

**ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CAROLS AND THE HOLY EUCHARIST
DECEMBER 24, 2021
8:00 P.M.**



LOVE WAS BORN AT CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

<i>Away in a Manger</i>	HYMN #101 Vss. 1-3
<i>God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen</i>	HYMN #105 Vss. 1-4
<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i>	HYMN #107 Vss. 1 & 2
<i>The First Nowell</i>	HYMN #109 Vss. 1,2,6
<i>Hark! The Herald Angels Sing</i>	HYMN #87 Vss. 1-3
<i>We Three Kings</i>	HYMN #128
<i>Love Came Down at Christmas</i>	HYMN #84
<i>Go Tell it on the Mountain</i>	HYMN #99 Vss. 1-3



Christmas Flowers Donated By

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Trina Davis in memory of Rena Peterson.

Judy & Larry Main in memory of Sally & Lee Rymer and Jane & Ted Main.

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING PROCESSION *O come all ye faithful* The Hymnal 1982 #83 Vss. 1-3

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

Presider This is the eve of Christmas, a time of longing for God's presence among us. Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. The hope, peace, joy, and love of the entire world are fully realized in this tiny baby, sent to live among us as a human being and to walk with us on the paths of our lives.

(We light all four colored Advent Candles and the white Christ candle)

People **O Emmanuel, God with us, let your light dispel the darkness of the world.**

Presider Beloved of God, as we celebrate the birth of the Holy Child, let the light of Christ so enter our hearts and minds, that with simple faith and true hope, we may, at this time, hasten to Bethlehem to see the Babe lying in a manger.

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

MAGNIFICAT

All My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

THE COLLECT OF DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All **Amen.**

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

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 96

- ¹ Sing to God a new song; *
sing to God all the whole earth.
- ² Sing and bless God's holy Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
- ³ Declare God's glory among the nations, *
God's wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ For God is great and greatly to be praised, *
more to be feared than all gods.
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols, *
but it is God who made the heavens.
- ⁶ Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!
- ⁷ Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples, *
ascribe to God honor and power.
- ⁸ Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
bring offerings and come into God's courts.
- ⁹ Worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before God.
- ¹⁰ Tell it out among the nations that God reigns! *
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
and will judge the peoples with equity.
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- ¹² Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before God, who will come, *
who will come to judge the earth.
- ¹³ God will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with the truth.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* The Hymnal 1982 #96 vss. 1-2

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor 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 for them in the inn.

In that 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!"

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. But 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, as it had been told them.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN *Angels We Have Heard on High* The Hymnal 1982 #96 Vs. 3

HOMILY *A time of silence follows the homily.* The Rev. Alex Leach

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Holy God, you join heaven and earth through the birth of the holy child. We welcome you into our hearts.

People **We greet you with joy.**

Intercessor Intimate God, you send your Son to draw us ever closer to yourself. We welcome you into our hearts.

People **We greet you with joy.**

Intercessor Merciful God, in you we have life full of hope, abundant and new. We welcome you into our hearts.

People **We greet you with joy.**

Intercessor For Love, that knows no bounds. We pray to you.

People **We greet you, child of love.**

Intercessor For Peace, that transcends conflict and deepens truth. We pray to you.

People **We greet you, child of peace.**

Intercessor For Joy, that gladdens the hearts of those who know only tears. We pray to you.

People **We greet you, child of joy.**

Intercessor For Health, ease those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. We pray to you.

People **Christ Jesus, heal our hearts.**

Intercessor For Light, free all who live under the shadow of oppression. We pray to you.

People **Christ Jesus, free our hearts.**

Intercessor Christ child, purify our hearts and forgive our every failing. Christ Child, all merciful.

People **Forgive us all our sins.**

Intercessor Christ among us, guide our lives after your example of obedience and service. Christ Jesus, all loving.

People **Fire our hearts with love.**

Intercessor Christ in glory, create us anew to love and serve only you. God's son our salvation.

People **Receive our prayer.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Hasten, O Father, the coming of Your kingdom; and grant that we who now live by faith, may with joy behold Your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15,16*

CHOIR ANTHEM

A Stable Lamp is Lighted

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep
and brought all things into being:

sun, moon, and stars;

earth, winds, and waters;

and every living thing.

You made us in your image,
and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;

and yet, as a mother cares for her children,

you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us

to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,
lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus the holy child of God.
Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life,
and to be glorified by you.

Presider On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
“Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you,
gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth

and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with St. Luke all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
to feast at the banquet prepared
from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise,
for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A brief silence

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

COMMUNION HYMN *It Came Upon On A Midnight Clear* The Hymnal 1982 #89

COMMUNION HYMN *Angels from the realm of glory* The Hymnal 1982 #93

COMMUNION HYMN *What Child is This* The Hymnal 1982 #115

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and
singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN FOR CANDLE LIGHTING *Silent Night* The Hymnal 1982 #111

FINAL BLESSING

Presider May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL *Joy To The World* The Hymnal 1982 #100 (vss. 1 2,4)

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace, proclaiming the good news that Christ is born.
Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Upcoming Events

Epiphany Warming Fire, January 6, 2022, Temenos

Feel free to bring your Christmas trees for the fire. Contact the Church Office for more information – stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com.

Mission:Joy, Film Screening, January 29th, 2022, 2 - 4 pm, Church Sanctuary

[Mission:Joy](#) is a documentary about the conversations Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama shared about Joy that also resulted in the book: The Book of Joy. St. Luke's has been given the opportunity to offer a free screening of this documentary for the larger community of Woodland. We will be doing this as a partnership with WEMM to increase our outreach to the interfaith community for this interfaith film. Mark your calendars!

Annual Meeting, January 30, 2022

Christmas Service

December 25, 2021

10:00am Christmas Day Service

Visit our website for information on how to be involved
www.stlukeswoodland.org

*Sign up for weekly e-mail updates for information on opportunities to help and to learn.
Contact our Church Administrator for details, at stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com*

Weekly Meetings

- **Centering Prayer, Sundays, 7pm, Sanctuary, contact Tom Eaton**
- **Book Study, Mondays, 5:15pm, via Zoom, contact Tom Eaton**
- **Choir Practice, Wednesdays, 6pm, Sanctuary**
- **“A Journey through Acts”, Wednesdays, 7:15 pm, via Zoom, contact Margaret**

Monthly Meetings

- **Resource Navigators**
Next meeting Feb. 7, 2022, 3:30-5pm, Guild Hall,
stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com or 530-662-7152 x3
- **Temenos**
2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8am – Noon, Welcome anytime!
brucewatts1@me.com
- **Temenos Drum Circle**
2nd Sundays, 4:30pm, Temenos
- **Daughters of the King**
2nd Saturdays, 10-11:30am, Guild Hall
stlukechurchwoodland@gmail.com or 530-662-7152 x3
- **Men's Group**
2nd Saturdays, 8:30am, mackw0414@gmail.com
- **Outreach Breakfast at 4th & Hope**
1st Saturdays, 4th & Hope, mackw0414@gmail.com
- **Micah Forum**
2nd Tuesdays, 6pm, leannherig@gmail.com
- **Vestry Meeting**
3rd Mondays, 6:30pm, Guild Hall
- **Becoming the Beloved Community Study Group**
4th Tuesdays, 6:15-7:30pm, leannherig@gmail.com