

LUKE 2:15a: “When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another:”

(Luke 2:15b: by Kathy Wallace)

LUKE 2:16: “So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.”

HYMN: **HB #159, vv. 1-2:** “What Child Is This?”

(Luke 2:17-20: Final Narration by Pastor Janet)

MUSICAL Takeaway: “Go Tell It On the Mountain” *ensemble*

✠ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** “The Apostles’ Creed” *(unison)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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!

Go Out as God’s People in the World

✠ **Closing Hymn** **HB #154:** “Silent Night! Holy Night!” *(by candlelight)*

✠ **BENEDICTION:** *by Pastor Janet*

✠ **POSTLUDE** *by Tracy (Yu) Qian*

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Today’s Worship Leaders:

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Janet A. Hufford

Organist/Pianist: Tracy (Yu) Qian

Advent Candles: Frank & Betty Gieseck

Dramatic Readers: Emily Holland & Kathy Wallace

The Lord's Day Worship

December 24, 2021 – **Christmas Eve** - Worship, 11am

Assisted Listening Devices are available in the Sanctuary during Worship.

If you need instructions, please see the Greeter.

(Those not wanting to be seen on the **video recording**, please sit under the balcony.)

Hymnals: HB is "The Hymnbook" (burgundy) & HoF is "Hymns of Faith" (scarlet)

Gathering of God's People

After the chimes, please be in quiet reverence & silence cell phones.

3 RINGS OF THE CHIMES & STEEPLE BELLS

WELCOME by Pastor Janet

PRELUDE by Tracy (Yu) Qian

SPECIAL MUSIC: "O Holy Night" by Kathy Wallace

& LIGHTING ADVENT CANDLES: by Frank & Betty Gieseck

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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✠ **CALL TO WORSHIP:** John 1:1-5 (responsively):

In the beginning was the Word, and Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made, without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was all life, and that life the light of all mankind.

**The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

✠ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** (unison):

Forgive us, Jesus, when we live outside your light in the darkness.

Forgive us, when we do not follow you or live according to your

Word. Forgive us, when our behavior causes you grief. Forgive our sin.

(Pause in silent confession.)

✠ **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:** (responsively) John 3:16-18

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,

that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

✠ **GLORIA PATRI / RESPONSE:** (unison) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen, Amen.

Proclamation of & Response to God's Word (unison)

LUKE 2:1-4: "In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. So, Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David."

HYMN: HB #171 vv. 1&4: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

LUKE 2:5: "He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child."

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" by Tom Kimble

LUKE 2:6-7: "While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths, and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them."

HYMN: HB #157 vv. 1&2 "Away in a Manger"

LUKE 2:8-10a "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them:"

(Luke 2:10b-12: by Emily Holland)

HYMN: HB #169, vv. 1-4: "While Shepherds Watched"

LUKE 2:13: "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying:"

✠ **HYMN:** HB #169, v. 5 & 6: "While Shepherds Watched"