

Christmas Eve 2022

Carol Sing led by members of our choir

7:00pm **HOLY EUCHARIST (BAS)**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 118 O Come, All ye Faithful

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting of the Christ candle: Tune: Away in a Manger

**A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,
We honor Messiah with Christ candle's flame,
our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim.
O come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night,
as God comes among us, the Christian's true light.**

Sentence: I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord. *Luke 2.10-11*

THE GREETING

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

All: Eternal God, this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendor of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

1ST READING – Isaiah 9: 2 – 7

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. 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. 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.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 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.

Reader The word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 96 (Please remain seated, and join in the refrain)

Refrain:



Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
Sing to the Lord and bless his name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. **R**

Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods. **R**

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendour of his sanctuary! **R**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the Lord honour and power.
Ascribe to the Lord the honour due his name;
bring offerings and come into his courts. **R**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will
judge the peoples with equity." **R**

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. **R**

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord
when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth. **R**

2nd READING - Titus 2:11-14

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

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

GRADUAL HYMN #136 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 1-3

THE HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 2:1-20

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

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

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN #136 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks 4-6

REFLECTION ON CHRIST CHILD: Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

Hymn #119 Silent Night (v. 1)

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THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN #128 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

**THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

Source of light and gladness, accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and for ever. **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Preface of Christmas:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who in the mystery of his incarnation was made perfect man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; in him we have seen a new and

radiant vision of your glory. Therefore, with all the angels of heaven, we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name

Holy, Holy, Holy (sung) CP #735

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BREAKING OF BREAD #6 Page 213

Jesus, Lamb of God (sung) CP #747

Celebrant Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
All Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.

Music during Communion –
Hymn #537(MP) Sussex Carol (see insert sheet)
Hymn #137 What Child Is This
Hymn #123 Once in Royal David's City

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: Father of all, tonight you have united earth and heaven in sending your Son to take our human nature. May we who have tasted heavenly things share in the life of his eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN #154 Joy to The World

The Clergy, Management Team, and Staff want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New year!

*Christmas Flowers are given to the Glory of God:
By Gail & Peter Payne in memory of our parents
By Catherine Philp in memory of Loved ones
By Rev Bonnie & Michael Skerritt
in memory of our grandmothers, Mary Brownell,
Helen Everett, Dora Smith & Beatrice Skerritt
By Faye Clarke in memory of husband Ward Clarke.*

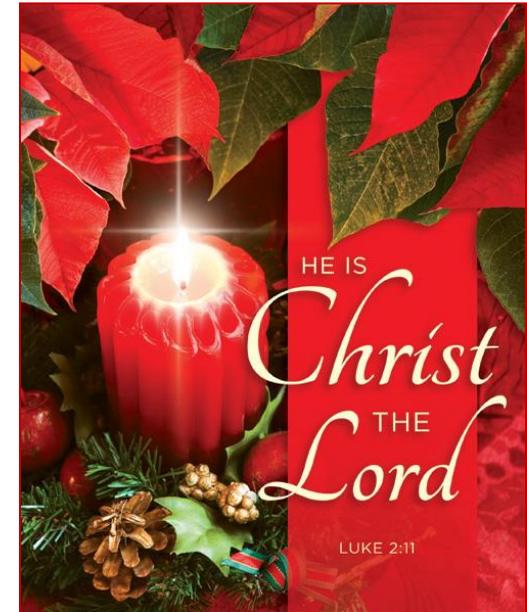
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INDIGENOUS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*We acknowledge that this church is situated upon traditional Indigenous territory. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.
Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.*