

# Christmas Eve: Welcome!

*2020 Parking Lot Worship Service via FM Radio – 6 and 8 pm*

**1** Park your car, stay in it, and tune your radio to **93.1 FM**. We'll start the broadcasts at 6 and 8 pm, with the pastors outside in front of the church. You'll hear us as long as you stay in the parking lot.



**2** Follow the program on the next pages. The pastors will explain things such as how to receive communion and where to leave much-needed and greatly appreciated offerings.



**3** Feel the comfort and joy that results from the gift of Jesus' birth. Oh, what a holy night, even with this unusual way of worshiping! You are loved. So glad you are here.





**The Nativity of Our Lord  
Christmas Eve**  
*Order of Worship  
for Parking Lot Service*  
**December 24, 2020**  
**6 & 8 pm**

**About Tonight's Service**

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 share the light of Christ with the whole world.

P: Presiding Minister C: Congregation L: Lector

*Organ music will be playing as you arrive and park*

Welcome

Greeting

P: Christ the Lord makes his home with us.  
May the light and life of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**✝ Word ✝**

*We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.*

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

<sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>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.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

*God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>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: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

14"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"  
 15When 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." 16So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: "Tidings of Comfort and Joy:  
 Silent Night" Pastor Jack Horner

Carol: 270 Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the newborn king;  
 peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
 God and sinners reconciled."  
 Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
 join the triumph of the skies;  
 with angelic hosts proclaim,  
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain*

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
 "Glory to the newborn king!"

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
 late in time behold him come,  
 offspring of a virgin's womb.  
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
 Hail, incarnate deity!  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
 Jesus, our Emmanuel!

*Refrain*

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace!  
 Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
 Light and life to all he brings,  
 ris'n with healing in his wings.  
 Mild he lays his glory by,  
 born that we no more may die,  
 born to raise each child of earth,  
 born to give us second birth. *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Offering Prayer

P: Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown, bringing joy and salvation to the earth. Nourish us at your banquet table, that with all who welcome your birth we may proclaim your peace, revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**✝ Meal ✝**

*When we celebrate communion we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.*

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Abiding God, you are our dwelling place in every generation. You sent your spirit of wisdom to rest upon Joshua and blessed him through the hands of Moses to continue the story of your mighty works. You sent Jesus as the new Joshua, our savior, and the pioneer of our hope. As we remembered our Lord's saving mercies, you sent down your Holy Spirit to continue in and through us your story of salvation, and sanctified this bread and cup to be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ we remembered;

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P: The Word is revealed in a manger, in simple bread and wine.

**C: Come meet Christ in this meal.**

Communion Hymn: "Away in a Manger"

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he  
lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care  
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

## Blessing

P: Almighty God, who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary, proclaimed joy through the angels, sent the shepherds with good news, and led the magi by a star, bless you this day ☩ through the Word made flesh.

**C: Amen.**

Carol: "Silent Night"

**Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in  
heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior  
is born!**

**Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy  
birth.**

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Organ music will be playing as you depart*

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## Worship Leaders

### Presiding Minister of the Word:

(6:00) The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey,

(8:00) The Rev. John H. Brock

### Presiding Minister of the Meal:

(6:00) The Rev. John H. Brock,

(8:00) The Rev. Elizabeth E. Frey

**Preaching Minister:** The Rev. Dr. Jack M. Horner

**Music:** H. Timothy Koch

**Cantors:** (6:00) Marianne Brock,

(8:00) Ron Livingston

**Bulletin Production:** Steve Kauffman

**Bulletin Artwork:** Trinity Staff

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*Our thanks to Seth Maurer of SML Outdoor Living Experts for the lighting of the Nave porch area.*

## A CHRISTMAS EVE MESSAGE

*from Trinity pastors and staff*

**We wish you a blessed Christmas.  
We hope you are working through the  
challenges that 2020 has brought, and that  
you are staying safe. But if you or someone  
you know is struggling, TELL US.**

**We will reach out with word and prayer.  
Call the office at 717-737-8635,  
or leave a confidential message directly  
for one of the pastors at 717-737-9921.**

**Dial ext. 225 for Pastor Horner**

**Dial ext. 226 for Pastor Brock**

**Dial ext. 243 for Pastor Frey**

**You are not alone.**

**We are here for you.**