

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
**7:00 PM CHRISTMAS MUSIC**  
**7:30 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2011**

Pre-Service Christmas Music (see insert)

† **WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP** †

Call to Worship: *“Fanfare for Christmas”*  
Chancel Choir

- M. Shaw

† **GATHERING** †

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

**Congregation: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**\*THE GATHERING SONG:**

**Hymn #283: “O Come, All Ye Faithful”**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

P: In the name of the Father,  
and of the † Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*Please stand if you are able

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (a brief silence is observed)

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done**

**and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**so that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God,

Jesus Christ was given to die for us,

and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,

and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you

the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

in the name of the Father,

and of the † Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

# GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.


# THE KYRIE



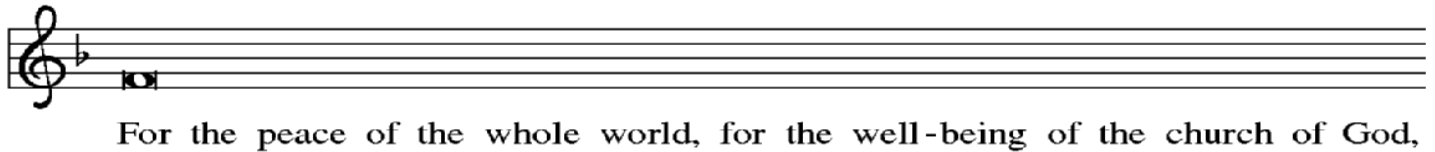
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



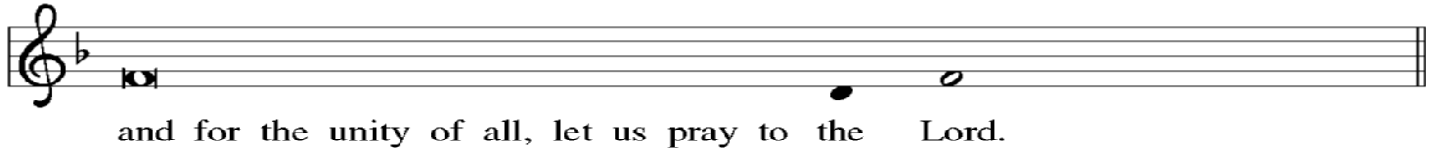
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



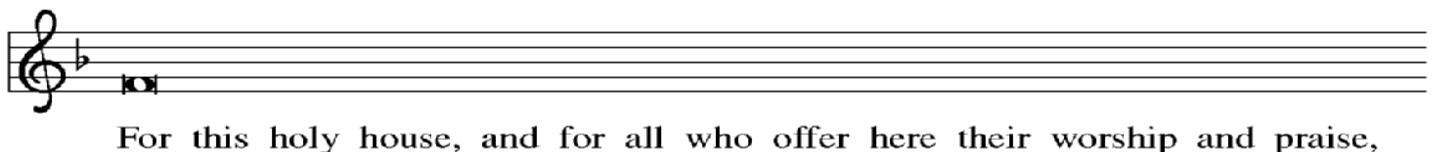
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



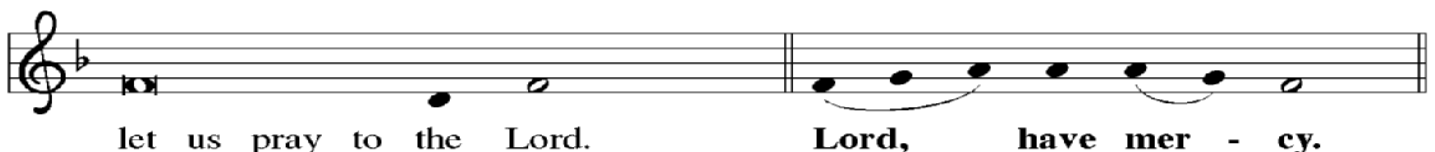
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



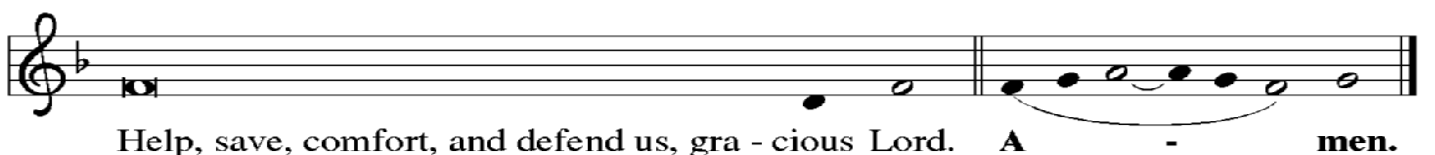
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

**\* THE HYMN OF PRAISE:**

Hymn #270: *“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”*

**\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**† GOD'S WORD †**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 9:2–7**

*L: A reading from Isaiah the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

<sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>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.

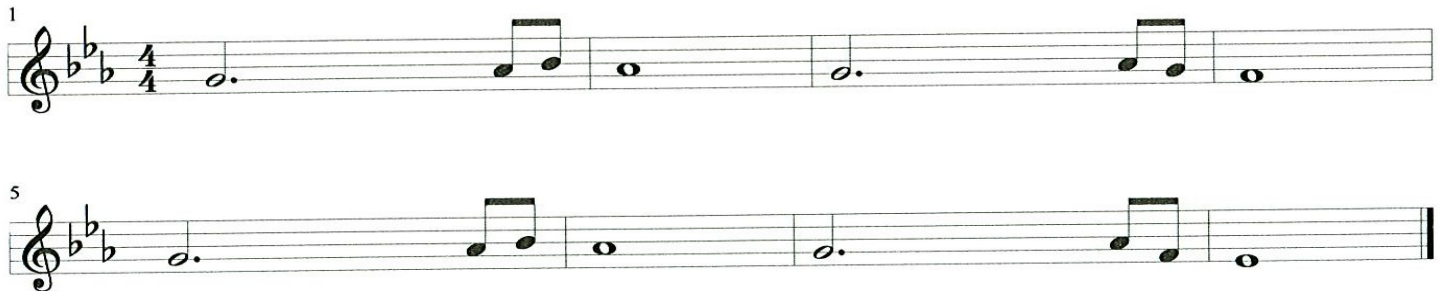
L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALMODY

(sung responsively)

## Psalm 96



<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD | a new song;  
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD bless the name | of the Lord  
proclaim His salvation from | day to day.

**<sup>3</sup>Declare His glory a- | mong the nations  
and His wonders a- | mong all peoples.**

**<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,  
more to be feared | than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;  
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.

**<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.**

**<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due His | holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;  
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!  
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will  
judge the peo- | ples with equity."

**<sup>11</sup>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.**

**<sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at your com- | ing, O LORD,  
for you come to | judge the earth.**

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peoples | with your truth.

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD | a new song;  
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.

## **SECOND READING**

**Titus 2:11–14**

*L: A reading from Titus the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.*

*The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity.  
Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope  
of our Savior's final appearance.*

<sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all,  
<sup>12</sup>training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the  
present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly,  
<sup>13</sup>while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the  
glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. <sup>14</sup>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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 2:1–12, 15-20**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

**\*\*<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying:**

**<sup>14</sup>Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest and peace on Earth, good will towards men.**

**\*\*“Glory to God” from “Messiah” – G. F. Handel  
(Chancel Choir)**

<sup>15</sup>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." <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



## **THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF 1861**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #288: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

### **\*THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### † We Offer to God †

#### **\*The Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** Filled with wonder and joy that God's gift of grace has been given in the Son born for us, let us pray for the church, the good creation, and the needs of all.

*A brief silence.*

**P:** Everlasting God, let your radiance shine forth and renew in your people an eager desire to proclaim the good news of salvation to those who still wait in darkness. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Creating God, on this blessed night the heavens and the earth rejoice. Make us ever mindful of our calling to be faithful stewards of all you have given us, so that generations to come may flourish and praise you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Peacemaking God, we pray for those nations where your peace does not yet reign (*especially*). Have mercy on our enemies, and

deliver those who are caught in cycles of violence. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Wonderful Counselor, shelter those who seek refuge and safety but find no welcome. Help those who are homeless, hungry, unemployed, without health care, and all who are in any need or distress (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Mighty God, watch over those who travel to join loved ones, and those who are lonely or grieving. Bless all who seek you, and open our hearts to receive the gift of your love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We give thanks for the faithful who treasured the gospel in lives of witness and service. We wait in hope to join the multitude of the heavenly hosts in praising and glorifying you forever. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into the manger of your love, holy God, we lay our prayers, trusting in your promise made known to us in Jesus the Christ, our brother and Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**\*THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**ORGAN OFFERTORY: “In Dulci Jubilo”**

– J.S. Bach

Tune of Hymn of the Day

**\*OFFERING HYMN #295: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten”**

Stanza 1 only with “Amen”

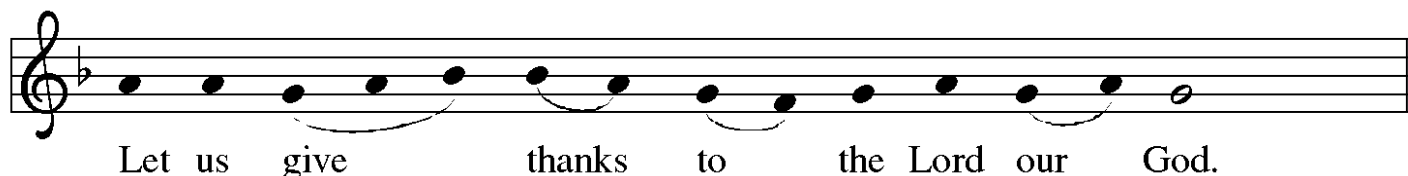
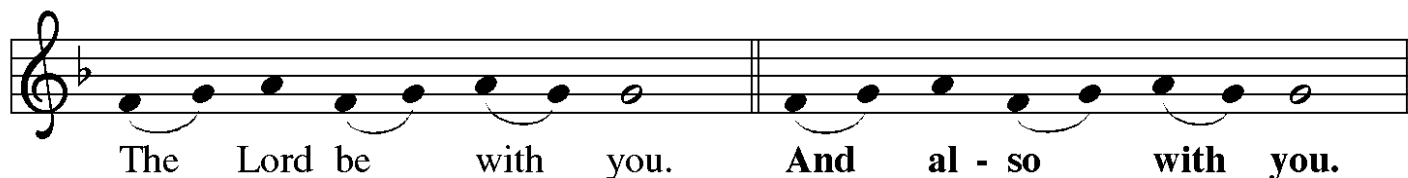
## \*OFFERING PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### † We Celebrate the Lord's Supper †

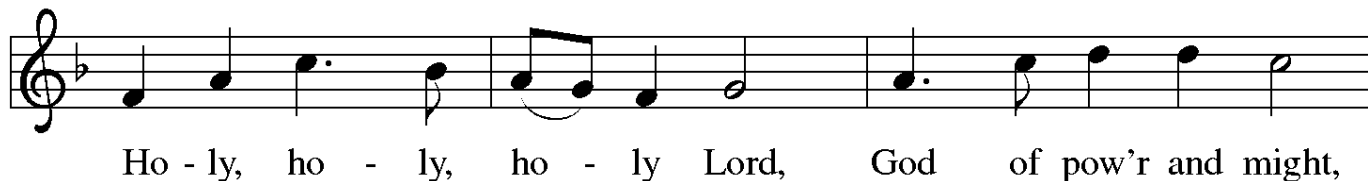
## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

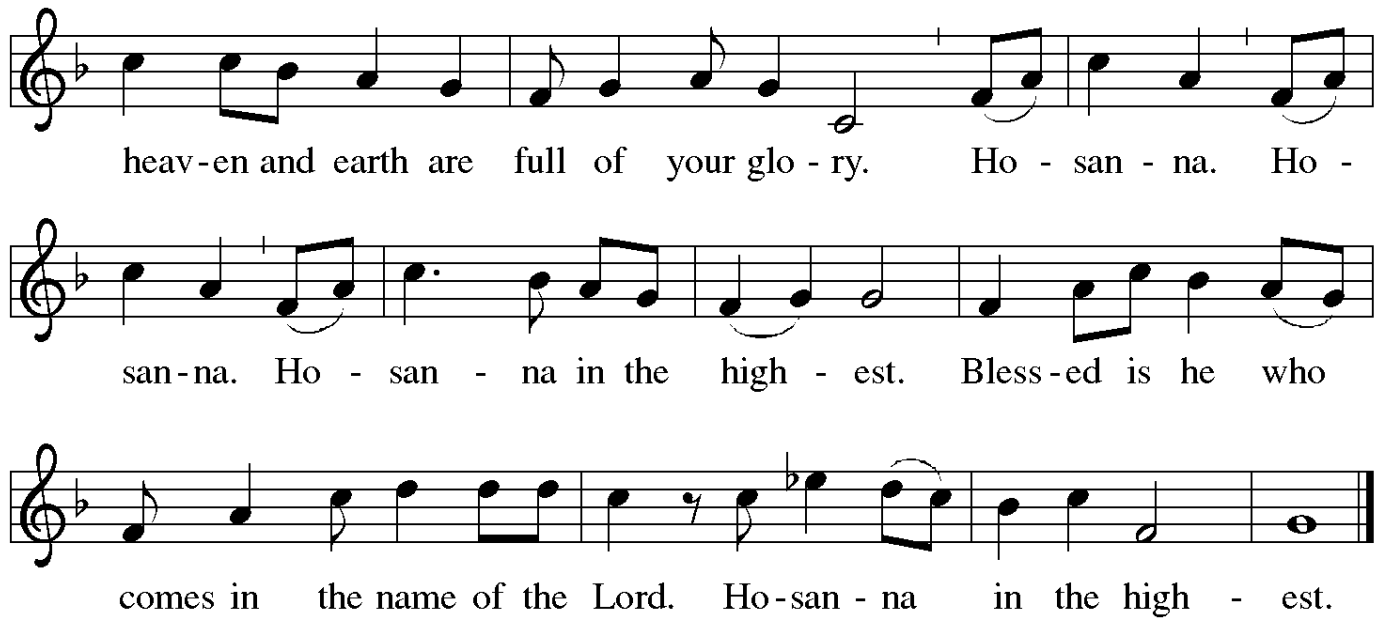


## \*THE PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....  
We praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*THE SANCTUS





heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!**

### \*TRADITIONAL LORD'S PRAYER

**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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

### **\*THE AGNUS DEI**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**All Baptized Christians Are Invited To Receive Holy  
Communion. We Ask Parents to Bring Their Non-  
communing Children with Them to the Communion Rail.  
Please Approach The Rail Using the Chancel. Please pick up  
an empty cup in the chancel. After Receiving Communion,  
Exit By Way Of The Side Door.**

During Communion

**Hymn 294:** *“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

**Hymn 289:** *“Angels We Have Heard on High”*

**Hymn 282:** *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”*

**Hymn 290:** *“Go Tell It on the Mountain”*

**Hymn 279:** *“O Little Town of Bethlehem”*

\*Post Communion Blessing

\*Post Communion Canticle: *“Joy to the World”*

**Hymn #267**

\*Post Communion Prayer

**P:** Let us pray.

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in his meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

**† WE LEAVE TO SERVE †**

**\*BENEDICTION AND BLESSING WITH SUNG "AMENS"**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (sung responsively)**

*“Silent Night” [Candle Lighting]*

**Hymn #281**

*Please remain in the pews while choir members light your candles. Pass the light on. For safety, when lighting, tilt the candles toward the lighted candle. Do not tilt lighted candles.*

**DISMISSAL**

Pastor: For unto us a Savior is born.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!!**

**POSTLUDE:**

- arr. D. Cherwien

*Variation on “Let Our Gladness Know No End”*

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Acolyte:** Gus Bar

**Crucifer:** Linda Weaver

**Candlebearer:** Pastor Tim Craven

**Communion Assistants:** Linda Weaver and Gail Harker

**Scripture Reader:** Scott Brubaker, Pat Rampolla

**Nursery:** OPEN

**Greeters:** Scott, Jen and Abigail Brubaker

**Ushers:** Kristi Leonhard (Head), Tess Freeman, Shari Weaver, Gail Harker, David Haldeman (alt.)

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**\*Welcome to all!** If you have come as a visitor, we hope that you'll leave as a friend who's been blessed by worshiping in this house of God. We encourage you to join us again.

**\*Hearing Assistance Units Are Available** for anyone who has difficulty hearing. Prior to worship, please contact an usher if you wish to use one of the units during worship.

**\*Worship Bags For Children** are available on the first pew in the back of the church. Please take one during worship. Just return the bag, crayons, and storybook – the rest can be kept. Thank you!

**\* If you have not filled in your communion card** for this year, please do so and turn it in.

**\* Offering Envelopes** for 2012 are in your mailboxes. Please call the office if you do not have envelopes but would like envelopes. Thank you!

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Mission Support

The church collection boxes are in the rear of the church. As you are able please prayerfully consider donating to Mission Support which helps people locally and around the world.



As we gather on this blessed eve of Christmas, may we sense the presence of the living Christ, whose glory has graced this beautiful earth.

## **OUR 150<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION**

***Narrator:*** Nancy Eberly

***Mother:*** Robin Barr

***Father:*** Oliver Craven

***Daughter:*** Abigail Brubaker

***Son:*** Hayden Leonhard

***Pastor:*** Pastor Tim Craven

***Mary:*** Meg Barr

***Joseph:*** Ryan Brubaker

*Thanks to Nancy Eberly for writing the script, to Gail Harker for making the costumes, to Butch Diamond of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (Reenacting Unit) for the Civil War uniform, and members of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee: Nancy Hain, Jessica Harting, Carl Tobias and Linda Weaver.*