

**CHRISTMAS EVE
FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

December 24, 2025

Recital at 5:30 pm, Festival of Readings & Carols at 6:00 pm



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WELCOME TO THIS SERVICE, which celebrates the great feast of the Nativity of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The liturgy of Lessons and Carols was first used in the chapel of King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve, 1918, with the candle-lit splendor of the chapel, the prayers and scripture readings, the great hymns and the soaring music of the choir and organ standing in eloquent contrast to the darkness of a cold winter night and the tragic shadows of the recently concluded Great War. Tonight's service is offered in the spirit of that first service at King's, as a light shining in the darkness; with prayers for peace, goodwill and understanding among all people rising amidst the singing of hymns and carols.

There is an unstaffed nursery room for preschool children located down the long hallway, just take a right after you exit the sanctuary going through the second set of double doors. There are changing stations in the restrooms, which are also located in that hallway, to the right next to the water fountains.

We will celebrate Holy Communion, where Christ meets us in this special meal. All those who seek Christ and his grace are welcome at our communion table. Further instructions on communion are in the bulletin in the section marked "Holy Communion"

The end of the service will feature singing "Silent Night" with candlelight. To avoid spilling wax, please hold your candle upright when lit. The unlit candle should tilt toward the lit candle when sharing the flame.

Worship is offered every Sunday at 9 am. Visitors are always welcome to join us.

WORSHIP NOTES

- Please turn off all cell phones, pagers, and other devices.
- Bold wording is to be said by the congregation.
- All Bible readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.

If you donated poinsettias, please take them home with you at the end of this evening's service.



Silent Night, Holy Night—arr. Gilbert M. Martin
While by Our Sheep We Watched—arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Shirley Newhart, organ

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing—arr. Fred Bock
O, Holy Night—arr. Fred Bock
Rodney Powers, piano, and Shirley Newhart, organ

Mary, Did You Know?—lyrics by Mark Lowry, music by Buddy Greene
Diane McCabe, soloist

Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabella—arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Angels We Have Heard on High—arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Shirley Newhart & Rodney Powers, piano duet

Christmas is a Time—Rettino, arr. Ken Barker
Rodney Powers, soloist

On December Five and Twenty—arr. Gilbert M. Martin
Shirley Newhart & Rodney Powers, piano duet

Ukrainian Bell Carol—arr. Joseph Martin
Rodney Powers, piano

FESTIVAL OF READINGS AND CAROLS

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Jason Talsness

Please stand if you are able.

CHRISTMAS DIALOGUE

Leader: Joy to the World!

People: The Lord is come!

Leader: As the candles of our Advent wreath burn brightly, we join the Christians around the world praising our God who sent a child to save us. Glory to God in the highest.

People: With hope we waited, in love we gathered, for peace we pray, with joy we sing, for God has come and God will come again.

All: Let us worship God!



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

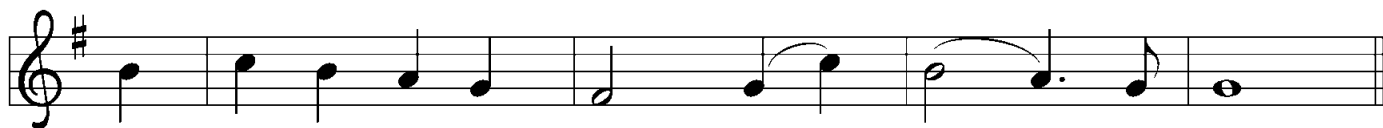


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2

Musical: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 11: 1-9

From King David's line, a ruler will bring justice and peace.

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

⁷The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

⁹They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

CAROL

Lo! How a Rose E're Blooming

HYMN 272



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to



mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light-ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, sts. 1–2; Harriet R. Krauth, 1845–1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876–1948, st. 4
 Music: ES IST EIN ROS, *Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1599

THE SECOND READING: Micah 5:2-4

The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.

² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

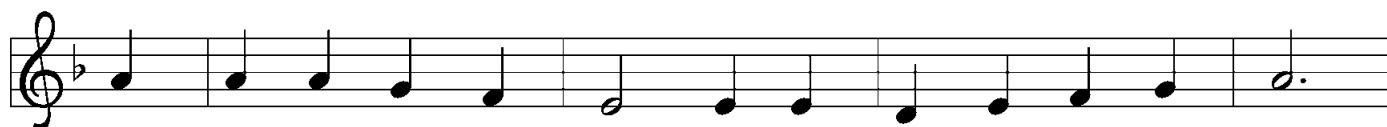
⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893

Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

THE THIRD READING: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah

² 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.

⁶For 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.

⁷His 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.

CAROL*Angels, from the Realms of Glory***Hymn 275**

- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla - tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon-der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt., sts. 1–3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

THE FOURTH READING: Isaiah 40: 1-5

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

¹Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

²Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

³A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

⁴Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

⁵Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."



- 1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
- 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
- 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



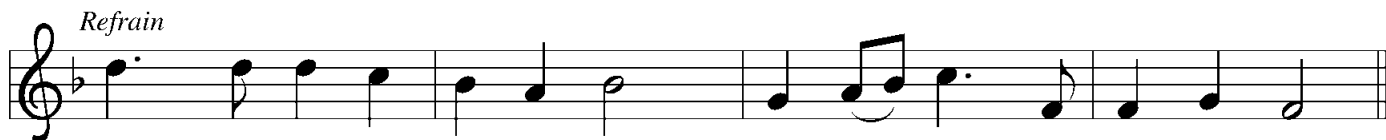
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

THE FIFTH READING: Luke 2:1-14

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph 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. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And 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.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth 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 heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

*Refrain*

night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

THE SIXTH READING: Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men are led by a star to Bethlehem.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"
⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

ANTHEM

Joyful, Joyful to the World

arr. Althouse

Chancel Choir

THE SEVENTH READING: John 1:1-4

The Gospel of John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

SERMON

Rev. Jason Talsness

MEAL

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand if you are able.

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God for God is gracious

People: It is right to give thanks, for God's love is everlasting.

Pastor: All honor and praise and glory be to God

People: The Lord's name be praised forever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 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.**

Please be seated.

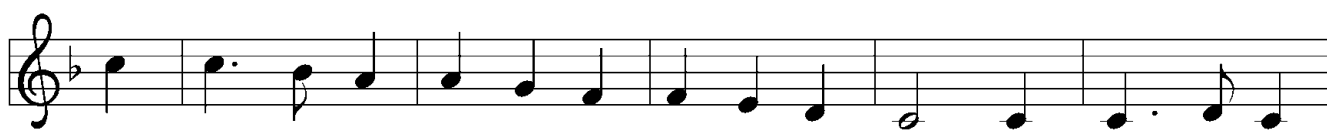
THE COMMUNION

Communion instructions: All those who are seeking Christ and his grace are welcome at our communion table. To commune, you may come forward when the ushers invite your row. You will receive the bread (wafer) from the pastor (gluten free wafers are available upon request), then continue toward the communion assistant holding individual cups of wine. Grape juice is also available in the center of the tray. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to walk forward, please indicate this to the ushers, and assistants will come to you after everyone else has communed. Parents, please advise the pastor if your child communes or receives a blessing. After communing, those worshipers who desire to stay and pray may do so at the railing behind the communion stations.

COMMUNION CAROL

Away in a Manger

Hymn 278



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841–1905

COMMUNION CAROL

What Child is This?

Hymn 296



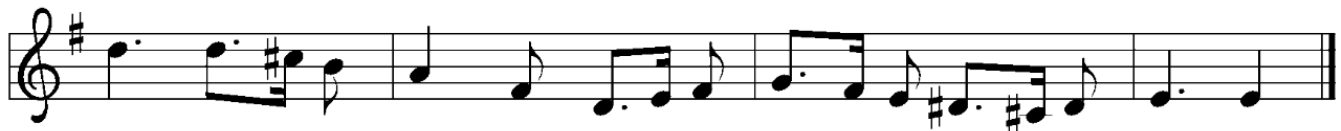
- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
- 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
- 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Please tilt the unlit candle toward the lit candle to minimize the spilling of hot wax.
Once the candles are lit, the congregation will sing Silent Night.*



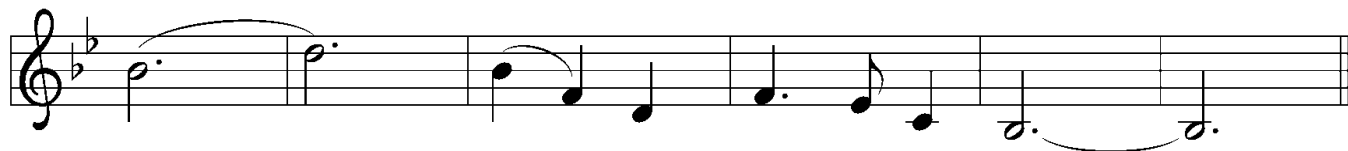
Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

I WILL LIGHT CANDLES THIS CHRISTMAS

By Howard Thurman

I will light candles this Christmas;
Candles of joy despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all the year long.



CAROL

Joy to the World

HYMN 267



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMASTIDE

Rev. Jason Talsness

O Great God, as You came in the stillness of the night, enter our lives this night. Overcome darkness with the light of Christ's presence, so that we may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for him. Give us O God, such love and wonder, that with shepherds, angels and pilgrims unknown, we may come to adore the Holy Child, the promised King; and with our gifts worship Him, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

POSTLUDE

The Trumpet Shall Sound from Messiah

Handel

Daniel Reardon, trumpet solo

arr. Reardon

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

The Reverend Jason Talsness, Pastor— As a lover of scripture, Pastor Talsness has a passion for teaching and preaching, with a goal of equipping people to explore and deepen their faith in Jesus Christ. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and earned a Master of Divinity Degree at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He has also served St. John's Lutheran in Poughkeepsie, NY, and Bethlehem Lutheran in Aitkin, MN. Pastor Talsness has been at Messiah for ten years.

The Reverend Karen D. Scheib, PhD, Minister of Congregational Care—Rev. Scheib is an emerita professor of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. While at Candler, she served as Director of the school's Women, Theology, and Ministry Program for five years and as the Co-Chair of the Religion Public Health Collaborative for six years. She retired in 2020 after twenty-seven years of seminary teaching. She assumed her position as part-time Minister of Congregational Care at Messiah in January 2024.

Readers

Trevor Olson & Marcia Stinson

Acolytes

Confirmation Class Members

Ushers

Trish & Rick Tallon

Jody & Steve Voss

Audio/Visual

Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan



2025 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

My Parents Sue & Woodie Cornwell

By—Claire Cornwell-Williams

Ellen Olson

By—Leslie & Robert Hale

John E. Bogue

Preym Magarajan

By—Judy & Chuck Hildebrand

Clayton & Helen Marshall

Charles & Arlene Bochringer

By—Katharine & John Marshall

Our Parents—Anna & Donald Shadel

Evelyn & Angus McLauchlan

By—Lynn & Ken McLauchlan

Brian Meade

By—Dawn Meade

Our Parents

By—Betty & Ken Mitchell

Dolores Cornwall

Jack Munroe

Elissa Nihols

By—Diane Munroe

***Ellen Olson, Mom, Dad, Bess &
Punch***

By—Clyde Olson

Armand Presto

Evelyn & John Ridberg

By—The Ridberg Family

***All the Beautiful Messiah Saints &
Sinners***

By—Connie Squibb

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

***Gulnara Tabagua, Caroline &
Raymond Walker,***
By—Tammy & Steve Walker

Jean & Richard Williams
*By—Deborah Williams, Ann W. &
Terry Brantley, &
Riley Williams Bush*

IN HONOR OF

My Wife Barbara Van Doren
By—Tim Andrews

Hamlet Kobakhidze
By—Tammy & Steve Walker

Clyde Olson
By—Leslie & Robert Hale

Our Family
By—Diana & Geoff Wilson

Fayha Polite, Lyric Olson
All the Beautiful Messiah Saints
& Sinners
By—Connie Squibb

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Lana & Eric Gilster

Janet & Walter Reardon

For His Many Blessings
Patricia & Allan Small

Randi & Brad VenHuizen



SAVE THE DATE

The 65-member Nordic Choir of Luther College in Decorah, Iowa will be performing at Messiah on Monday, February 2, at 7pm during their 2026 tour. Everyone is welcome, there is no charge.

Additionally, these undergraduate students will need housing that night. If you would like to provide a place for them to sleep and have breakfast in the morning, please contact Pastor Talsness.