



WORSHIP BULLETIN

RITE II SERVICE, 10:00AM
THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 26, 2021

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELLS

OPENING HYMN *Hark! the herald angels sing* The Hymnal 1982 #87

WELCOME & OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

GLORY TO GOD

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

All **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 147:13-21

- ¹³ Worship God, O Jerusalem; *
praise your Sovereign, O Zion;
¹⁴ For the Holy One has strengthened the bars of your gates *
and has blessed your children within you.
¹⁵ Peace has been established on your borders; *
you are satisfied with the finest wheat.
¹⁶ You send out your command to the earth, *
and your word runs very swiftly.
¹⁷ You give snow like wool *
and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.
¹⁸ You scatter your hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against your cold?
¹⁹ You send forth your word and melt them; *
you blow with your wind and the waters flow.
²⁰ You declare your word to Jacob, *
your statutes and your judgments to Israel.
²¹ You have not done so to any other nation; *
to them you have not revealed your judgments. Alleluia!

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* Hymnal 1982 #496, Vs.1-2

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 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.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

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. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

GRADUAL HYMN *How Bright Appears the Morning Star* Hymnal 1982 #496, Vs.3

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

All We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider Let us join together in prayer, saying together “hear our prayer.”

Intercessor Christ, Light of the World, please shine your light in and through your Church. May we who are gathered here be transformed in your likeness so that we may go out and proclaim Good News to the World.

A short period of silence for people to offer their own prayers.

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayers.**

Intercessor Jesus, your presence in the world disrupted the powers that be. You challenged systems of violence and oppression. Continue that work in us of calling our whole society to live according to justice, mercy, and compassion to all.

A short period of silence for people to offer their own prayers.

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayers.**

Intercessor Emmanuel, God with us, open our eyes so that we may see your presence in the world around us. Shape our hearts in love so that we may care for the whole Earth.

A short period of silence for people to offer their own prayers.

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayers.**

Intercessor Incarnate Word of God, we offer to you our petitions and thanksgivings. Help us and those we love in our times of need. We give you thanks for the many blessings we have also received. In joy and in sorrow we turn to you.

A short period of silence for people to offer their own prayers.

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayers.**

Intercessor Jesus, your life on Earth was marked by healing and compassion. We pray for all those in our lives who need healing: those in the hospital or in any kind of sickness, those who struggle with mental illness at home and often in isolation, and those who are carrying burdens too heavy.

A short period of silence for people to offer their own prayers.

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayers.**

Intercessor We pray for those who have died. May they be united to Christ in love and be raised with Christ into glory. And we ask You to comfort those who mourn.

A short period of silence for people to offer their own prayers.

Intercessor Holy God,
People **Hear our prayers.**

Presider Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

BIRTHDAYS, CELEBRATIONS, AND MILESTONES

Presider Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as *their* days increase; bless and guide *them* wherever *they* may be. Strengthen *them* when *they* stand; comfort *them* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *them* up if *they* fall; and in *their* heart may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of *their* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

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*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP PGS. 372-375

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 It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks;
for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light
inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all
things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to
rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you
night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence,
they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and
giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you,
and glorify your Name, as we sing (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 We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty
works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your
own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in
obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all
your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you,
you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy
you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find

you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you,
and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Presider Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of
time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by
the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of
us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news
of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To
fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising
from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole
creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him
who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own
first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in
the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his
heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the
world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took
bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and
gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body,
which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given
thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you
and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink
it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead,
proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right
hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from
the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise
you and we bless you.

All **We praise you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Presider Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

For those at home or who do not wish to receive bread, we offer this prayer of spiritual communion:

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *Let all Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* The Hymnal 1982 #324

SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Presider In the name of God and this community, we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share bread, one cup.**

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.**

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.**

CONCLUDING HYMN *Joy to the World* The Hymnal 1982 #100, Vss. 1,2,4

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers were donated by Vince Olvera in memory of his mother, Ruth Olvera.

Coffee Hour will immediately follow the service.
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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

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