



***"A COMMUNITY CHURCH IN THE FOOTHILLS"***

***BILL TIMM, PASTOR***

***MINISTERS: ALL OF OUR PEOPLE***

***CHURCH PHONE: 928-342-6002***

**MISSION STATEMENT**

***"WALKING WITH JESUS TO BRING NEW LIFE AND HOPE TO EVERY PERSON"***

**WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRY CONGREGATION**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024      4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024    7:45 & 9:30 A.M.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**



**We welcome you to the worship of this community of faith.  
As we sing, pray and study God's word together may we strengthen each other's  
faith in the saving power of Jesus Christ. It is difficult to be a Christian by yourself!**

*When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear “the call of God”. However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your cell phone. Thank you for turning off your phones. If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place and talk to Him. If you want to see God, send Him a text while driving.*

**VISITORS..** Welcome! Please sign our Guest Book located in the Narthex. Pastor Timm would love to meet you!

**PLEASE REMEMBER...** to contact the church office if you or a loved one are hospitalized, in rehab facility, or facility other than your home. Pastor and Stephen Ministers will make a visit.

**DID YOU KNOW..** Perfume and cologne can trigger life-threatening breathing emergencies in persons with asthma, allergies and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Hospitals and schools are becoming ‘scent-free’ due to this increasing health hazard. Please be sensitive to this concern when coming to church. Thank You.

**LITTLE FOLKS..** Parents... please remember that there are ‘busy bags’ hanging on the coat tree in the Narthex to occupy the little ones during worship. Simply return the bags to the tree on your way out of church. Thank you.

**BE COMFORTABLE..** There are shawls in the Narthex that you can use if chilled during worship. Just ask one of the ushers and they will get you one. Simply return the shawl to the narthex on your way out of the church.

**Hearing Devices:** *The older hearing devices have been moved to the Narthex. They are located next to the far right entrance door to the sanctuary.*

*We now offer the T-Coil hearing device with the new sound system. Individuals will need to contact their provider to find out if their hearing aid is telecoil-equipped. If so, they need to ask how to turn on the T-Coil or if it is automatically linked once the loop is around their neck.*

**FLOWERS** for the altar today are given by Larry Unger in memory of wife RoseMarie.

**PRAYERS:** Brad Nickelson, Christy Scheller, Stephanie (daughter of Terry & Sunnee Rodgers), Loretta Munsterman, Windslow Penelope Hope (great granddaughter of Lori Rapp, Tony Cegon (brother of Michelle Cegon), Susie Reible, Jim Gilligan, Susan Baxter, Ralph & Pat Polk, Mason Fletcher (Grandson) of Lisa Crayne, Zach Trafelet (grandson of Lori Rapp), Glennis Swan (friend of Jim & Sherrie Wehrer) Susan Thomas, Mary Zieman, Ami Gudjohnsen, Forrest Marsh, Carolyn Smith, Rita (sister of Marlene Miller)

***PLEASE NOTE that we'll be using the Traditional version of the Lord's Prayer for the month of December. God blesses our prayers.***

*Is Your Phone Turned Off?*

## **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P God Is Good!

C **All the time**

P All the time

C **God Is Good!**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (Tune: *"Take My Life..."* ELW 685)

**P** In the Father's Name we cry;  
'Tis through Jesus we draw nigh.  
Holy Spirit, Living Fire;  
Triune God, our hearts inspire.

**C** **Heavenly Father, loving Lord,  
From our hearts with one accord,  
We confess our sins to Thee.  
Hating, hurting people we;**

**We have proudly turned away  
From our neighbor every day;  
Done the evil You forbid  
And the good kept closely hid.**

**Yet we come before You now,  
That by grace You will allow  
Us to be Your heirs of peace,  
Grant forgiveness, love increase.**

**P** Speak no more, our Lord has heard;  
In our hearts we trust His Word.  
He has set us free from sin,  
Granting life to all again.

Christ's low manger is a sign  
Of His Cross that's yours and mine,  
Through which He our ransom paid,  
Granting hope which will not fade.

Joy to the World

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D D/A A D G

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

A D

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

A

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

A<sup>7</sup> D D/A A D

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

## **GREETING**

- P** Today Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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** (Tune: *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* ELW 289)

- C** **Lord, have mercy on Your world,  
Glorious King with flags unfurled.  
Christ have mercy, hear our plea;  
Sinners to Your manger flee.**

**Refrain:**

**Gloria! In excelsis Deo!  
Gloria! In excelsis Deo!**

**Lord, have mercy on mankind;  
May Your grace on us e'er shine  
That we may Your people be  
Here and in eternity.**

**(Refrain)**

**With the angels now we sing  
Praises to our newborn King  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled.**

**(Refrain)**

**THE SALUTATION** (Tune: *"O Little Town..."* ELW 279)

**P** The Lord be with you all today;  
That is my word to you.  
And with that thought I also pray  
He bless and make you new.  
No greater gift this Christmas  
Can we with others share  
Than that the Christ-Child's presence now  
Remove from us all care.

**C** **That also is our hope for you,  
Both now and through the year.  
Without His power, peace and love,  
Your life, like ours, is drear.  
In God we dwell together,  
Through Him made one on earth;  
No earthly thing can mar our joy  
Which springs from Jesus' birth**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *together we pray:*

**C** Holy God, With the angels we rejoice at Jesus' birth. Give us the eagerness of the shepherds to tell all the world of your limitless love, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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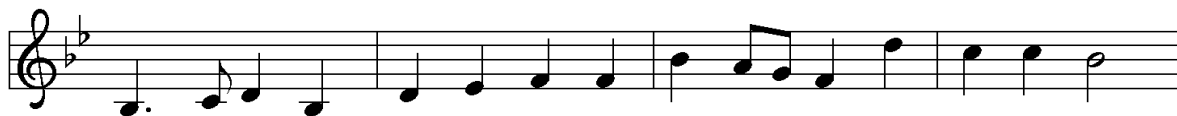
R O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

**C** <sup>2</sup> **But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.**<sup>[a]</sup>

R <sup>3</sup> O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time on and forevermore.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

## GOSPEL: Luke 2:21-38

<sup>21</sup> When the eighth day came, it was time to circumcise the child, <sup>[a]</sup> and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. <sup>22</sup> When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup> (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup> and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.” <sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>27</sup> Guided by the Spirit, Simeon <sup>[c]</sup> came into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon <sup>[d]</sup> took him in his arms and praised God,

saying,<sup>29</sup> “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word,<sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation,  
<sup>31</sup> which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,<sup>32</sup> a light for  
revelation to the gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.”<sup>33</sup> And the  
child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about  
him.<sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child  
is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel and to be a sign  
that will be opposed<sup>35</sup> so that the inner thoughts of many will be  
revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul, too.”<sup>36</sup> There was also a  
prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a  
great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her  
marriage,<sup>37</sup> then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the  
temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.<sup>38</sup> At  
that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the  
child<sup>[e]</sup> to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to the Lord**

**THE TEACHING:** “What Child Is This?”

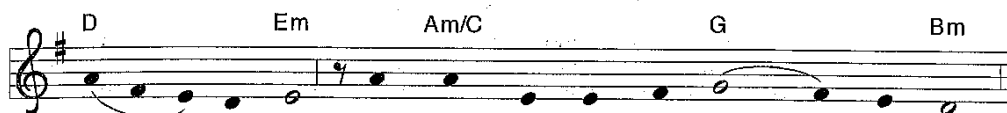
*Judy Zeiss, Lay Minister*

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
 far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, O Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heav'nly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery.

*Refrain*

7 O come, O King of nations, come,  
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
 refresh the hearts that long for you;  
 restore the broken, make us new.

*Refrain*

6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
 O Sun of justice, now draw near  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Refrain*

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
 and ransom captive Israel,  
 that mourns in lonely exile here  
 until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain*

**THE CREED** (*Tune: Oh Come, Little Children*)

**C**     **The Father has showered  
His gifts from on High;  
Most precious of gifts  
In the manger doth lie.  
Our God and Creator has now sent His Son  
That we with our God might forever be one.**

**The Savior, Christ Jesus,  
Is our Holy King.  
To Him our glad praises  
This day we do sing.  
The cross in His future brief sorrow did bring.  
In His death and rising the grave lost its sting.**

**God's Spirit enlightens,  
Hope cannot grow dim;  
His First is the star  
That hath brought us to Him.  
Dear Father, kind Savior, blest Spirit, again  
Reclaim us for heaven forever. Amen**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Confident in your grace and truth, we pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

P We pray for greater trust in you. Like Anna, may our trust be unwavering, and may we find renewed joy in serving you faithfully. God, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for leaders facing complex challenges. Grant them discernment and wisdom. Help them to work collaboratively to foster understanding and positive change around the world. God, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for all who are experiencing pain, sickness, or distress. Draw near to them with your loving presence, and strengthen and guide them each and every day. God, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those impacted by crises and conflicts. Be with those facing adversity, displacement, and injustice. Grant us the courage and empathy to stand with those in need. God, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*Here other petitions may be offered. Together we pray*

**C Bless Your Church.** We pray for each of our mission congregations, local partners, and care ministries. We also pray for the congregation's vision and call process. Purify, preserve & provide through your Holy Spirit. May we continue to work toward our mission and uphold our values while we support the call committee in moving toward a pastoral transition. We also pray for that pastor whom God calls to Gloria de Cristo to work with us to move this congregation forward in mission. Enlarge our hearts toward people far from God while we "Walk with Jesus to bring new life and hope to every person."

P We pray to reflect your love in our lives as the saints gone before us did. May we embody compassion, grace, and service in all that we do. God, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P In faith, hope, and love, we lift our prayers to you, in the name of your promised savior, Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

**THE OFFERING** (For those watching there is a link for online giving in the description of the video. We are thankful for all the support from both in person giving as well and online giving.



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**OFFERTORY HYMN**      *"What Child Is This?"*

**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!**

**OFFERING PRAYER**      *together we pray:*

**C      God with us: You came as a baby to a manger. You slept on straw and greeted shepherds. You come again in bread and wine. Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things. And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Tune: *"Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"*) ELW 283

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with you, His servant.**

**P** Oh come, let us lift our hearts unto the Lord.

**C** **With hearts uplifted thanks to Him we render;  
With joy we come before Him, in gratefulness implore Him,  
With thankful hearts adore Him Evermore!**

**THE SANCTUS** (Tune: *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*) ELW 270

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord!  
God of hosts, by all adored!  
Heav'n and earth cannot contain  
All the glory of Your name!  
Hail, hosanna, God most high!  
Blest is He Who now draws nigh  
In the name of God the King!  
Hallelujahs glad we sing;  
Hail, hosanna! Praises due  
Be forever, Lord to You!**



## CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

**P** Blessed are you Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son that all those who believe in Him would not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

**C** **Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Tune: *"I Heard the Bells"*)

**P** Upon the night Christ was betrayed  
He took some bread and when He'd prayed  
He broke it and to all He said,  
"Now take and eat this blessed bread.

This is my Body giv'n for you,  
And every time that this you do,  
Remember that I died to free  
All men that they may come to Me."  
And afterward when He had supped  
And given thanks He took the cup  
To His disciples turned and said,  
"This is My blood; for you it's shed.  
Now drink each of you from this wine,  
And trust the promise is divine;  
Your sins are gone! So let it be  
Fore'er a meal rememb'ring Me."

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Tune: *"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"*)

**C**     **Our Father, Lord on heav'n's high throne,  
Most holy be Your name.  
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done,  
On earth – in heav'n the same.  
Give us this day the food we need;  
Forgiven may we be;  
Into temptation do not lead;  
From evil set us free.  
Yours is the Kingdom; unto You  
In grateful love we bow.  
And Yours the pow'r; Lord, let us view  
Your mighty presence now.  
The glory Yours; Your praise be sung  
By angel hosts and then  
In ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue  
Forevermore. Amen!**

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.

e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lóv - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, hastè to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

“The First Noel”

ELW 300

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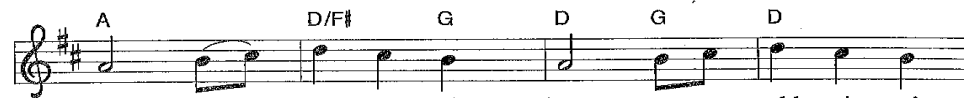
The First Noel



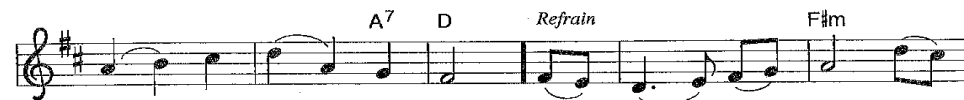
1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and



night that was so deep.  
 tin - ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

# "The Bells of Christmas" ELW 298

CHRISTMAS

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## The Bells of Christmas

*Det kimer nu til julefest*

Capo 3: C  
E $\flat$

G  
B $\flat$

C  
E $\flat$

Dm  
Fm

*Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer*  
 1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly  
 2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly  
 3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled  
 4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our

C  
E $\flat$

C/G  
E $\flat$ /B $\flat$

G  
B $\flat$

C  
E $\flat$

*for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve*  
 guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly  
 find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a  
 babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who  
 Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from

G  
B $\flat$

C  
E $\flat$

Am  
Cm

Dm/F  
Fm/A $\flat$

C/G  
E $\flat$ /B $\flat$

G $^7$   
B $\flat$  $^7$

C  
E $\flat$

*hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.*  
 dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.  
 man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.  
 glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.  
 lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

- 5 O patriarchs' Joy, O prophets' Song,  
 O Dayspring bright, awaited long,  
 O Son of Man, incarnate Word,  
 great David's Son, great David's Lord:
- 6 Come, Jesus, glorious heav'nly guest,  
 and keep your Christmas in our breast;  
 then David's harpstrings, hushed so long,  
 shall swell our jubilee of song.

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE** (Tune: *"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"*)

**C** Oh, thank the Lord and sing His praise,  
What He has done proclaim!  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
And proudly bear His Name.  
Who leads His thankful people forth  
His promises to claim.  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Lord, let Your servant go in peace.  
Your word has been fulfilled.  
My eyes have seen the saving work  
Which for the world You willed.  
The glory of Your chosen race  
As Light for all revealed.  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

Oh praise to God the Father,  
And praise to God the Son,  
And praise to God the Spirit,  
Most blessed Three in One,  
As 'twas, is now, and e'er shall be  
While endless ages run!  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy,  
Oh, tidings of comfort and joy!

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*together we pray:*

**C** On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.



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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Capo 3: D  
F

A C D G A D  
C F B♭ C F



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of right - teous - ness!

Bm<sup>7</sup> E/G# F#m A/C# E A  
Dm<sup>7</sup> G/B Am C/E G C



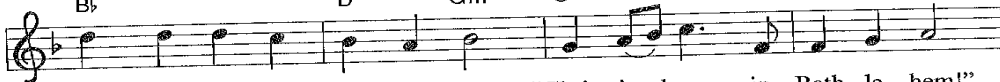
peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

D/A A<sup>7</sup> D/A A<sup>7</sup>  
F/C C<sup>7</sup> F/C C<sup>7</sup>



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

G B Em A<sup>7</sup> D/F# A D  
B♭ D Gm C<sup>7</sup> F/A C F



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

G B Em A<sup>7</sup> D A<sup>7</sup> D  
B♭ D Gm C<sup>7</sup> F C<sup>7</sup> F



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

**BENEDICTION**      (Tune: "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful")      ELW 283

**P**      The Lord bless and keep you,  
Look with love upon you,  
Be gracious, and cause His face to shine with Peace!

**C**      **Glory to Father, Son and Holy Spirit!**  
**The Savior close beside us,**  
**God's love from harm to hide us,**  
**The Spirit's pow'r to guide us**  
**Evermore!**

**DISMISSAL**

**P**      Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**C**      **Thanks be to God.**

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## **CALENDAR FOR THE COMING WEEK**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Monday 12/29	9:00 am	Glorious Quilters	Fellowship Hall
Monday 12/29	12:30 & 3 PM	Bible Study on Luke	Pastor's Home
Tuesday 12/30	7 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Tuesday 12/30	10 am	Zoom Bible Study	Your Home
Tuesday 12/30	12:30 pm	Caregivers Lunch	Contact Sandy Timm
Tuesday 12/30	12:30 pm	Social Group	Fellowship Hall
Wed. 1/1/2025		New Years Day/Office Closed	
Thur. 1/2	7 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
Thurs. 1/2	9:30 am	Stephen Ministry Training	Fellowship Classroom
Thurs. 1/2	4 pm	Old Testament Bible Study	Fellowship Hall
Friday 1/3	8:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Hall
Friday 1/3	10:30 am	Spanish/English Conversation	Fellowship Classroom
Friday 1/3	10:30 am	Chair Aerobics	Fellowship Hall
Friday 1/3	1:00 pm	Social group	Fellowship Hall
Friday 1/3	5:00 pm	Women's AA group	Fellowship Classroom
Saturday 1/4	9:00 am	TOPS	Fellowship Classroom
<b>Saturday 1/4</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Worship/Communion</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday 1/5</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Worship/Communion</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday 1/5</b>	<b>10:15 am</b>	<b>Worship/Communion</b>	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday 1/5</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>GriefShare</b>	Fellowship Classroom

### **Announcements**

***DON'T FORGET: Worship Times Change beginning Next Sunday...***

***8:30 AM & 10:15 AM***

***SATURDAY REMAINS AT 4:00 PM***

**Offering Envelopes-** Please pick up your offering envelopes in the Narthex. Throw out your old envelopes, and to keep all records straight, we need everyone to **ONLY** use their 2025 envelopes from this point on.

**NOTE:** **\_ALL PACKETS HAVE NAMES ON THE FRONT.\_** They are in alphabetical by last name.

**PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THE PACKET IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE FRONT!!**

If you don't find a packet for you and would like envelopes, please sign the sheet and they will be here next week for you.

**GriefShare:** will begin a new session on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Classroom. If you or someone you know is going through a rough time, this may be the place for them to come.

**Sunday, January 5:** is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month which means it's our Monthly Potluck following the 10:15 am worship. Bring your favorite dish to share and join the fellowship of other Christians.

It is also the weekend we collect food for the Yuma Food Pantry so consider picking up a few items to donate when you're shopping this week. Bring them to church and place in the baskets as you enter the Narthex. Thanks for your support!!

**Yard Sale Drop Off:** The next Yard Sale drop off will be Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be stationed at the trailer in the southeast corner of the parking lot from **8-10 am** for you to bring donated items. If you would like to help with this task, please be at the church by 7:30 am to help get set up to receive items.

## **REMINDERS:**

### ***Support Groups***

**GriefShare:** Sundays at 12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall Classroom

**Care Givers Lunch:** Every Tuesday at 12:30 pm. Contact Sandy Timm for the location.

### ***Service***

**Monthly Potluck:** The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday is our monthly Potluck following the 10:15 worship. Mark your calendar, bring your favorite dish to share and join us for fellowship and food.

**Food Pantry:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month we collect food for the local Food Pantry. When doing your shopping consider picking up a couple of items to bring and donate.

**Men's Breakfast** the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 8 am at **Daybreakers**. All gentlemen of the congregation are invited to come.

**Women's Breakfast Club** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, 8 am at **Jimmy K's Diner**. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.

**Days for Girls:** Check the calendar for the next date. Come join us for fellowship and fun.

### ***Reading and Learning***

**Bible Study:** Mondays, 12:30 & 3:00 pm, Pastor's home (Gospel of Luke)

**Zoom Bible Study:** Tuesdays, 10:00 am, online. (Gospel of Luke)

Call the office for the link to participate.

**Bible Study:** Old Testament, 4:00 pm, Thursdays in Fellowship Hall

**Glorious Readers Book Club:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month @ 3:00 pm, in Fellowship Classroom.

## ***Fun and Fellowship***

**Line dancing:** Wednesdays at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall

**Chair Aerobics :** Classes are held every Wednesday at 1 pm & Fridays at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$5/session is appreciated to offset the cost of the instructor. Everyone is welcome.

**Quilting:** Every Monday from 9 am-12 pm, Fellowship. You don't need to know how to sew.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Altar</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeter/Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Readers</b>
12/28	4:00 pm	Kris	John/Verna Arnold	J Greenfield/D. Radke	J. Taylor
12/29	7:45 am	Nancy	Ralph/J. Krough	L. Unger/Y. Wurtele	Char
12/29	9:30 am	Niki	Lauren/Jan Erickson	C. Randby/L. Strand	L. Erickson

**Attendance December 21/22: 53 @ 4 pm 45 at 7:45 m & 132 at 9:30am**  
429 On Facebook; 23 on YouTube

**Christmas Eve: 120 at 2pm; 170 at 4pm; 114 at 6pm; 45 at 8pm;**  
**total in person= 449**  
**224 On Facebook; 16 on YouTube**

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