Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, December 24, 2022 4:00PM

Gathering Music ~ "Coventry Carol" (arr. Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

Welcome and Announcements ~ Jan Lapenta, liturgist

Prelude ~ "Carol of the Bells" (J.W. Krug)~ Celebration Ringers

"Light One Candle" (N. Sleeth) Lighting of the Christ Candle ~ The VanEck Family

Call to Worship ~ *responsive* Leader: Come and see the wondrous thing that the Lord has done!

People: Born this day, in the city of Bethlehem, is a Savior, Christ the Lord.

Leader: Tonight we celebrate that God brought hope, peace, joy and love into our world and lives.

People: Jesus our Helper, Redeemer, and friend has transformed all things in God's name. Amen!

*you are invited to stand in body or in spirit *Hymns #134 ~ "Joy to the World" and #119 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Scripture ~ Isaiah 9:6-7

Meditation ~ "For us a Child of Love and Hope"

Special Music ~ "God So Loved This Silent Night" (P. Choplin) ~ Celebration Choir

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in 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.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn ~ *"The Friendly Beasts"* ~ Congregation with the children and Celebration Choir Special Music ~ *"Glory to God in the Highest Heaven"* (P. Choplin) ~ Celebration Choir

*Hymn #122 ~ "Silent Night, Holy Night!" ~ with candle lighting

*Benediction

Postlude ~ "Go Tell It on the Mountain" (arr. Raney)

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The Christmas Day worship service will be tomorrow at 10:15AM, in person and live-streamed. The office will be closed on December 26 and 27. The service on New Year's Day will be at 10:15AM, in person and live-streamed. The office will be closed on January 2 and 3.

Today's **Christmas Eve Offering**, in addition to the offering at Thanksgiving, supports the ministries of St. Paul's Board of Deacons. A designated envelope was provided in your packet. <u>PLEASE</u> write your checks for this offering payable to **THE BOARD OF DEACONS** as their bank account is separate from St. Paul's. Thank you!!

REMINDERS!!!

<u>ALL</u> offerings and special donations to be credited and deposited for 2022 must be received no later than December 29. There is a secure mailbox at the church where donations can be dropped off. <u>REMINDER</u>: <u>ALL</u> donations to the Board of Deacons and/or to the Foundation must be made by separate check made payable directly to the Deacons or Foundation. <u>Their accounts are SEPARATE from the St. Paul's accounts.</u>

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE

Sn Our Thoughts & Prayers

Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips Sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair Sharon and George John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol & Mike Graham Sharon and George and Rita Czanko ~ cousins of Terry Earnley John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor Chris O'Neill, Tracey Ford, Phil Decker & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock Rosemary Iaquinta ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4–9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.





MUSIC: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818 Korean Trans. © The Christian Literature Society of Korea

stanza 4, English trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell, 1863, alt.