



*December 24, 2020*  
*7:00 p.m.*



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## OUR MISSION AND VISION

*Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor.*

*Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together,  
serves together, and grows together in faith.*

## VISITING TODAY?

*If this is your first time worshipping with us, we hope you will feel welcome.  
If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by phone or email.  
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# Christmas Eve

Worship – 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2020

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**Prelude**                      *Medley of Carols*      Sean Michael McDonald, organ

**Prelude**                      *The First Noel*                      Sanford Wind Quartet

## Welcome & Announcements

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**                      Rev. Jonathan Fettig and  
Rev. Rose Sparrow

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;                      *Psalm 96*

**let all creation sing for joy at the coming of the Lord.**

The Lord of hosts is coming to restore us;                      *Psalm 80*  
God's face will shine, and we will be saved.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;                      *Psalm 85*  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

When the Lord restores our lives,                      *Psalm 126*  
we will be like those who dream; those who sow in tears will  
reap with shouts of joy.

We will sing of God's steadfast love forever;                      *Psalm 89*  
we will proclaim the faithfulness of the Lord to all generations.

Sing the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. *Psalm 98*  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy to the upright in heart. *Psalm 97*  
**Rejoice in the Lord! Give thanks to God's holy name.**

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest!

**All: Allelueia! Amen!**

## Hymn

## *O Come All Ye Faithful*

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!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing! [Refrain]

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation!  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all  
Glory in the highest! [Refrain]

**First Reading:** *Psalm 96*

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## Hymn

## *Away in a Manger*

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 cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes,  
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.

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.

**Second Reading:** *Titus 2:11-14*

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**Hymn**      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

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 the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.

Hail the heaven-born 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.

**Pastoral Prayer**

*Pastor Rose Sparrow*

**Choral Offering**

*Nativity Carol*

*John Rutter*

**The Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 1-20**

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**Sermon**

*A Quiet Nativity*

*Rev. Jonathan Fettig*

**Invitation to Stewardship**

**Choral Offering**

*Still, Still, Still*

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Candle Lighting**

**Carol #60** *(All)*

*Silent Night*

STILLE NACHT

As we sing, the Pastors will light their candles from the Christ candle at the center of the Advent wreath and may share the flame with others present in the sanctuary. We invite you to light a candle at home as well as we sing:

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!  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!"

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.

Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

**(please blow out your candle.)**

**Closing Song**      *Joy to the World (We Receive Your Joy)*

**\* Benediction**

**\* Postlude**                      *Joy to the World*  
Sean Michael McDonald, Organ

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**Leading worship this evening...**

Rev. Jonathan Fettig, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Rose Sparrow, *Parish Associate*

Elder Ed Ardis, *Worship Leader*

Sebastian Carpenter, *Director of Contemporary Music, Interim Dir. of Youth*

Lisa VanHeldorf, *Choir Director*

Sean Michael McDonald, *Organist*

*A special thanks to the Sanford Wind Quartet featuring Karen (flute), Chad (trombone), Grace (baritone) and Owen (trumpet) for sharing your musical gifts with us!*

## Small Group Questions

Luke 2: 1-20

### **Questions to ponder as we get to know a little about each other:**

- What is one way your hometown is different now than when you grew up? Is it still home to you? Why or why not?
- When does your Christmas tree go up? Who trims it? How? What other traditions do you observe from childhood?

### **Questions to help us dig into the Scripture:**

- In light of the promises of 1:30-35, how might Mary feel as she awaits delivery in a stable? How does this tie into God's plan (Mic 5:2)?
- How does the shepherds' experience with the angels compare to that of Zechariah (1:8-9) and Mary (1:26-27)?
- Of all the people the angels could have visited, why did God send them to the shepherds? How does that relate to Mary's song (1:46-55)?

### **Questions to help us apply the Scripture to our own life, to take personal inventory and share with the group what you are going to do as a result:**

- How did God take your "hopeless situation" and use it for good? What does that teach you?
- God appeared to Zechariah, Mary and the shepherds when they were just being themselves. What does that imply about what it means to be "spiritual"? How has God spoken to you in the ordinary flow of life?
- What precious event has God done that you "treasure in your heart"?



# POINSETTIAS



## GIVEN BY:

Brian and Eileen McLaughlin

Joe and Sue Hare

Jean and Mark Furey

Ashley Lucas

## DEDICATION:

To the Frontline Medical Workers caring for the sick.

To the Glory of God!

In memory of our parents Marita and Richard lake and Teresa and Donald Furey

Thank you to Pastor Jonathan & Pastor Rose for their leadership, love of the Lord, and continual prayers.