

Welcome! As our Lord Jesus Christ said, Peace be with you. Wherever you come from and wherever you are on your journey of faith, we are glad you are with us. Let us enter into God's presence together.

# **Christmas Eve**

December 24, 2024 4:00 p.m.

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# Prelude begins at 3:45 p.m.

"Tidings of Joy" Alice Jordan

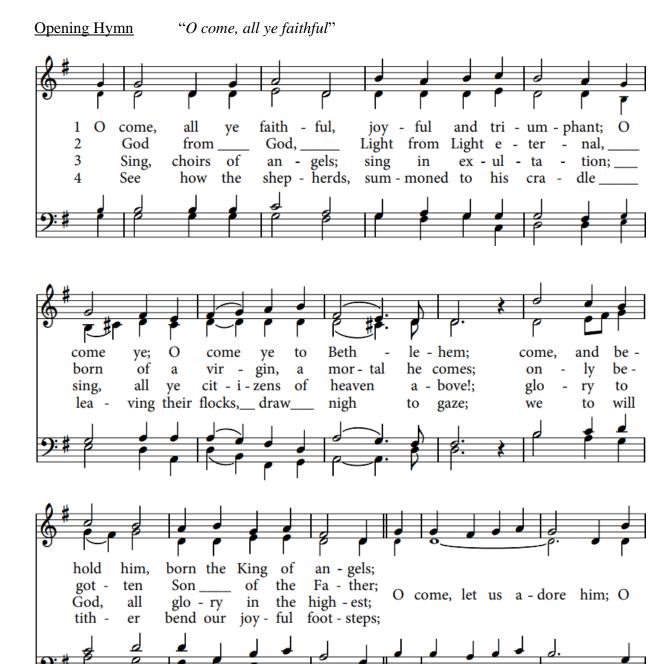
"Chorale Prelude on 'Es ist ein ros'" Johannes Brahms

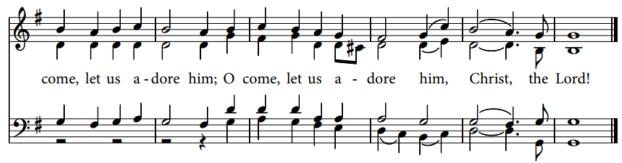
Based on "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming," Hymn #80

"Variations on 'Greensleeves'" Janet Linkler

Based on "What child is this," Hymn #115

"Pastorale on 'Gesù Bambino" Pietro A. Yon





5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,born for our salvation;Jesus, to thee be all glory given;Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain* 

TEXT: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, alt. MUSIC (ADESTE FIDELES, Irr.): att. John Francis Wade, c. 1743; harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

#### The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

During the Song of Praise, the Advent & Christmas candles will be lit. An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night, 3 Come to him whose birth the Beth - le - hem and see an - gels sing; and the moun-tains re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light. in bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King. come, a - dore on Refrain Glo in ex - cel - sis Glo De -



Words: French; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt.

Music: Gloria, French Carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

# The Collect of the Day

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.** 

# First Lesson

Reader: A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah: (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 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 96

The antiphon is first sung by a cantor, then repeated by all.



The verses are sung by a cantor. All sing the antiphon where indicated.

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD; proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations and God's wonders among all peoples.

<sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised, more to be feared than all gods. *Antiphon* 

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>Majesty and magnificence are in your presence; power and splendor are in your sanctuary.

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;

bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD. Antiphon

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;

tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is king!

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

<sup>11</sup>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.

<sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O LORD,

for you come to judge the earth.

<sup>13</sup>You will judge the world with righteousness

and the peoples with your truth. Antiphon

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### The Second Lesson

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to Titus (2:11-14)

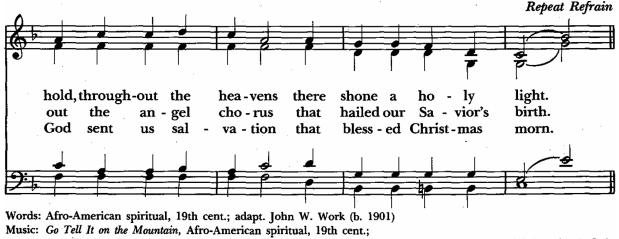
For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus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

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.





arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

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### The Gospel

(Luke 2:1-20)

Deacon:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ. People:

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.

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. 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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew L. Buterbaugh

# Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# Prayers of the People

Please respond to the bidding, "Lord, in your mercy" with "Hear our prayer."

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

## Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Celebrant begins the Offertory with the following sentence of Scripture Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. 1 Chronicles 29:11

Offertory Anthem

"Once in royal David's city"

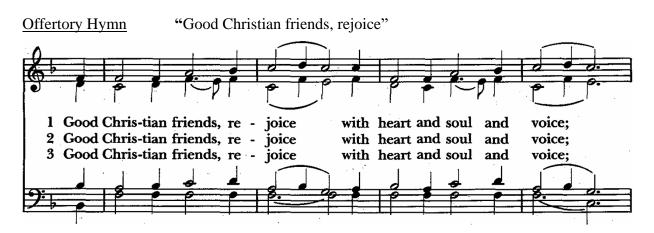
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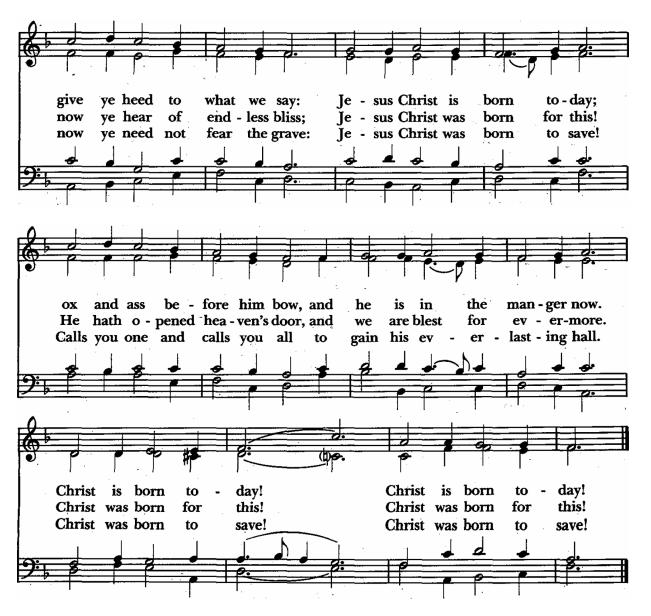
Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild; Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall; with the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

Jesus is our childhood's pattern; day by day like us he grew; he was little, weak and helpless; tears and smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our sadness, and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above; and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.





Words: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Music: In dulci jubilo, German carol, 14th cent.; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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When all gifts are brought to the table:

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord

People: And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.

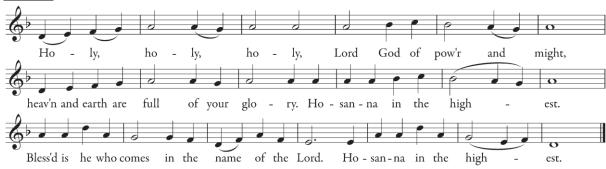
### The Great Thanksgiving



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

# Sanctus

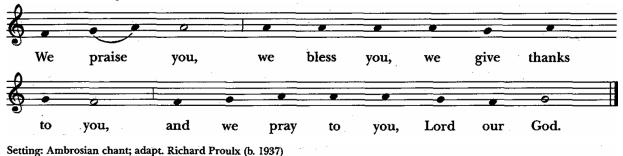


The people may stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love ...

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

### Celebrant and People



#### The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us ...

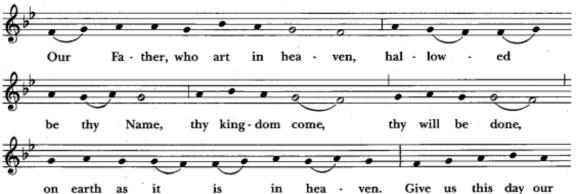
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

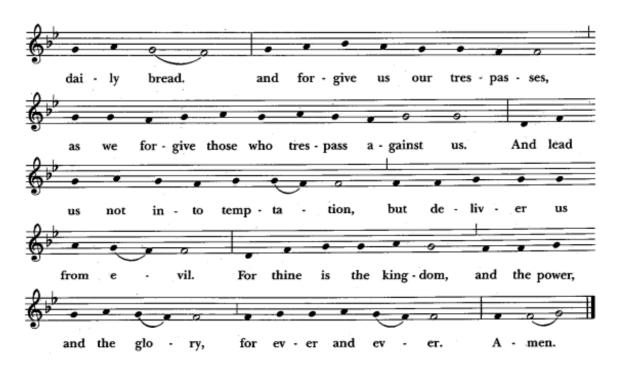


# The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

# Celebrant and People:



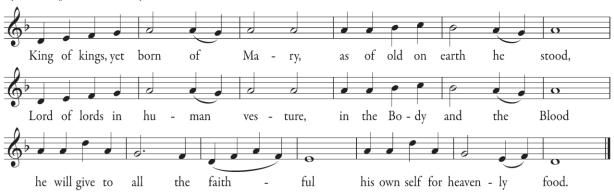


Setting: Plainsong; Adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

### **Fraction**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.



Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



6 "All glory be to God on high and on the earth be peace; good will henceforth from heaven to men begin and never cease."

Words: Nahum Tate (1625-1715)

Music: Winchester Old, melody from The Whole Booke of Psalmes, 1592; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1922; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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Words: St. 1-2, German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). st. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859);

tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. Hymnal 1940

Music: Es ist ein Ros, melody from Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1599;

harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

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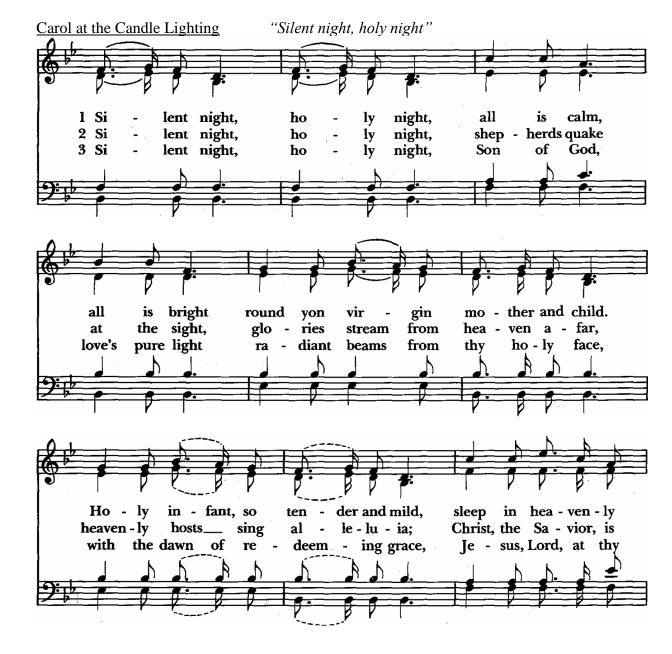
### Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

### Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen





Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885)

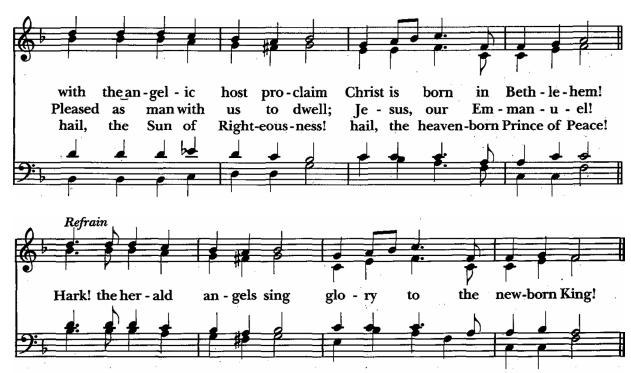
Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910)

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# **Blessing**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.** 





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William

H. Cummings (1831-1915)

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### Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Fantasia on "In dulci jubilo" BWV 729

J. S. Bach

Based on the carol "Good Christian friends, rejoice", hymnal #107

#### **TODAY'S MINISTERS**

ACOLYTE: Zar, Evan, Ako, Ayo, Sofi, Michelle

ALTAR GUILD: Darice Griffin

FIRST READER: Cindy Ganzel

SECOND READER: Mick Burke

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:** Becky Turk

**CANTOR:** Jim Cook

PARISH PERSON OF THE DAY:

**USHERS:** Darice Griffin, David Groth, Debbie Bruno

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For our Parish

#### For the Church: In the World

St. Marc's Church & school in Jeanette, Haiti Cadnet Ednerson and Charline Irossaint

### For the Episcopal Ministries in Racine

Congregations of St. Luke's and St. Michael's Diocese of Milwaukee
Hospitality Center
Racine Vocational Ministry
The DeKoven Center

### Those who are Sick or in need or Homebound

Bethany, Laandan, Tony, Chris, Ron, Gerald, Lisa, Jean, Neil, Olivia, Bill, Katie, Sally, Heather, Leah, George, Esther, Elias, Carlos, Michele **Homebound** Barbara, Jeanne

Thank you for worshiping with us this evening. We invite you to return to St. Luke's for worship together.

Come Let Us Worship: Sundays: 10 am, Holy Eucharist

Children's Christian Education during Coffee Hour

Tuesday: 10 am, Morning Prayer

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# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS/MUSIC/OFFERING

Cindy Ganzel – In memory of Bill and Marge Ganzel, Jennifer Menghe

David Groth – In memory of Claire Catrine (sister) and Enid Jensen

Sophie Clay – In memory of James Clay

Darice Griffin – In memory of Mabel (grandmother), Mildred (mother) and great grandmother

Judy Panyk – In memory of Emil Panyk (husband)

Marshall Cushman - in memory of Jeri and in Thanksgiving for Stephen, Susan and their families

Zar Telfeyan – In memory of Kathy Williams, Dawn Geilfuss

Mabel DuPriest - In honor of Madeline and Evan DuPriest

Becky Turk – In memory of her parents (Bob & Sandy) and grandparents (Earl & Dorothy)

Al and Grace Ellingham – In memory of loved ones

Kathie Thompson – In memory of Judy Greenquist

Ed and Kathy McCarthy – In memory of Stark family siblings

Family and Friends – In memory of Shirley Horvath

Hazel Dickfoss - In remembrance of Fred Dickfoss and Kenneth Booth

Leah Nakamura - In thanksgiving for friends from Tuesday Morning Prayer

Liz Belconis – For the greater glory of God and in remembrance of William Belconis

Charles H. Constantine and Kathy and Neil Loomis – Christmas wreath on Columbarium was given in loving memory of Samuel and Agnes Rogers, Charles M. and Dorothy Constantine by their children

Jim Cook Gregory Rawlinko Brotherhood of St. Andrew Lois Mallach