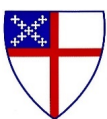


THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS EVE 2025
HOLY EUCHARIST – 6:30 PM



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
OF THE
HOLY FAMILY



A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We're glad you are here! If you have questions about Holy Family, please speak to an usher, a clergyperson, or the person giving the announcements- they will be glad to help. If you will register in the Guest Book in the gallery or, alternately, fill out one of the Guest Cards located on the back of the second pew chair from the center aisle and place it in the offering plate, that will give us an opportunity to know you better.

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Shelley Johnson-Garstin, harp

Colin Davey

This shoot, Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;
the Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing:
our God of endless might
gave her this child to save us, thus turning darkness into light.

Martha Yasuda, violin

Claudio Monteverdi

From east to west, from shore to shore, let ev'ry heart awake and sing
The holy child whom Mary bore, the Christ, the everlasting king.
For this how wondrously He wrought! A maiden, in her lowly place,
Became, in ways beyond all thought, the chosen vessel of His grace.
All glory for this blessed morn to God the Father ever be;
All praise to You, O Virgin-born, and Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.

Shelley Johnson-Garstin, harp

Appalachian carol, arr. JKC

The Virgin Mary had a little baby. Ooh, pretty little baby.
Ooh, glory hallelujah! Glory be to the newborn King.
 Mary, whatcha gonna name that pretty little baby? ooh, pretty little baby.
Ooh, glory hallelujah! Glory be to the newborn King.
 Some call him one thing, think I'll call him Jesus. Ooh, he's the son of David.
Ooh, glory hallelujah! Glory be to the newborn King.
 The Virgin Mary had a little son. Ooh, pretty little baby.
Ooh, glory hallelujah! Glory be to the newborn King.

Shelley Johnson-Garstin, harp

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 83

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

God from God, Light from Light eternal,
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
only-begotten Son of God the Father;
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
glory to God, glory in the highest;
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Celebrant
People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE 96, vs. 1 & 4

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN 87

MENDELSSOHN

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 the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 79

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary;
and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to men on earth.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel!

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-20

Deacon 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Mark Winward

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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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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 and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 PEACE *All stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Communion at Holy Family. Communion is offered at the altar rail and may also be brought to anyone in the pews unable to move to the altar rail. Alternatively, to drinking from the common cup you may 1) receive only the bread, or 2) dip the wafer in the wine before consuming it (intinction). On the right end of the altar rail gluten-free wafers and wine-infused wafers are available.

"Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God." – Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

English carol, arr. JKC

On Christmas night all Christians sing, to hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.
Then why should men on earth be so sad, since our redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free, all for to gain our liberty.
When sin departs before his grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the new-born King.
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to men, now and for evermore. Amen!'

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

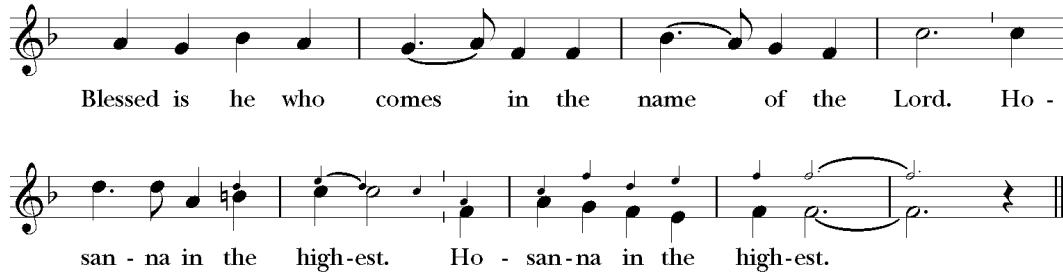
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 125

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM: HYMN 81, vs. 3 *All sing:*

**O flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
Dispel with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man and very God!
From sin and death now save us, and lighten every load.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INSTRUMENTAL

What Child is This?

Martha Yasuda, violin

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Vincent Persichetti
text: e. e. cummings

 purer than purest pure
whisper of whisper so, so (big with innocence)
 forgivingly a once of eager glory,
 no more miracle may grow
 childfully serious flower of holiness
 a pilgrim from beyond,
beyond, beyond, the future, immediate like new,
 like some newly remembered dream
 flaming a coolly bell touches most mere
 until (eternally) with (now) with (now)
 with luminous the shadow of love himself:
 who's we — nor can you die or i
and every world, before silence begins a star.
 Amen.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN 111, vs. 1 & 3

STILLE NACHT

 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, 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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption, and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN 100

ANTIOCH

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Noel

Nicholas de Grigny

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Jacques LeBlanc, Sexton

Jim Braley, Head Verger

Vision: *Revealing Jesus through our actions by extending
his love for us through our service to others*

Mission: *Creating Christian community: serving and engaging
people in vibrant ministries*

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, there will be Holy Communion with Christmas carols at 9am. On Sunday, December 28, we will offer 8:00 am and 10:30 am services as usual, with the latter being a special baptismal service. On Tuesday, January 6 we will have the Burning of the Greens and Chili Supper at 6pm. Bring your friends for this free offering from the people of Holy Family to the entire community.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2025

In Memory of

Phil & Carolyn Anderson	Elizabeth Allen Anderson Wayne & Mary Daniel Roy Gene & Olivia Anderson
Jan & Jim	Our Parents
Jeanette & Lee Buffalo.....	Marion & Harold Lummus Barbara & Burt Buffalo
Judy Cunningham and Melissa & Scott Richards	John & Gladys Heilman Ryan Heilman
Gene Emig.....	Sharon Emig
Sandy & Bill Foose and Joe Hansen.....	Virginia "Sue" Hansen
Joan & Jephtha Greer	Robert Andrew Greer
Steve & Katie Hawkins.....	Dick & Billie Hawkins Sam & Betty Bartley Allen Anderson
Jim & Echo Hopkins	Our parents, Jim & Effie Barrett Our parents, Tom & Helen Hopkins
Virginia & Haynes Johnson	Barbara & Bill Wyll Virginia Johnson
Elaine McLam	My parents, Henry & Wanda Stolarz
Anthony Miletello	Edward L. Schroeder
Susan Mowry	My parents, Eleanor & Frederick Sleight
Terry & Cheryl Nicholson.....	Vernon & Betty Nicholson John & Elenor Jackson
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Richard & Cindy Smith.....	Margaret & Duck Chowning Helen & Marshall Smith
Don Wells	Diane Wells David Wells
Lucy West & Family.....	Don West
Mary Sue & Bill Zercher.....	Our son, Timothy Adam Zercher "Merry Christmas!"

In Honor of

Phil & Carolyn Anderson	Sarah, Ray, & Stanley Petren
Jan & Jim Braley.....	Our Children & Grandson
Alvin & Cammie Cox.....	Mary Sue & Bill Zercher
Kathy & Richard Hall	Kelly, Steve, Tommy, & Michael Fincher
Steve & Katie Hawkins.....	Paul, Chasity, Maddie, & Claire Hawkins
Jim & Sharon Morton	Our first great grandchild, Anna Grace Spurgeon
Margaret Wendelburg	Great Grandchild, Genevieve Peters
Bob & Carolyn Wheeler	Our Children, Their Spouses, & Our Grandchildren
Susan Yandell	The Rev. George Yandell