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Christmas Carols

You may remain seated until the reading of Luke's Gospel 2:1-20

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 **Genesis 2:4-9 & 15-25** *read by Bonnie Bridge*

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground,⁶ and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.⁸And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed.⁹And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”¹⁸Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”¹⁹Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh.²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Carol

Hark The Herald 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 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

(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

Second Lesson Genesis 3:1-23 *read by Connie Woods*

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your

head, and you shall bruise his heel.”¹⁶ To the woman he said, “I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.”¹⁷ And to Adam he said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; 18 thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”²⁰ The man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.²¹ And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.²² Then the Lord God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—”²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken .

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 Isaiah 40:1-11 *read by Elmer Denniston*

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 Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with 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 The First Noel *(continued)*

(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)

Noel Noel Noel Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Carol

The First Noel *(continued)*

(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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Fourth Lesson Isaiah 7: 10-15 *read by Howard Bates*

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

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)

Fifth Lesson Luke 1:26-56 *read by Gretchen Lucky*

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” ²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there

will be no end.”³⁴ And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”³⁵ And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.”³⁶ And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren.³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.”³⁸ And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.³⁹ In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah,⁴⁰ and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.⁴¹ And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,⁴² and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!⁴³ And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me?⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord,⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,⁴⁸ for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;⁴⁹ for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.⁵⁰ And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;⁵² he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate;⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,⁵⁵ as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”⁵⁶ And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

Sixth Lesson **Luke 1:57-80** *read by Toni DuBois*

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.⁵⁸ And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.⁵⁹ And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father,⁶⁰ but his mother answered, “No; he shall be called John.”⁶¹ And they said to her, “None of your relatives is called by this name.”⁶² And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called.⁶³ And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And they all wondered.⁶⁴ And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God.⁶⁵ And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea,⁶⁶ and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, “What then will this child be?” For the hand of the Lord was with him.⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”⁸⁰ And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Seventh Lesson Luke 2:1-20 read by Dan Wandrie

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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

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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 O Little Town of Bethlehem

(Verse 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

(Verse 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

(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, O 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, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O 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)

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)

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**

THE SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

We have now entered the season of Advent. Awaiting the coming of the Messiah, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. The color has been changed to purple and will change to white Christmas Eve, His coming. The Advent wreath is standing in the nave. Four candles, three purple and one pink, in the center the Christ candle, all surrounded by evergreens. Each Sunday a candle is lit representing Peace, Love, Joy, and Hope. As we reflect, let us not forget...Jesus is the reason for the season. Our most treasured gift from a Father who loves us. Merry Christmas.

WARNING NOTICE:

- DUE TO FALLING ICE - PLEASE DO NOT WALK OR PARK WITHIN 6 FEET OF THE OUTER SIDES OF THE SANCTUARY BUILDING IN THE WINTER/EARLY SPRING. WHENEVER IT WARMS UP AT ALL THE ICE FALLS OFF THIS VERY HIGH ROOF IN LARGE CHUNKS. PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS AND WARN OTHERS. THANK YOU.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **ACTIVATE THE PRAYER CHAIN** please contact Ron Davis at 231-330-6355 or e-mail rsdavisgr@gmail.com or any member of the Prayer Chain Ministry. If you would like to be part of New Life's Prayer Chain please contact Ron.
- **FR. MIKE'S OFFICE HOURS** – Tuesdays 1–5pm, Wednesdays 2-5pm & Thursdays 9:30am – 1pm

INREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MEALS FOR SICK, HOME BOUND OR ANY NEED** are being put in the freezer in Blanz Hall. 3 small casseroles are in there ready to be taken whenever the need arises. Everyone is able to take these meals and no one is actually "in charge" of this. These need to be taken and used by anyone that sees or has a need. Feel free to put any extra casseroles, soup, etc in the freezer if you have some. Contact Gretchen Lucky 231-622-2057 if you need a meal delivered.

OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING** – in lg classroom during coffee hour on the second Sunday of the month.
- **FREE MEN'S CLOTHING CLOSET** – Open by appointment contact Gretchen Lucky 231-622-2057
- **WINTER COAT / SNOWSUIT DISTRIBUTION** – We are going to try to have a winter coat/snowsuit distribution for the clothing closet in November IF we get enough coats/snowsuits/etc. All ages and genders. Bring in whatever you have and leave them in the large downstairs classroom. We will get it organized. (Help is always welcome!)

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP GATHERING** – Will resume in the new year. Thursday evenings at 6:30pm in the annex's lg classroom. Come and join us for a time of fun and fellowship.
- **WHAT'S UP NEXT** – Women's Bible Study, "Biblical Forgiveness", beginning mid January.

MEN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST** – Tuesdays at 8:30am for food and fellowship at J.W. Filmore's.
- **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** – Wednesdays at 10:30am at the Davis Home
- **MEN'S MINISTRY PROGRAM** – Our next meeting is Thursday, January 25th and will be hosted by TBD. Our meetings will include fellowship 5:30 – 6:30p.m., dinner 6:30 – 7:30p.m. and a short teaching 7:30 – 8:00 p.m. I hope you will join us. Bring your own beverage of choice and a friend.

MEETING & EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEW LIFE 'S ANNUAL MEETING** is Sunday, January 22, 2022 after the morning worship service.
- **GET OUT AND GET MOVING!** – This is the funnest fellowship opportunity ever! **BOWLING, PIZZA & LASER TAG TOO!!!** @ Northern Lights - December (date to be decided) from 6-8pm
- **THURSDAY MORNING PRAYER** – Every Thursday at 8:30 am in Fr Mike's Office. All are welcome

- **THE BOOK OF ACTS – WEDNESDAY EVENINGS** – Resumes January 4th – we will be meeting each week for Pizza & Salad Dinner at 6pm followed by the study at 6:30pm in Blanz Hall.

THIS WEEK AT NEW LIFE *(Unless otherwise indicated, all events are at the church)*

Saturday 12/24	6:30pm	Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Service
Sunday 12/25	9:55 am	<i>Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection</i>
	10:00am	Sunday Service - The Rev. Michael J. Bridge
		No Coffee Hour ~ Merry Christmas!
Tuesday 12/27	8:30am	Men's Breakfast at J.W. Filmore's
Thursday 12/29	8:30am	Morning Prayer - in Fr. Mike's Office
Sunday 1/1	9:55 am	<i>Announcements followed by Quiet Reflection</i>
	10:00am	Sunday Service - The Rev. Michael J. Bridge
		<i>After Service ~ Coffee Hour ~ downstairs in Blanz Hall</i>

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVING SCHEDULE:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman	5th Reading: Gretchen Lucky
Music: Ferd Dielman & Wes Ostrander	6th Reading: Toni DuBois
1st Reading: Bonnie Bridge	7th Reading: Dan Wandrie
2nd Reading: Connie Woods	Lay Minister: Howard Bates
3rd Reading: Elmer Dennison	Usher: Dan Wandrie
4th Reading: Howard Bates	Greeter: Taylor DuBois

CHRISTMAS DAY & NEW YEARS DAY SERVING SCHEDULES:

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman
 Music: Ferd & Wes
 Lector: Dan Wandrie
 Lay Minister: Howard Bates
 Usher/Counter: Dan W. / TBD
 Greeter: Taylor DuBois
 Coffee Hour: N/A

NEW YEARS DAY, JANUARY 1:

Altar Guild: Karen Dielman
 Music: Ferd & Wes
 Lector: Karen Dielman
 Lay Minister: Erika Dielman
 Usher/Counter: Dylan W./ Don L.
 Greeter: Sally Stump
 Coffee Hour: The DuBois

If You Are Visiting For The First Time

We welcome you, and we pray you will encounter the Lord in this place.
 If you have any special needs, please tell one of our greeters or ushers. One is usually seated at the back of the room during the service.
 Bathrooms are at the bottom of the stairs: the ladies' room is to the right; the men's room is down the hallway on the left.
 We invite you to sign our guest book.
 If you need additional prayer after services, please ask someone on the prayer team.
 If you would like to learn more about New Life, please let us know.
 We pray God will bless your day, and we hope to see you here next Sunday.



Christmas Altar Flower Tributes



George & Carol Bowman

In Memory of
Don & Edith Maynard

Gil & Sally Stump

In Memory of
Parents and Siblings

George & Carol Bowman

In Memory of
Ralph & Gertrude Bowman

Dan & Darlene Wandrie

In Memory of
George Ellison, Jr.

The Diekmans

In Memory of my sister
Lorraine Ilene

Dan & Darlene Wandrie

In Memory of
James Wandrie

R.C. McAlpin

In Memory of my
loving parents
Rod McAlpin and
Martha Blanchard
and my adorable stepmother
B'lee McAlpin

Lou & Mary Jane Zako

In Memory of our parents
Arnold and Winifred Soper
Robert and Jamilla Zako



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