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9:00 am Faith Formation

10:15 am Worship Service

December 28, 2025

Liturgist: Linda Brickajlik

First Sunday after Christmas

PRELUDE

GREETING

If able, please rise in body or spirit

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this Christmas season of great joy, we praise the Lord:
for in mercy and abundant steadfast love, God has become our Savior.

**Even in times of danger and threat,
we praise God, who has set us free from fear and death
through Jesus Christ, the pioneer of our salvation.
With all creation, in the midst of the congregation,
we praise and put our trust in God alone.**

Hymn #182 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Please be seated

CALL TO CONFESSION

Family of faith, the invitation of our faith is simple.
We are invited to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.
And yet, those acts have always been easier said than done.
In confession, we tell the truth of our lives, and in response, God offers us grace. God picks us up, shakes the dust off our weary bones, and shows us how to keep walking toward God.
So let us go to God in prayer because God will always meet us there.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Emmanuel, God with us,
Scripture tells us that you were a refugee, but we love to forget that information. We love to forget every act of gun violence. We love to forget how many people go hungry, or how**

many students do not have access to good education. We love to forget the injustices in our world that feel too big for us to face. But you are a God who refuses to forget.

**So today we pray: make it impossible for us to overlook the stories of those in need. Make it impossible for us to sweep injustice under the rug. Open our eyes along with our hearts, so that the anger we feel around injustice might fuel a fire for action.
With hope for a better tomorrow we pray, Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Church family,
even when we fail to do justice, even when we fail to love kindness, even when we allow fear to override action, freezing us in place, God still loves us.
So, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
On our best days and on our worst days, we belong to God.
We are invited into community. We are held in God's grace. We are forgiven. And we are sent to serve. Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE #218 vs.1

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thank you God for the Word made human.
To those who seek your truth, may they hear your Word clearly.
To those who hear your Word clearly, may they speak of love fervently.
Speak to us now, Emmanuel, God with us. Amen.

Scripture: Matthew 13-23

The word of the Lord.

Blessed are they that hear the word of God and keep it.

Meditation

If able, please rise in body or spirit.

Hymn #184 What Child is This

Please be seated

HYMN SING

Koinonia Time (community; communion; fellowship; intimacy)
(Please date, sign, and pass the pew pad to your neighbors)

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer
Our Creator/Mother/Father/Spirit, 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.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY
For the sake of those in need, for the care of the church proclaiming your liberating love, and for all that God calls us to do, let us bring forth our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY
If able, please stand in body or spirit

Offertory Response
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host.
Praise Creator, Christ and Spirit, One. Amen**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
In this gifting season, O God, we are grateful for the gift of your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Receive, we pray, these offerings we bring. May they be used in the service of your grace and truth dwelling among us. Amen.

Hymn #187 O Holy Night

BENEDICTION
In a fearful world, may you look for God's spirit.
May you reach for each other's hands.
May you choose courage whenever you can.

And in all things, may you remember that good news is louder than fear. In the name of the one who calls, the one who sends, and the one who journeys with us—go in peace and **be not afraid**. Amen.

Please be seated

Postlude

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**Head Usher for December are Herb Volk and Ron Grace  
Ushers today are Doris Lindmeier and Ruth Yothers  
Altar Guild this week is Robin Ide**

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**Consistory 2025**  
Elders: Ron Grace, Doris Lindmeier, Lee Metzger (President), Karen Peterson  
Deacons: Robert Creager, Cindy Grace, Tara Howell, Lance Ide, Erin Rush, Herb Volk (Vice President)  
Consistory Secretary – Angela Stofflet; Treasurer – Jen Flexer

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O Come, All Ye Faithful 182

CHRISTMAS

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 3 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove;  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord.

WORDS: Attr. John F. Wade (1711-1786); tr. Frederick Oakeley (1802-1880)  
 MUSIC: John F. Wade's *Cantus Diversi*, 1751

ADESTE FIDELES  
 Irregular

218 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

CHRISTMAS

*Refrain (Unison)*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

*Parts*

1 While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2 The shep - herds feared and trem - bled when, lo! a - bove the earth  
 3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

*to Refrain*

be - hold, through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

WORDS: John W. Work (1872-1925)  
 MUSIC: African-American spiritual

GO, TELL IT  
 Irregular

# What Child Is This 184

Em D/F# G D Em Am/C B

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come peas-ant, king, to own him;

Em D/F# G D Em Am B Esus Em

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear: for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

*Refrain*  
Bm G D Em Am/C B

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;  
 Raise, raise the song on high, the Vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

Bm G D Em Am B Esus Em

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!  
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!  
 joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!

WORDS: William C. Dix (1837-1898)  
 MUSIC: English melody, 16th c.; arr. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

GREENSLEEVES  
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# 187 O Holy Night

1 O ho - ly night, the stars are bright-ly  
 2 Led by the light of faith se - rene - ly  
 3 Tru - ly he taught us to love one an -

shin - ing, it is the night of the dear Sav-ior's birth.  
 beam - ing, with glow-ing heart by his cra - dle we stand.  
 oth - er; his law is love and his gos - pel is peace.

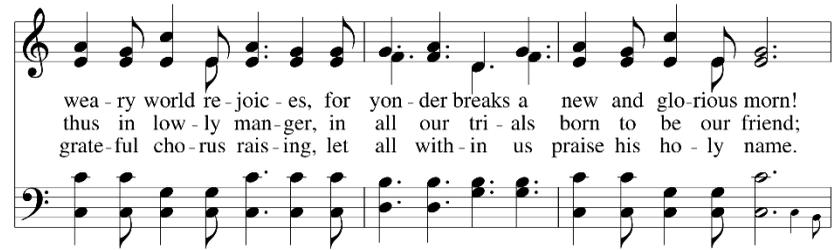
Long lay the world in sin and er - ror pin - ing, till he ap -  
 So led by light of a star sweet-ly gleam - ing, here came the  
 Chains shall he break, for the slave is our broth - er, and in his

peared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the  
 wise men from the O - rient land. The King of kings lay  
 name all op - res - sion shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in

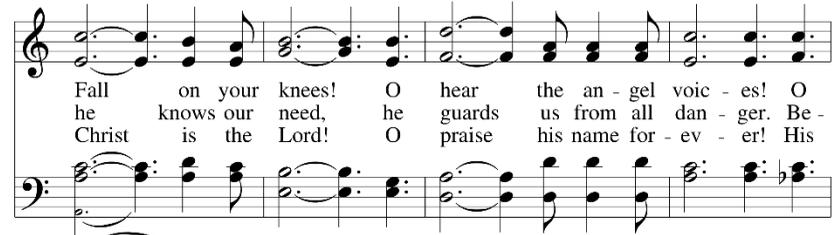
WORDS: John S. Dwight (1813-1893)  
 MUSIC: Adolphe C. Adam (1803-1856); arr. Jack Schrader (1942- )  
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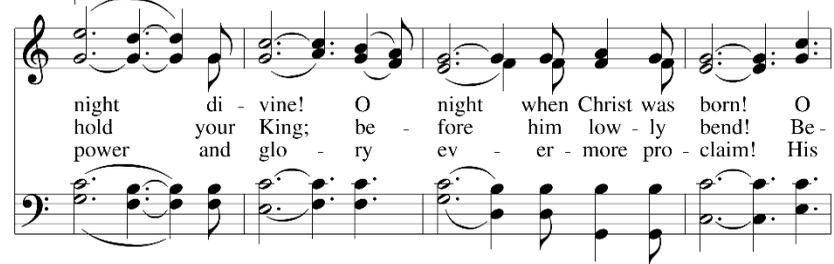
CHRISTMAS



wea - ry world re - joic - es, for yon - der breaks a new and glo - rious morn!  
thus in low - ly man - ger, in all our tri - als born to be our friend;  
grate - ful cho - rus rais - ing, let all with - in us praise his ho - ly name.



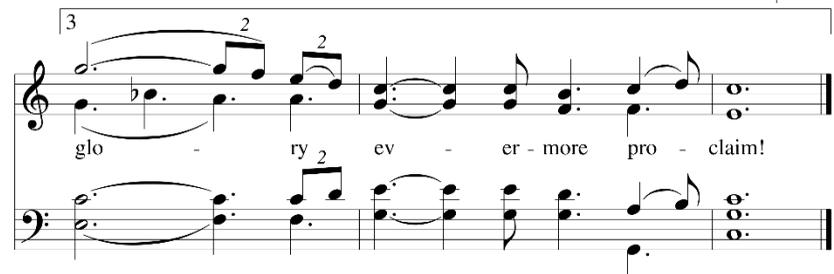
Fall on your knees! O hear the an - gel voic - es! O  
he knows our need, he guards us from all dan - ger. Be -  
Christ is the Lord! O praise his name for - ev - er! His



night di - vine! O night when Christ was born! O  
hold your King; be - fore him low - ly bend! Be -  
power and glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim! His



1, 2  
night di - vine! O night, O night di - vine!  
hold your King; be - fore him low - ly bend!  
power and



3  
glo - ry ev - er - more pro - claim!



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