFLC staff know you were here by filling out the Keeping in Touch/prayer request card or online form.



YOUR SERVANT LEADERS:

Alison & Kent Shane, Pastors
Melinda Madamba, Office Manager
Miriam Haddon, Organist & Choir Pianist

Paul Davis, Director of Faith Formation
Debbie Collier, Music & Choir Director
Hannah Ronning, Custodian

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