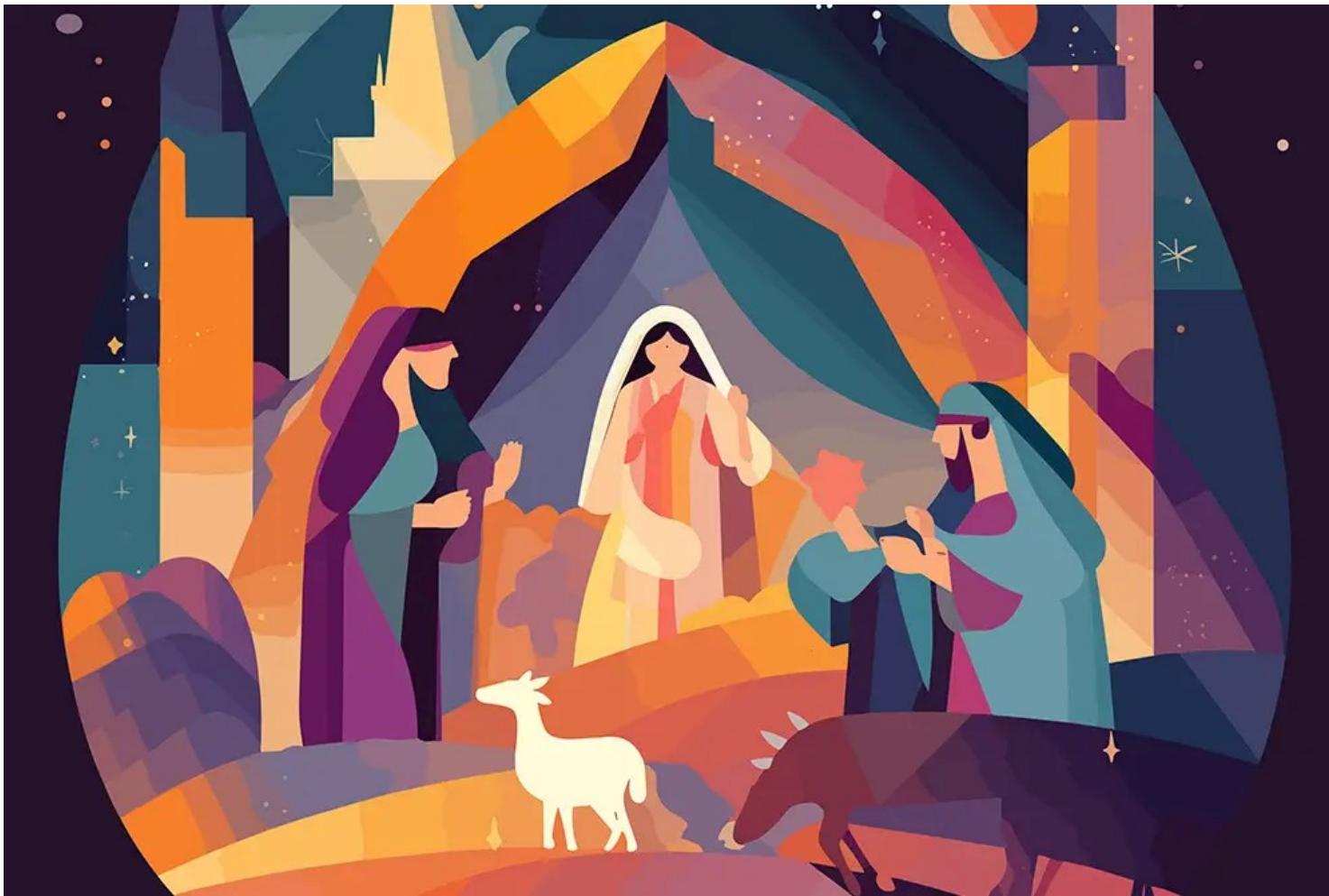


The First Sunday after Christmas

December 28, 2025

Gathering Music "He is Born" (VU#50)

Welcome



Announcements





Lighting the Christ Candle

Dear God, as we light this Christ candle, may its flame symbolize the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that you bring into our lives. With hearts filled with anticipation, we prepare to welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, into our hearts and homes. May you bless our time of reflection during this sacred season. Amen.

Prelude

“In the Bleak Midwinter”



Call to Worship

What a past year this has been!

So much has happened; some wonderful and some very challenging.

In all of this, God journeyed with us, guiding, healing, comforting, and rejoicing.

We are filled with gratitude for God's presence with us. Today we are on the precipice of a new year.

In all that is to come, we commit to trusting in God's love. Together, we walk into this future as a faithful community of generosity, compassion, and joyfulness.

Amen.

Hymn VU # 48

“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

1 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 !'

Refrain **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 a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel !

Refrain **Hark ! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King !'**

3

Hail, the heavenborn Prince of Peace !
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness !
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
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.

Refrain **Hark ! the herald angels sing,
'Glory to the newborn King !'**

New Year Eve Prayer and Assurance

God of past, present, and future, we give thanks for the gift of gathering to worship, singing, praying, and hearing how you lead us toward a faith-filled future.

At the end of each year, we reflect on all that has been experienced in our lives, moments of joy and wonder, times of anxiety and confusion. Throughout it all we are grateful for your covenantal love and guidance.



In this new year upon us we ask your continued presence as we strive to live out the Good News of Jesus Christ, to comfort the lonely, attend to the suffering, welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, and speak for those whose voices are being ignored. Amen.

Sisters and Brothers: hear this Good News and live into the promise that you are forgiven. We are now free to create something new! Let us commit ourselves to being open, generous, inviting, and always seeking the faithful path before us.

Thanks be to God!



Time with the Young People

By Yun-Hee

**Children's Song VU # 69 "Away
in a Manger" (v.1)**

Away in a manger, no crib for a 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.

(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)

The Scriptures

First Reading

*read by Dennis
Isaiah 63:7 – 9*

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us— yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses. He said, “Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me”; and so he became their Savior. In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them. In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

Second Reading

Matthew 2:13 – 23

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.” When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: “A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.” After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there.

Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

**Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
We give thanks for inspiration.**





Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee





Hymn VU # 73 "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

1 The virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
the virgin Mary had a baby boy,
and they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh, yes ! believer ! Oh, yes ! believer !
He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious Kingdom.

2

The angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born,
the angels sang when the baby was born,
and they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain

He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh, yes ! believer ! Oh, yes ! believer !
He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious Kingdom.

3

The shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born,
the shepherds came where the baby was born,
and they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain

He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom.
He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious kingdom.
Oh, yes ! believer ! Oh, yes ! believer !
He come from the glory, (clap, clap)
he come from the glorious Kingdom.

Prayers of the People

God of all time, help us enter the New Year quietly, thoughtful of who we are to ourselves and to others, mindful that our steps make an impact and our words carry power. May we walk gently. May we speak only after we have listened well.

Creator of all life, help us enter the New Year reverently, aware that you have endowed every creature and plant, every person and habitat with beauty and purpose.

**May we regard the world with tenderness.
May we honour rather than destroy.**

We Pray...

For healing...

For strength...

For vision....

For transformation...

For messengers and messages...

For community....

For acceptance -

For making room at our tables...

For Truth-seeking...

For support...

For an abundance of generosity...

Loving God, help us enter the New Year joyfully, willing to laugh and dance and dream, remembering our many gifts with thanks and looking forward to how we can use them to be a blessing.

We offer these and all our prayers in the name of the One who will walk with us upon the journey of this New Year.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer VU#960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd 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.

We Offer Our Gifts

Musical Offering VU# 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully



Offering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, bless now these gifts.
With your Blessings, we transform lives, inspire
meaning and purpose, and build a better world.
O God, may you remind us that in giving freely as
you do, we embody your own self-giving nature.
Thanks be to you. Amen

Hymn VU# 55

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

1

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2

**Our God, Heaven cannot hold him, nor Earth sustain;
Heaven and Earth shall flee away when he comes to
reign;**
**in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.**

3

Enough for him, whom cherubim worship night and day,

a breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay.

Enough for him, whom angels fall down before,
the ox and ass and camel which adore.

4

What can I give him, poor as I am ?

**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

Blessing

Let us go and magnify the Lord with our joy in the true blessings of Christmas.

Through the Birth of Jesus and the teachings he gave for faithful living, we have an eternal lifelong friend in whom we can trust, a friend who goes with us from this place, a friend who is God – With – Us.

Amen.





Commissioning “Go Now in Peace”

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every
day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong and
true.*

*Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.*

*Reach out to others so all the world can
see.*

*God will be there within, around,
above.*

*Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.*



Postlude

Silence



**God, we thank you for being with us.
Thank you Congregation for worshipping today in
person and by Zoom !**



See you in 2026 !