



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and worshiping God, reaching out to others*

December 24, 2025 at 8:00 pm  
Christmas Eve Service with Caroling Prelude

Welcome, beloved of God! We are so pleased that you chose to join us on this feast of Our Lord's Nativity. If you are new or visiting, please stop by the Welcome Center and leave your name and email or phone number in our guestbook, or fill out one of the *Welcome* cards in the pew. We'd love to keep in touch and answer any questions.

After a prelude of Christmas carols (please join in singing the verses indicated!) our worship service is composed of two parts: the Word (Scriptures and Prayers) and Communion; with plenty of music throughout. Hymn #\_\_\_ refers to the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew book rack. **All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here**, no questions asked. The gluten-free Wafer may be dipped into the wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

We conclude in candlelight, a tradition that goes back *forever* (or close enough). The ushers will begin lighting your hand-held candles as we finish distributing Communion. After the service, please leave your candles in the baskets near the doors.

## *A Prelude of Christmas Carols*

Organ Prelude \_\_\_\_\_

1. *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming* \_\_\_\_\_ Hymn #81, a German carol  
Sung by All

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.  
It came, a blossom bright, amid the cold of winter,  
when half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;  
with Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
when half spent was the night.

3 O Flower, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,  
dispel in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere;  
true man, yet very God, from sin and death now save us,  
and share our every load.

2. While by my sheep I watched at night \_\_\_\_\_ a German carol  
Sung by the Choir

- 1 While by my sheep I watched at night, glad tidings brought an angel bright:  
How great my joy (great my joy). Joy, joy, joy! (joy, joy, joy)  
Praise we the Lord in heaven on high. (Praise we the Lord in heaven on high.)
- 2 There shall be born, so he did say, in Bethlehem a child today...
- 3 There shall he lie in manger mean, who shall redeem the world from sin...
- 4 Lord, evermore to me be nigh, then shall my heart be filled with joy!

3. Love has come! \_\_\_\_\_ based on a French carol  
Sung by All



1. Love has come, a light in the dark - ness! Love shines  
2. Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is  
3. Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is



forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has  
God now a - sleep in the hay. See the glow in the  
life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with -



come to pro - claim it. Hear how their song of joy a -  
eyes of his moth - er. What is the name her heart is  
in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our hearts are



ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a Sav - ior!  
say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she whis - pers.  
seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christ - mas.



Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high!  
Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el!  
Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high!



Children are invited to join the procession to the creche – come to the library (side door)

Processional Hymn #83, vs 1-4 \_\_\_\_\_ O come, all ye faithful

1 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;

*Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

2 God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
only-begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain*

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain*

4 See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
we too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; *Refrain*

### Blessing of the Creche

*Priest* The Word was made flesh, Alleluia!

*People* **And dwelt among us, Alleluia!**

*Priest* Almighty God, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of your Son's sacred birth, so that all who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*Processional Hymn concludes:*

5 Child, for us sinners, poor and in the manger,  
we would embrace thee, with love and awe;  
who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

### Christmas Acclamation \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit;

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Presider* Light of life, you were born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children: Cleanse our hearts and grant us faith to see your presence among us daily, so that all creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in your way of peace. **Amen.**

Song of Praise, #96, vs 1, 2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Angels we have heard on high*

1 Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing through the night,  
and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?

What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Refrain*

Collect of the Day \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray, together.

*All* 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.

### *The Proclamation of the Word*

*Please be seated.*

The First Reading \_\_\_\_\_ *Isaiah 9:2-7*

*Reader* 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 **Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \***  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \***  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 **Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \***  
**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \***  
**bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \***  
**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;**  
**he will judge the peoples with equity."**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**  
**before the Lord when he comes, \***  
**when he comes to judge the earth.**
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_ Titus 2:11-14

*Reader* A reading from Paul's Letter to Titus.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn, #79, vs 1-3 \_\_\_\_\_ O little town of Bethlehem

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 How silently, how silently, the wondrous Gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

The Gospel Reading Please remain standing, as able \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Please be seated \_\_\_\_\_ The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams

Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the sermon.

**The Nicene Creed** *Please stand* \_\_\_\_\_

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.

**Prayers of the People** *Please kneel or stand, as able* \_\_\_\_\_

*Deacon* Gracious and loving God, in Jesus you have filled all humanity with your divine life: Hear our prayers of joy and thanksgiving as we offer our supplications to you, saying Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to God's people on earth.

*Intercessor* You have entrusted the Church with good news of great joy for all people: Inspire our witness, that we may spread the light of Jesus' love to all humanity. Bless those who lead us in ministries to the world, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Anne our Assisting Bishop, the clergy and lay leaders of our diocese and our parish. *Silence.*  
Glory to God in the highest heaven,

*People* **and peace to God's people on earth.**

*Intercessor* Let your power and compassion guide those who exercise authority on earth, that they may be servants of peace, bringing comfort and security to all who are most vulnerable. We remember especially the land of Jesus' birth, and the children of Gaza left homeless by war. Guide the leaders of the nations, especially Donald our President, Gretchen our Governor, and all who have been entrusted with power over others' welfare. *Silence.*  
Glory to God in the highest heaven,

*People* **and peace to God's people on earth.**

- Intercessor* Embrace with your protection all who are oppressed: refugees, migrants and displaced people, those threatened by war or deportation, and those in prison. *Silence.*  
*People* Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**
- Intercessor* Fill this community with hospitality and generosity, that we may care for one another and celebrate the joy of your presence in fragile humanity. We give you thanks for all the agencies who provide shelter, food, clothing and basic needs, in our name and with our support, to the poor and vulnerable among our neighbors. *Silence.*  
*People* Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**
- Intercessor* We entrust to your divine grace all who are on our Prayer List, and others we name aloud: *Names are invited.*  
 Bring them holy comfort and human caring in their time of need. *Silence.*  
*People* Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**
- Intercessor* We give thanks for shepherds, first responders, and all the vigilant who work while others sleep. Hear our gratitude for all the blessings in our lives, especially these: *Please add your own thanksgivings.*  
*People* Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**
- Intercessor* We bless you for the lives of people we love, who died and now dwell with you in heaven; especially those in whose memory our Christmas flowers were given, and all whose absence from our homes and our church is felt deeply tonight. We lift up those we carry in our hearts: *Names are invited.*  
 May we join them at length, with all your saints, in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.*  
*People* Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
**and peace to God's people on earth.**
- Presider* Loving God, the joyful message of the angels fills us with gladness as we celebrate the coming of the Christ-child to live in great humility among us: Give us grace to treasure the words of your Son, ponder them in our hearts, and continue the miracle of Incarnation in our own lives; we ask through Jesus our Savior, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin** \_\_\_\_\_

- Deacon* Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us remember and confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(silence, kneeling as able)*
- All* **Gracious God: In Christ Jesus you came among us as light shining in the darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light, to honor it in others and in ourselves. Forgive us our sins of thought, word and deed; and renew us with hope, so that we may live in peace with you and one another; we ask in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## Absolution

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Welcome and Announcements

**Offertory Sentence** *is said by the priest.*

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**Offertory Anthem** \_\_\_\_\_ *The Infant King, Basque Noel*

**Doxology** *Please stand as our gifts are brought to the altar* \_\_\_\_\_ *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

**Eucharistic Prayer "A"** *Please remain standing, as able* \_\_\_\_\_

*Celebrant*                      *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant*                      *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Priest* 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:



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.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people may remain standing or may kneel*

*Priest* 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:

*All*



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

*Priest*

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!**

*All* 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows* \_\_\_\_\_

At the Fraction \_\_\_\_\_

Al - le - lu - ia, Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

**An Invitation to Communion** is said by the clergy \_\_\_\_\_ source: Iona Community

*Priest* So come and share in this banquet: You have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*Deacon* These are the gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

**The Communion** Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. ***All are welcome*** but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Today we are blessing gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.

## Carols during Communion

*Infant holy, Infant lowly*

*a Polish carol*



1. In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For his bed a  
2. Flocks were sleep - ing; Shep-herds, keep - ing Vig - il till the



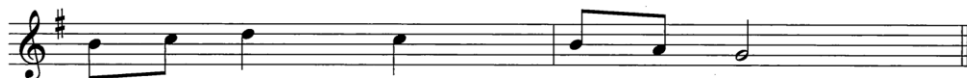
cat - tle stall; Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing  
morn - ing new, Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry,



Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are wing - ing  
Tid - ings of a gos - pel true. Thus re - joic - ing,



An - gels sing - ing, No - els ring - ing, Tid - ings bring - ing:  
Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing, Greet the mor - row:



Christ the babe is Lord of all!  
Christ the babe was born for you!

What child is this? \_\_\_\_\_ Hymn #115, an English carol

- 1 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?

*Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

- 2 Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain*
- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain*

Away in a manger \_\_\_\_\_ an English carol

- 1 Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- 3 Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever, and love me I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

*Light for our individual candles will be passed, as we finish sharing Holy Communion.*

**Prayer after Communion** *Please stand or kneel, as able* \_\_\_\_\_

*Priest* Let us pray.

*All* Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Candle-light Meditation,** *kneeling as able* \_\_\_\_\_

Silent night, holy night \_\_\_\_\_ a German carol

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.

**The Christmas Blessing,** *following a silence*

*Priest* May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**The Sending Out**

Sending Out Hymn #100 \_\_\_\_\_ Joy to the world!

- 1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing...
- 2 Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy...
- 3 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...
- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love...

**Sending Out** *The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:*  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wishing you every blessing this Christmas!**

*Please join us again. Sunday Services, In-Person and on YouTube @ 10:30 am  
We offer "Godly Play" for kids twice/month at 10:30 am (resuming January 4)  
and Adult Formation at 9:30 am (resuming January 11)*

### Ministers of the Liturgy tonight

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| <i>Presider</i>         | The Rev. Susan A Williams  | <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Chalice</i> | Dave Rayner                                  |
| <i>Priest assisting</i> | The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz   | <i>Reader</i>                 | The Rev. Bill McDonald                       |
| <i>Deacon</i>           | The Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco | <i>Prayers</i>                | Katie Young                                  |
| <i>Choir Director</i>   | Katie Young                | <i>Ushers</i>                 | Charlie Johnston, Nancy Day,<br>Lynne Ronthi |
| <i>Organist</i>         | Marlene Weston             | <i>Altar Guild</i>            | Everyone                                     |
| <i>Guitar</i>           | Kris Forsyth               |                               |  |
| <i>Euch. Minister</i>   | Lynn Hopper                |                               |  |

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