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Gathering

PRELUDE *Go Tell It on the Mountain* arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME *Please sign the fellowship pad*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH The Ukropina Family

*LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

The grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation to all.

Glory to God in the highest!

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

Glory to God in the highest!

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David
a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest!

And the Word became flesh
and lived among us.

Glory to God in the highest!

Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!

O earth, sing to the Lord!

O you, nations, praise him in joy,

for he has been glorified! **Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN *O Come, All Ye Faithful* #133

CALL TO CONFESSION

The grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all and teaching us to renounce what is evil in this world. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted the good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

(prayers continue in silence)

SUNG RESPONSE *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (vs.4)* #123

And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow, look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing: O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Christ our Savior gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from our sin and claim us as his people. We are forgiven, be at peace.

The Word

ANTHEM *Ding Dong! Merrily on High* arr. Shackley/Woodward/Arbeau

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LESSONS & CAROLS

Isaiah 9:2;6-7

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. 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. 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.

CAROL *It Came Upon The Midnight Clear* #123

Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

CAROL *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing* #112

Luke 1:26-33/ Luke 2:1-7

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. 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.

CAROL *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* #128

Luke 2:8-16

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 Savior, 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 favors!" 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.

CAROL *Good Christians Friends, Rejoice* #132

Matthew 2:1-11

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

CAROL *What Child Is This?* #145

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did

not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*CAROL *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* #113

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Hark! The Herald Angel's Sing* arr. Jeff Bennett

*SUNG RESPONSE *Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 3)* #113
Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending of God's Word

*CLOSING HYMN *Joy To The World* #134

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy To The World* arr. Mark Hayes

indicates those who are able may stand. Congregational responses are in **bold...*

Come ring in the New Year at WPC! We will worship at 10AM on Sunday, January 1st and will celebrate the sacrament of communion. What a great way to begin 2023.

Due to the Holidays the **Creation Care** meeting did not meet Dec. 20th. Next meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 10. There isn't a meeting on Jan. 17th.

On January 8th we will have a collection of plastics that are clean, label free and numbered #2, #4, and #5, of electronic collections (if it plugs in or has batteries, but no vacuum cleaners) and block Styrofoam collection. So please save, clean and bring those items to recycle!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 12/25/2022

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Coffee Hour: hosted by: Karen Keady
5:00 pm AA Meeting (Meeting Room)

Monday 12/26/2022– Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Meeting

Tuesday 12/27/2022

11:00 am WPC Knitter's (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday 12/28/2022

8:00 am Men's Breakfast Group at Countryside Pizza & Grill
10:30 am Pioneer Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 12/29/2022

Friday 12/30/2022- Church Office Closed

Saturday 12/31/2022- Church Office Closed

*Preschool Winter Break is December 19th– January 3rd

Leading in worship today:

Pastor: Rev. Marta Ukropina and Rev. David Ukropina
Music Director: Michael Mercatante
Usher/Greeter: Mike Bagaason, Kyle Coats, Judy Coats
Counters: Sandi Ash and Gwen Childs
Scripture Readers: Anne Movalson, Katie Stocks,
Tom Stocks, Duane Sherman
Coffee Hour: Karen Keady

Next Sunday:

Pastor: Rev. John Mahon
Music Director: Michael Mercatante
Usher/Greeter: Roger Keady, Keith Barr, Sue Martichuski
Counters: Arlis Wozniak and Lee Kersten
Coffee Hour:



Nativity of the Lord/ Christmas Day
December 25, 2022
10:00 am

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