

*Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*  
*December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 7:00 p.m.*

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PRELUDE

INTROIT

WELCOME

Rejoice! I bring good news for all people: unto us a child is born.  
**Tonight the angels sing on earth. Glory to God in the highest!**

\*HYMN *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* insert

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES+

The night we have long anticipated is here. We have patiently lit the candles of hope, peace, joy and love each week reflecting on how the light grows brighter the closer we draw to the Christ Child. May Emmanuel be born to us anew this night!

**Alleluia! Glory to the newborn King!**

The light has come, ready to surprise a family, ready to surprise the shepherds, ready to surprise the world. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. This is the light of the world, and the darkness cannot extinguish it.

**Alleluia! Glory to the newborn King!**

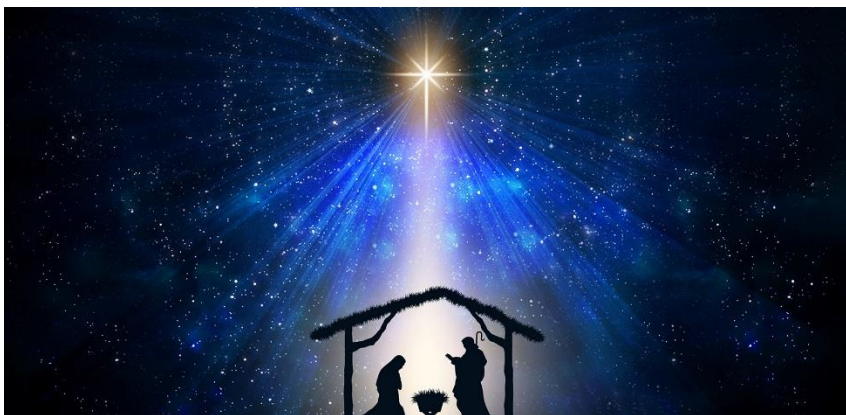
*Light the Christmas candles, now: Sing of donkey, sheep, and cow,  
Birthday candles for the King,  
We raise our voice to God with joy and sing.  
Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the winter night,  
Candle, candle, burning bright,  
Oh fill our hearts, with joyous Christmas light*

For a child has been born for us, a son is given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace!**

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# The Story of Christmas in Lessons and Carols



**A Child is Born to Us**  
 SCRIPTURE Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7  
 \*HYMN *What Child Is This?* insert

**Sing A New Song**  
 SCRIPTURE Psalm 96:1-2, 10-13  
 HYMN *One Small Child* insert

**Mary Gives Birth in Bethlehem**  
 SCRIPTURE Luke 2:1-7  
 SPECIAL MUSIC *One Small Star* Albrecht/Althouse

**The Heavenly Host Praise God**  
 SCRIPTURE Luke 2:8-14  
 HYMN *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, v1&2* insert

**The Shepherds Find the Christ**  
 SCRIPTURE Luke 2:15-20  
 \*HYMN *Joy to the World, v1&4* insert

A TIME FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Linda Houghtby  
 \*indicates to please stand as you are able

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF OUR CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING  
 Offertory  
 \*Doxology #625  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer of Dedication  
**God of every good and perfect gift, we thank you for your greatest gift, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. In this season when so many gifts are given and received, we pray that you will receive the gifts we offer now. Use them according to your purposes and plans, bringing your good news of great joy to all people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

\*HYMN *A Communion Hymn for Christmas, v1&5* insert

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER  
*We are so glad you are worshipping with St Timothy tonight! This evening we will be celebrating the Lord’s Supper in the chairs. The Supper is open to all who believe in the Lord Jesus or who have been baptized by the Holy Spirit.*

The Invitation  
 The Words of Institution  
 The Prayer of Consecration  
     The Bread  
     The Cup  
 The Prayer of Thanksgiving  
**Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be Christ’s presence in the world even as Jesus was God-with-us. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF CANDLELIGHTING

*The ushers will light the candles from the front to the rear. As the candles are being lit, we will sing the traditional Christmas hymn Silent Night, Holy Night. Please stand for the final verse. The candles will be extinguished following the Congregational Response.*

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 Thy holy face,***  
***With the dawn of redeeming grace,***  
***Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.***

### \*BLESSING AND CHARGE

Go into the night, glorifying and praising God for all you have seen and heard. May Christ be your light, this night and forevermore.

**May Christ be our light this night and forevermore. Amen!**

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Go tell it on the mountain,***  
***Over the hills and every-where;***  
***Go, tell it on the mountain***  
***That Jesus Christ is born.***  
*(Extinguish candles)*



# Poinsettias

## Giving in loving memory of

All loved ones passed away – Trish Abela  
My Mother, Grace Hanning – Margaret Barsch  
Otto Chanko – Helen Chanko  
Daniel Houghtby, our precious son – Dave & Linda Houghtby  
Betty Cooper & George Suveg – Lou & Jean Suveg  
Dean, my Dad/Tom, my Father-in-law – Shelly Walldorff

## Given in honor of

Our grandchildren – Karlane & Richard Belaire  
Our veterans – Norm & Paula Boegner

## Given in Thanksgiving for

My children & grandchildren – Helen Chanko  
Our four grandsons – Dennis & Linda Delezenne  
Our families at St. Timothy – Dave and Linda Houghtby  
Chris, Synge, Bennett & Sinclair – Greg & Karen Kateff



# Helping Lead Worship

## PASTOR

Joel Puntigam

## MUSIC DIRECTOR

Tim Falk

## KEYBOARD

Linda Delezenne

## GREETER

Mary Baum

## USHERS

Chris Korne, Lou Suveg

## ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTERS

Mike and Mary Baum, Ava Woodard

## SCRIPTURE READERS

Lexi Barsch, Max Gulyas, Jillian Sautter, Mitchell Sautter and  
Ava Woodard

## COMMUNION SERVERS

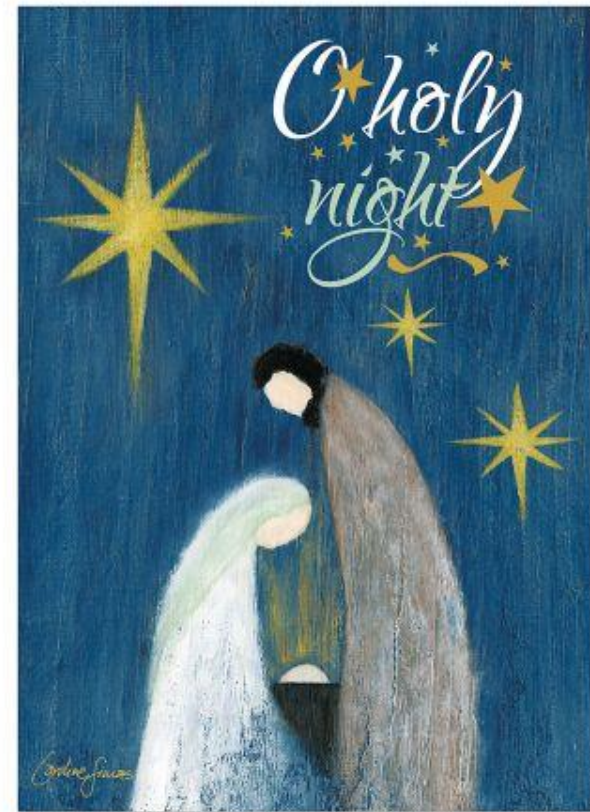
Kathey Turnbull, Bob Taylor

## TECH

Tina Puntigam

## SAFETY OFFICER

Tim Chanko



### **Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

*Infant holy, Infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;  
Oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging angels singing, noels ringing, tidings  
bringing:  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all,  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.*

*Flocks were sleeping,  
shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new  
Saw the glory, heard the story,  
tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the  
morrow:  
Christ the Babe was born for you.  
Christ the Babe was born for you.*

### **What Child Is This?**

*What Child is this, who laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

*Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.  
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*So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

### **One Small Child**

*One small Child in a land of a thousand  
One small dream of a Savior tonight,  
One small hand reaching out to the starlight  
One small city of life, Oh*

*One king bringing his gold and riches,  
One King ruling an army of might  
One king kneeling with incense and candle light,  
One King bringing us life. Oh*

*See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him,  
See Him smiling in the stall.  
See His mother praising His Father,  
See His tiny eyelids fall.*

*One small light from the flame of a candle,  
One small light from a city of might,  
One small light from the stars in the endless night,  
One small light from a face. Oh*

*See the shepherds kneeling before Him,  
See the kings on bended knee.  
See His mother praising His Father,  
See the Blessed Infant sleep.  
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*One small Child in a land of a thousand,  
One small dream in a people of might,  
One small hand reaching out to the starlight,  
One small Savior of life.*

### **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 ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th’angelic host 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,  
Off-spring of the Virgin’s womb:  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;  
Hail th’ incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”*

### **Joy to the World!**

*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.*

*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.*

### **A Communion Hymn for Christmas**

*Gathered round Your table on this holy eve,  
Viewing Bethlehem’s stable we rejoice and grieve;  
Joy to see You lying in Your manger bed,  
Weep to see You dying in our sinful stead.*

*Christmas Babe so tender, Lamb who bore our blame,  
How shall sinners render praises due Your name?  
Do Your own good pleasure in the lives we bring;  
In Your ransomed treasure reign forever King!  
Amen.*