



CHRISTMAS
EVE OF THE NATIVITY
LESSONS & CAROLS



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and bringing people to new life in Jesus Christ.*



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Christmas Carols

You may remain seated until the reading of John's Gospel

Carol I Hear A Sound

(Verse 1)

I hear a sound coming from mountain
I hear it louder each day
I hear a sound coming from mountain
and it says Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

(Verse 2)

I see the King standing on mountain
I see him clearer each day
I see the King standing on mountain
and He says Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Carol How Many Kings

(Verse 1)

Follow the star to a place unexpected
Would you believe, after all we've projected,
A child in a manger?
Lowly and small, the weakest of all
Unlikeliest hero, wrapped in his mother's shawl
Just a child
Is this who we've waited for? 'cause

(Chorus)

*How many kings step down from their thrones?
How many lords have abandoned their homes?
How many greats have become the least for me?
And how many gods have poured out their hearts
To romance a world that is torn all apart
How many fathers gave up their sons for me?*

(Verse 2)

Bringing our gifts for the newborn Savior
All that we have, whether costly or meek
Because we believe.
Gold for his honor,
and frankincense for his pleasure
And myrrh for the cross he will suffer
Do you believe?
Is this who we've waited for?
(repeat chorus)

(ending)

Only one did that for me
All for me, All for you *(repeat line 3x)*
(repeat chorus)
(repeat ending 1x)

Carol It Came Upon The Midnight Clear *(continued on next page)*

(Verse 1)

It came upon the midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth good will to men
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing

(Verse 2)

Still thro' the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing

Carol It Came Upon The Midnight Clear *(continued)*

(Verse 3)

And ye beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow
Look now for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing

(Verse 4)

For lo the days are hastening on
By prophet bards foretold
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendors fling
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing

Carol God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Verse 1)

God rest ye merry gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day
To save us all from Satan's pow'r
When we were gone astray

(Chorus)

O tidings of comfort and joy
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy

(Verse 2)

From God our heavenly Father
A blessed angel came
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name

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(Verse 3)

Fear not then said the angel
Let nothing you affright
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure virgin bright
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's pow'r and might

(Verse 4)

Now to the Lord sing praises
All you within this place
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface

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Lessons & Carols Service

Lighting of Advent Wreath *(As the candles are lit, we quiet ourselves and prepare for worship.)*

Processional Song **Angels From The Realms of Glory**

(Verse 1)

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

(Verse 2)

Shepherds in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night;
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

(Verse 3)

Sages, leave your contemplation's,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

(Verse 4)

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

First Lesson **Isaiah 40: 1-11** *read by Karen Dielman*

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every 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. ⁵ And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. ⁹ Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" ¹⁰ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Carol **Hark The Herold Angels Sing** *(continued on next page)*

(Verse 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 th'angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

(Verse 2)

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 th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Carol

Hark The Herold Angels Sing *(continued)*

(Verse 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 man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

Second Lesson Isaiah 7:10-15 *read by Lou Zako*

¹⁰ Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³ And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Carol

Away In A Manger

(Verse 1)

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

(Verse 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 cradle 'til morning is nigh

(Verse 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

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Third Lesson Hebrews 1:1-12 *read Maryjane Zako*

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵ For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"? ⁶ And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." ⁷ Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire." ⁸ But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. ⁹ You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

¹⁰ And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

Carol The First Noel

(Verse 1)

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay
keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night
that was so deep

(chorus 1)

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

(Verse 2)

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 3)

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 4)

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay
(repeat chorus)

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All Stand

Fourth Lesson John 1: 1-18 *read by Erika Dielman*

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Carol

Angels We Have Heard On High

(Verse 1)

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains

(chorus)

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

(Verse 2)

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
Say what may these tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 3)

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 4)

See within a manger laid
Jesus Lord of heav'n and earth
Mary Joseph lend your aid
With us sing our Savior's birth
(repeat chorus)

The Christmas Story *read by Wally Stansbury*

Carol

What Child Is This

(Verse 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
This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary

(Verse 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
Nails spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me for you
Hail hail the Word made flesh
The Babe the Son of Mary

(Verse 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
Raise raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary

Homily

The Rev. Michael J. Bridge

Carol

O Come All Ye Faithful

(Verse 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

(chorus)

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

(Verse 2)

Sing choirs of angels
Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright
Hosts of heav'n above

Glory to God

All glory in the highest
(repeat chorus)

(Verse 3)

Yea Lord we greet Thee
Born this happy morning
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
(repeat chorus)

Peace

Please stand

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with your spirit..** *Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Offertory *page 149*

Celebrant: Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said "It is more blessed to give than to receive." *Acts 20:35*

Offertory Song ○ Little Town of Bethlehem

(Verse 1)

○ 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

(Verse 2)

For Christ is born of Mary
And gathered all above
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love
○ morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth

(Verse 3)

How silently how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n
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

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Doxology

Please stand as the offering is brought forward

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

Offertory Prayer *page 131*

Celebrant: Yours, ○ Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, ○ Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, ○ Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.** *1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

The Sacrament of Holy Communion *page 132 (152)*

Please remain standing, if you are able to do so.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **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.**

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary his mother, was made truly

man, yet without the stain of sin, that we might be cleansed from sin and given the right 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:

All Sing: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration *page 132-134*

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become, subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in 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, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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.**

Lord's Prayer *Prayed together page 134*

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Minister: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Prayer of Humble Access *page 135*

All Pray: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not

worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. **Amen**

Holy Communion *page 136*

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. *John 1:29, Revelation 19:9*

We invite all baptized Christians to join in Holy Communion. The ushers will guide you forward where you may receive Communion. The celebrant will offer you bread then a chalice bearer will offer you wine. Should you prefer not to drink from the cup, you may dip the bread into the chalice. If there is a reason you do not want to take bread or wine, you may remain seated or you are welcome to come to the front, to the left of the Communion service, where a member of our prayer team is available to quietly pray with and for you.

Communion Carol Little Drummer Boy

(Verse 1)

Come they told me
Pa rum pum pum pum
A new born king to see
Pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring
Pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the king
Pa rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum,
Rum pum pum pum
So to honor him
Pa rum pum pum pum
When we come

(Verse 2)

Little baby
Pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too
Pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring
Pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give our King
Pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum
Shall I play for you
Pa rum pum pum pum
On my drum

(Verse 3)

Mary nodded
Pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time
Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him
Pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for Him
Pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum
Then He smiled at me
Pa rum pum pum pum
Me and my drum

Post-Communion Prayer *Prayed together page 137*

Let us pray: **Heavenly Father, We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing *page 137*

Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Light Candles

Recessional Carol Joy To The World

(Verse 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
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and heaven
And nature sing

(Verse 2)

Joy to the world The Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

(Verse 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
Far as the curse is found
Far as far as the curse is found

(Verse 4)

He rules the world With truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders wonders of His love

Dismissal Carol Silent Night (lights out)

(Verse 1) Children's Choir Sings

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

(Verse 2) Congregation joins singing

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
Christ the Saviour is born

(Verse 3)

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from the holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVING SCHEDULE:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman
Music: Ferd Dielman & Wes Ostrander
1st Reading: Karen Dielman
2nd Reading: Lou Zako
3rd Reading: Maryjane Zako
4th Reading: Erika Dielman

Christmas Story Reading: Wally Stansbury
Lay Minister: Howard Bates
Usher: Dan Wandrie
Greeters: Taylor & Rocky
Children's Choir Leader: Taylor DuBois



Christmas Altar Flower Tributes



Howard & Lacy Bates

In Memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Gibson

Howard & Lacy Bates

With thanksgiving
for Family

George & Carol Bowman

In Memory of
Don & Edith Magnard

George & Carol Bowman

In Memory of
Ralph & Gertrude Bowman

Bill & Linda Knapp

With Thanksgiving for our
beloved family & friends

Wes & Liz Ostrander

In Memory of
Burl Ostrander

Wes & Liz Ostrander

In Memory of
John & Marjorie Case

Wally & Betty Stansbury

In thanksgiving for the Lord
being in Betty's and my life
and coming to mankind in
the person of Jesus.

Dan & Darlene Wandrie

In Memory of
James Wandrie

Dan & Darlene Wandrie

In Memory of
George Ellison, Jr.

Lou & Mary Jane Zako

With Thanksgiving for our
son Rob & daughter-in-law
Kayleen & their new home



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 esv