

December 24, 2025
Christ the Savior is Born!
8:00 pm

PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN O Come All Ye Faithful 1-4, 6 No.234

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem No.230

SCRIPTURE Luke 2: 14 NRSV

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!"

HYMN

Hark the Herald Angels Sing v. 1,2

No.240

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 15-20 NRSV

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. and 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, just as it had been told them.

HYMN

Away in a Manger

No.217

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes
The dawn of salvation beginning to break
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, oh, gift from above
The King of the heavens, forever with us

I worship You, Jesus for all of my days
The highest of praises be unto Your name
My God and my Savior
My King and my friend

SCRIPTURE Titus 3:4-7

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water^[a] of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. ⁶This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so

that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

ONE DIVINE DETAIL- A LETTER FROM CHRISTMAS

GIVING TALK AND OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Ever-giving God, thank you for the amazing gift of Jesus, who is the Light of Life. As we remember his baptism, and our own, accept our thanks for the way we are built up together into Christ. We pray for you to receive our gratitude, our gifts, and our intention to continue as followers of Jesus. Help us use what is provided, to share the Good News of your love with those close by and others, to the ends of the earth. AMEN

ANTHEM

"O, Holy Night"
by: N. Jeffery

Chancel Choir

INVITATION AND CONFESSION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CANDLE LIGHTING MUSIC

Please tilt the unlight candle toward the lighted one.

HYMN

Silent Night

No.239

BENEDICTION

HYMN

Joy to the World v. 1,2

No.246

POSTLUDE