

# PROCESSIONAL ORDER

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The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane, Associate Rector



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Jen Stephens, Nan Miller

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Laura Abbott, Jane McGee-Rafal, Richard Carr, Rick Hoffman

Miami Valley Brass

Mason Kibble & Kyle Semmelroth, trumpets Richard Begel & Dan Reardon, trombones Michael Baltzer, timpani

# CHRISTMAS EVE 2025 — 7:00PM

# Musical Prelude

"Laudamus Te" by A. Vivaldi Jennifer Smith & Susan Daly, soloists

> Fum, Fum, Fum Bryan Daly, soloist

On a Hymnsong of Philip Bliss Chisom Nwokoro, clarinet

> Softly by Will Todd Diane Gentner, soloist

Berceuse by Niels Gade Dan Duncan, English Horn

What Songs Were Sung by J.J. Niles Frank Gentner, soloist

Gesu Bambino by P. Yon Norah Smith, violin

The Christ Child by P. Cornelius Frank & Diane Gentner, soloists

Mary Did You Know & Jesus Light of the World
Praise Team

Ding Dong Merrily on High arr. Agioritis Miami Valley Brass

O Holy Night by A. Adam Jennifer Smith, soloist

# Processional Hymn #83 v.1-3,6, O come, all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

God, from God, Light from Light eternal, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; only begotten Son of the Father; *Refrain* 

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; glory to God, glory in the highest; *Refrain* 

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given; word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *Refrain* 

#### Station at the Crèche

Minister The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

People And we have beheld his glory.

# **Lighting of the Christ Candle**

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Collect for Purity**

## Gloria Hymn #96 Angels we have heard on high

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night, and the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer? What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Refrain* 

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain* 

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain* 

#### Collect of the Day

#### **Old Testament Lesson** Isaiah 9:2-7

Seated

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 every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, and cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

Hymn #105 God rest you merry, gentlemen Standing, sung by all

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay; remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day, to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;

O tidings of comfort and joy!

From God our heavenly Father a blessèd angel came and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same: how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. *Refrain* 

"Fear not then," said the angel, "Let nothing you affright; this day is born a Savior of a pure virgin bright, to free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might." *Refrain* 

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, and with true love and charity each other now embrace; this holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace. *Refrain* 

#### First New Testament Lesson Luke 2:1-7

seate

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord. Response Thanks be to God.

# Hymn #115 What child is this

Standing, sung by all

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain:* This, this is Christ the King,

whom shepherds guard and angels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian fear, for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading. *Refrain* 

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. *Refrain* 

#### **Second New Testament Lesson** Luke 2:8-20

Seated

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord. Response Thanks be to God.

Standing, sung by all

Hymn #94 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground; the angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day is born of David's line the Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:"

"The heavenly babe you there shall find to human view displayed, all meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith appeared a shining throng of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

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

Gospel John 1:1-14

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Deacon People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Hymn #87 Hark! the herald angels sing

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with the-angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem! Refrain: Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heaven adorned; Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity. Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain* 

Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings, hail, the Sun of Righteousness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain* 

**Sermon** The Rev. Benjamin Phillips

The Nicene Creed BCP p. 358

Seated

Standing, said by all

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.

# The Prayers of the People

Standing

After each bidding the congregation is invited to offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Celebrant adds a closing collect.

**Peace** Standing

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Music Christmas Offering / O Children Come

#### Presentation Hymn O Savior of our fallen race

Standing, sung by all



Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.

People And of your own have we given to you.

# **The Great Thanksgiving** BCP p. 367 *Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant continues with Preface... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name.

#### S125 Sanctus

Standing, sung by all

"S" denotes "Service Music" section at front of Hymnal

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant continues ... Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer. At the conclusion, the people join, Amen.

People and Celebrant 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread (Agnus Dei)

Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,

People Grant us your peace.

# **Directions for receiving Holy Communion**

• All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive; if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to cross your arms for a blessing.

• Gluten-free wafers are available, please indicate your need when receiving.

• If you prefer to drink from the chalice, please remain at the rail after receiving your wafer.

• If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer, please hold up your wafer and a lay minister with a small intinction cup will see and come to you.

• If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please return directly to your pew after receiving your wafer.

## **Communion Hymns**

# Hymn #101 Away in a manger

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.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

# Hymn #107 Good Christian friends, rejoice!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for ever more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this! Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now ye hear of endless bliss; Jesus Christ was born for this! He hath opened heaven's door, and we are blest for evermore. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice; Now ye need not hear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save! Calls you one and calls you all to gain his everlasting hall. Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

#### Hymn #90 It came upon the midnight clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old, from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heaven's all gracious King." The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long Beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled two thousand years of wrong And warring human kinds hears not the tiding which they bring O hush the noise and cease your strife and hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old, when with the ever circling years shall come the time foretold, when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling, and all the world give back the song which now the angels sing.

# Hymn #109 The first Nowell

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,

born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star, shining in the east, beyond the far; And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Refrain And by the light of that same star, three wise men came from country far: To seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went;

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest, o'er Bethlehem it took its rest And there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. Refrain

Then entered in those wise men three, full reverently upon their knee; And offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. Refrain

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord; That hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. Refrain

Lighting of the Candles

As Holy Communion concludes, the acolytes will pass light to the congregation's candles from their torches in preparation for the singing of Silent Night. Those with small children are asked to be especially careful with their candles as hot wax may burn little fingers. Glow sticks are available as an alternative; please check with an usher.

# **The Post Communion Prayer**

Kneeling 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.

Hymn # 111 Silent night

Kneeling

At the words "Son of God," the people are invited to lift up their candles Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright round von 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, Heavenly 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.

#### **The Christmas Blessing**

After each blessing the congregation says "Amen"

#### Hymn #100 Joy to the world

Standing, sung by all

Joy to the world! the Lord is come let earth receive her King; let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground. He comes to make his blessing flow, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

#### The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

**Postlude** Carol Festival by Hawley Ades Miami Valley Brass

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# THE CLERGY AND STAFF OF ST. GEORGE'S WISH YOU AND YOURS A HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMASTIDE

#### CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICE SCHEDULE

Christmas Day (December 25th)

No services

Sunday, December 28 (The First Sunday after Christmas)

\*\* Nursery CLOSED, No Education

9:00 am — Holy Eucharist

11:00 am — Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 4 (The Second Sunday after Christmas)

\*\*No Education

9:00 am — Christmas Lessons & Carols w/ Communion

11:00 am — Christmas Lessons & Carols w/ Communion

Prayers Requested:
Nicole Armitage, Barbara Burton, Ellie Chase, Chelsea & Charlotte, Liz Cline, Ian Cook, Pat Davis, Deb, Amanda DeRosa, Angela DiMezza, Dean & Lee, Bronwyn Duteil, Emma, Susan Eshbaugh, Evan, Teresa Floore, Frank, Greg Gaines, Ellen Gentner, Stephanie Glazener, Lauralyn Graham, Greta, Patti Guerriero, Sally Haycook, Julia Honious, Julia Huestis, Sheila Hughes, Jean, Jeanne, Ashleigh Kanya, Dorothy Kubilus, Lillian Longinow, Harold & Connie Massie, Jane McGee-Rafal, Becky Mederious, Alf Millard, Becky Miller, Britt Miller, Cyndi Miller, Bev Montgomery, Nancy, Mila Olszweski, Pam, Sara Rigsbee, Sam, Kim Schinder, Wendy Scholl, Myrtle Shaffer, Alyssa Shockley, Brittney Shockley, Charles Simms, Debbie Sitler-Payton, Susan Snead, Mary Snyder, Joan Sweeney, Elayna Thornewill, Shane Thornewill, Lori



Washington Tomblin, Steve Turner, Mary Lou Van Tassel

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# CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

# ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND ...



In thanksgiving for family and friends By Doug & Anne Almoney

In memory of Jorge Arzola Sr., John R. Hutt Sr., and Linda Schuldt By the Arzola Family

In memory of Sally Abbott Pomputius By Susan, Dory, William, and Nicholas Ayres

In memory of our parents, Steve & Rubye Davitt and Al & Joan Bange By Jeff & Stephanie Bange

> In memory of Ken Berta By Fred & Phyllis Berta

In loving memory of Michael Best and James & St. Claire D'Wolf By Ward & Thelma Best

In memory of William Cissel, loving son, father, husband, and grandfather By Tom, Alex, Susan, Xavier, Josiah, Gabrielle, Declan, and Elijah

> In memory of Sue Coblentz By Larry Coblentz

In memory of Rachel Stridsberg By Chris, Megan, Rachel & Daniel Coffey

In memory of John Collier By Nata Collier

In memory of our loved ones in Christ Jesus By The Rev. Dr. Dave & Marty Cottrill

In memory of Richard L. Weise By Bob & Beth Crawford

In thanksgiving for St. George's Gordon & Karen Davidson

In memory of our parents By Peter & Anne Davis

In memory of Dr. & Mrs. A.H. Veldhuis, Mr. & Mrs. John L. Drummy, and Lawrence F. Drummy By the Drummy Family

In memory of Sandy Burton & Lynn Jones By Judi & Greg Gaines and Barbara Burton

In memory of Helen Luke, Lloyd Luke, Adele Greene, and Ellis Greene By Mark & Mary Greene

> In memory of Edwin & Audrey Van Cossaboom By Dr. David Hand

In thanksgiving for all God's many blessings By Bob & Beth Hard

In loving memory of Regina C. Tuholsky By Bill & Chris Hartung and family

In memory of Melanie Hitch By David Hitch

In memory of our family past and present By Matt, Anoopa, Madeline, Emily & Jacob

In memory of James Keener Sr., Jim Hoffman, and Mary Ann Hoffman By Rick Hoffman In memory of Charles & Jeanette Michaels By Charlotte Huffman

In memory of Greg Jollay By Julie Jollay

In memory of our beloved parents and Mary's sister By Russell & Mary Jones

In memory of Colin Douglas Landers, 2000-2024 By Ben & Ashleigh Kanya

In memory of Patricia Knowles By Andrew Knowles

In memory of our beloved and missed family members By Karl & Jane Kuhlke

In appreciation of Blake, Zoe, and Alexander Lamb By William & Mara Lamb

In memory of Val & Gerri Seifert, Diana Siefert, and John Seifert By Anne Larkins

> In memory of Anatol "Andy" Longinow By Lillian Longinow

In memory of departed loved ones By Jane McGee-Rafal

> In memory of my parents, Don & Bev Ament By Nan Miller

In loving memory of John Lindner By Mary Elizabeth Lindner Moore

In memory of my grandsons, John & Alex By Gloria Morgan In loving memory of
Vincent Ifekandu, Christina Okocha,
Emeka Egwudobi, and Sunny Okeke, and
in thanksgiving and praise for our God
By the Okocha Family

In memory of our parents, Roy & Jeanette and Eldon & Lucille By Joe & Becky Recher

> In memory of Doris & Joe Reno By Doug & Bev Reno

In memory of Ed & Rose Thornhill By Doug & Bev Reno

In memory of John M. Rich By Sara E. Rich

In memory of Janet Rinehart By Carl Rinehart

In memory of Cpl Richard Rinehart BSM PH By Carl Rinehart

In memory of our parents By Glenn & Marian Rodgers

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! By Charlie Roop and Sandy Nowacki

In memory of Paul & Edith Mansfield By David & Linda Spears

In loving memory of Tony & Dorothy Pepper and Jane Pepper By Nancy Thatcher

In memory of Melville & Ruby Totten
By James Totten

In memory of Frances Tribble and Libbi Gentner By Elayne Tribble





