December 24, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Prelude

"O Jesu Sweet, O Jesu Mild"

Lari Smith

Rose Ann Glover and Penny Liston

Welcome

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Pastor John Bethard

**Lord's Prayer:** 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.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The Duncan family

\*Carol Prayer of Confession No. 119

God our Savior, we confess that we fail to live in your light. We pursue worldly passions and revere false idols. We cherish our possessions and spurn your good gifts. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us to embrace your incarnation and to live as your people, following your holy way and rejoicing in your saving grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Response

"He Came Down"

No. 137 (verse 1)

He came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have love; He came down that we may have love; Hallelujah forevermore.

Reading Matthew 1:18-26

Carol "Silent Night, Holy Night"

No. 122

Special Music "Child of Promise"

Joseph Martin

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Christmas Choir

Reading Luke 2:1-15

Carol "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 143

Children's Moment

Garth Stevens-Jennings

Carol "In

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Joseph Martin

No. 128

Special Music "A Palace in Bethlehem"

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Christmas Choir

Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Message

Pastor John

Sharing of our gifts and offerings

**Musical Offering** 

"Stille Nacht"
(© 1953 Harold Flammer, Inc.)

arr. Karen Keene

Rose Ann Glover

Presentation of Christmas Offering

\*Sung Response and Prayer of Thanksgiving

"Angels We Have Heard on High" No. 1

No. 113 (refrain)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

The Lord be with you;

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise...

Distribution of the Elements

 ${\bf *Sharing \ the \ Light \ of \ Christ} \ \ {\bf (Non-flammable \ candles \ are \ available \ for \ those \ uncomfortable \ with \ or \ unable \ to \ use \ lighted \ candles)}$ 

\*Carol "Joy to the World"

No. 134

\*Blessing and Sending

\*Postlude "Joy to the World"

Franklin Ritter

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Rose Anne Glover

(Please extinguish candles and place them in the box in the narthex.)
\*The congregation is invited to stand.

### **Participating in Service**

John Bethard, Pastor Garth Stevens-Jennings, Director of Family Ministries Penny Liston, Music Director Rose Ann Glover, Co-Accompanist

## Poinsettias in the Sanctuary are

#### ...to the Glory of God by:

The Bethard family. Jim & Carol Wallwork. Peter & Signe Garms.

#### ...in loving memory of:

Evelyn May Tetro by Hartley & Jeralene Tetro. Mary Freshnock by Jeralene & Hartley Tetro.

David Shue by Kathy Shue.

Loved Ones by Kathy Shue.

Pat & Evelyn Grant by Patsy White, Linda Snyder and Carolyn Lane.

Friz & Ginny Dorsey by Patsy White, Linda Snyder and Carolyn Lane.

Raymond Frazier by Noah Portrey.

Bill & Mary Liz Coyle, Tom & Nancy Coyle, and Mary Elinor Huyett by Anne & Noah Portrey.

Raymond Frazier by his children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Robert C. Henshaw and Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Henshaw by their family.

Margaret "Sugie" Jamison by her family.

Jim & Daisee Wallwork by Jim & Carol Wallwork.

Jessee & Jim Dick by Roy & Pat Dick.

Katherine & John Porter Burns by Roy & Pat Dick.

Susan Gore Back by Bob, Bobby and Brian Back.

Barbara Village by Bob, Bobby and Brian Back.

Lawrence & Anne Wilberding by Laura, Thane, Seth and Bryce Van Zomeren.

Tom & Fay Ashby by Laura, Thane, Seth and Bryce Van Zomeren.

Pat Hetzinger by Laura Van Zomeren.

Bettye Mason and Jessica LaRue Allowatt by the Ishman and Duncan families.

Robert & LaVonne Ishman by the Ishman and Duncan families.

Shirley Knott Alger and Jane Howard Alger by the Ishman and Duncan families.

Kenna Knott Alger by the Ishman and Duncan families.

Ephraim & Betty Day by Mark & Mary Day and family.

Jonathan Westly Day by his parents, Mark & Mary Day.

Todd Kable by Marty & Carol Kable.

#### ...in honor of:

Ceil Frazier by her children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Jack Huyett by Anne Portrey & Noah Portrey.

Penny Liston and Pastor John by Anne & Noah Portrey.

Ceil Frazier and Margaret Kursey by Anne & Noah Portrey.



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