

# welcome

## Saturday, December 24, 2022 – Nativity of our Lord

*In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to serve the light of Christ with the whole world.*

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## Gathering

Prelude and Bell

Welcome

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #283 (vs. 1-2)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

## Word

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Psalm 96

\* Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Children's Message

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" #279

Message

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" #295

## Meal

\* Offering

\* Offertory Prayer

\* Prayers

The Great Thanksgiving

Proper Preface

Words of Institution

\* The Lord's Prayer

Communion

*You are welcome to come to the altar to receive Holy Communion.*

*If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Just ask the server.*

Post Communion Prayer

## Sending

Lighting of the Candles

"Silent Night" #281

Litany

Blessing

"Joy to the World" #267

Dismissal

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# Poinsettia Garden



**In Memory of:**      **Given by:**

Arley & Naomi Lyseng      Deb & Dick Mahoney  
Don Mahoney

Jeri Stapes & Greg Stapes      Scott & Janell Staples

Alexandra Rose      Grandma Pam

Stan Ehlers      Doug & Sharon Ehlers

Bob Stevenson      Harriet Stevenson and family

Barbara Stevenson  
Shirley Tomlin  
Tom Tomlin

Art & Verna Hawkinson      Dick Hawkinson &  
Cheryl & Keith Hawkinson

Our parents, brothers & sisters      Ward & Carol Voorhees

Mom and Dad      Sherry Anderson

**In Honor of:**      **Given by:**

Family & Friends      Cheryl Higgins

Our children, grandchildren      Ward & Carol Voorhees  
and great-grandchildren



FOR UNTO US  
*a child is born*

— ISAIAH 9:6 —

## Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00pm & 9:00pm

*Thank you to those that purchased a poinsettia plant to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Plants can be picked up after our 9:00pm service this evening. Any remaining plants will be disposed of after January 3.*