

Christmas Eve Service December 24, 2022 Pastor Rob Morris

Pre Service Music

Welcome and Prelude



Responsive Reading (Isaiah 9 and John 3)

- **P**: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
- **C**: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.
- **P**: For to us a child is born,
- **C**: to us a son is given;
- P: and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called
- **©**: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- **P**: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
- **C**: that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
- **P**: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
- **C**: but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Confession and Absolution

- **P**: On this holy night, let us confess our sins before God our Father:
- C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- **P**: God in His mercy has given His son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



Prayer of the Day

O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder,

the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem (5pm) Advent Prayer

Liebergen

Psalm *Psalm 96:1-6*

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

¹Oh sing to the LORD a | new song;* sing to the LORD, | all the earth!
 ²Sing to the LORD, | bless his name;* tell of his salvation from | day to day.
 ³Declare his glory among the | nations,* his marvelous works among all the | peoples!
 ⁴For great is the LORD, and greatly | to be praised;* he is to be feared a- | bove all gods.
 ⁵For all the gods of the peoples are worthless | idols,* but the LORD made the | heavens.
 ⁶Splendor and majesty are be- | fore him;* strength and beauty are in his sanctu- | ary.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle Titus 2:11–14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions,

and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-14

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

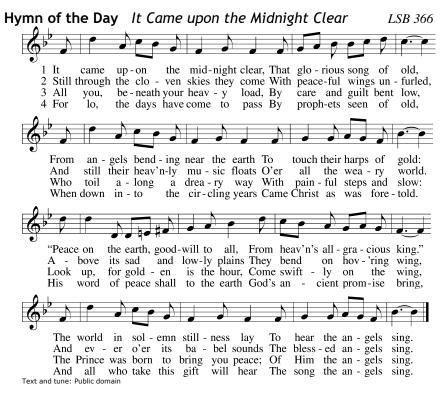
¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths 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, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Conversation with the Children



Sermon Pastor Rob Morris

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church and Passing of the Peace

Service of Light

The ushers will light the candle of the person sitting nearest the aisle. Unlit candles should be tipped to light them from the lit candle, which remains upright... Once your candle is lit, do not tip it.

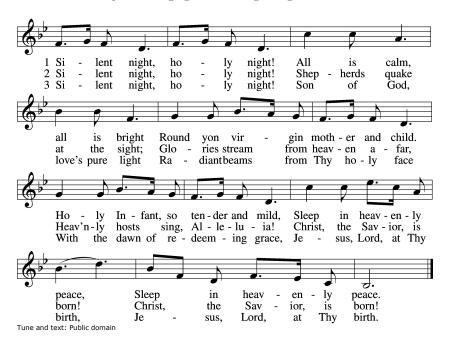
Candlelight Hymn

Silent Night

LSB 363

Instrumental music while candles are lit.

Please join in singing when the organ begins to lead.



Benediction

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: Amen.



Postlude

Today's Volunteers and Worship Staff:

Readers: 5pm - Dan Swanson 7:30 pm - Maili Pieragostini

Organist & Director of Music: Bev Thompson Assistant Organist and Piano: Elijah Morris

Guitar: Peter Obre

Trumpet: Gary Gollenberg Cello: Jonathan Schultz