



THE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRST

VOLUNTARY

INTROIT

Christmas

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To us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and his name will be called the Prince of Peace.

— Isaiah 9:6

✦ CANDLE PROCESSION

Please rise as the candle passes your pew.

✦ CHRISTMAS PROCLAMATION

✦ CAROL NO. 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

- 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!**
*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!*
- Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!**
- Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!**

✦ LITANY

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!

For a child has been born for us, a Son has been given to us.

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!

LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL NO. 113 (SEATED)

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

1. **Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**
2. **Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!**
3. **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!**

LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

Born in a stable so bare,
Born so long ago;
Born neath light of star
He who loved us so.
Far away, silent He lay,
Born today, your homage pay,
Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.

Wise men from distant far land,
Shepherds from starry hills
Worship this babe so rare,
Hearts with His warmth He fills.
Far away, silent He lay,
Born today, your homage pay,
Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.

Cradled by mother so fair,
Tender her lullaby;
Over her son so dear
Angel hosts fill the sky.
Far away, silent He lay,
Born today, your homage pay,
Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.

Love in that stable was born
Into our hearts to flow;
Innocent dreaming babe,
Make me Thy love to know.
Far away, silent he lay,
Born today, your homage pay,
Christ is born for aye,
Born on Christmas Day.

LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

♠ CAROL 119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

1. **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!"
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**
2. **Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**
3. **Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
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.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"**

SERMON

Christmas Again for the First Time

Omar Rouchon

1. **Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. **Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!**
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. **No more let sins and sorrows grow,**
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. **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.

OFFERING

*Gifts may be given anytime at www.saintphilip.net
or text "SPPC" to 73256 and follow the prompts*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Gaudete

anonymous | from *Piæ Cantiones*, 1582
arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

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Gaudete! Gaudete!	Rejoice! Rejoice!
Christus est natus	Christ is born
ex Maria virgine:	of the Virgin Mary:
Gaudete!	Rejoice!

VERSES

Now the time has come at last,
bringing joy and gladness;
time foretold by sages past,
healing earth's deep sadness.

Nature marvels at the sight,
earth looks on in wonder:
for the Lord of love and light
rends the heavens asunder.

Christ is born: Emmanuel,
hope of every nation!
Therefore let us sing *noël*
with the whole creation!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

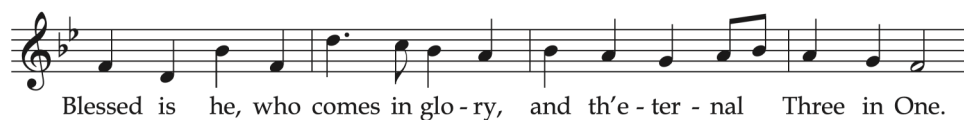
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give thanks and praise . . .

Therefore we now join our voices with the choirs of heaven

and the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:



You are holy, O God of majesty . . . even as we remember the mystery of faith:



O God, once again, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

With the confidence of the children of God, we pray as Jesus taught:

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.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND THE SHARING OF GOD'S GIFTS

COMMUNION ANTHEM

A Christmas Blessing

Philip Stopford
(b. 1977)

May the joy of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
the worship of the wise men
and the peace of the Christ Child be yours,
be yours this Christmas.

May Christ, who by his incarnation
gathered into one all things earthly,
all things heavenly,
fill you with joy,
fill you with joy and peace.

And the blessing of God
the Father and the Son
and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you always,
with you always, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

John 1 (*selected verses*)

PASSING OF LIGHT

Please keep lit candles upright as you pass the light.

CAROL 122

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

- 1. Silent night, holy night!**
All is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.
- 2. Silent night, holy night!**
Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
- 3. 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.
- 4. Silent night, holy night!**
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing.
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING

VOLUNTARY

Please extinguish candles.

WORSHIP NOTES

✦ Please stand, if able. **Bold** type indicates congregational responses.

We join Presbyterians in supporting the Presbyterian Christmas Joy Offering, which provides assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and develops future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Envelopes are in the pews for your gift.

Communion is served tonight by intinction. Please come to the stations via the center aisle, receive a piece of bread, dip it into the chalice of grape juice or take a small cup of grape juice from the tray. Return to your seat via the side aisles. Please indicate to the servers if you'd like gluten-free bread. Persons with difficulty coming forward can be served in the pews by signaling the servers. Because the table of Jesus Christ is open to all, everyone is welcome to receive communion tonight.

SERVING TONIGHT

Pastors

Keatan King, Omar Rouchon and John Wurster

Musicians

St. Philip Choir | Randall Swanson, director of music & organist

Matthew Dirst, organist | Jane Malczewskyj, pianist & assistant choir director

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Dec. 25 Christmas Day

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

No 9:00 a.m. service, no nursery care and no Sunday School classes

January 1, 2023

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

No 9:00 a.m. service, no in-person Sunday School classes. Nursery care available at 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to Worship at St. Philip

We are glad you are here! Please scan the QR Code to access our digital guest-book. We invite you to sign in and let us know you are worshipping with us.

Merry Christmas

Thank you to those who have contributed poinsettias this Christmas to adorn our chancel.

<i>Given by:</i>	<i>Those we honor:</i>
Bob & Lee Ardell	Ministries of Becky & Mark Downs
Bob & Bebe Burns	To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our family
Meg & Richard Johnson	To the glory of God and in gratitude for our families
Suzanne & David Kerr	Randall Swanson & the St. Philip Choir
Walter & Margaret King	In gratitude for our wonderful church staff
Nina & Casey Lambright	Nancy Johnson
Jane Larkin	Jim, Penny, and Amelia Larkin
Jane Malczewskyj	Our family in Ukraine
Bonnie Moore	Our children & grandson - Clint, Audra, Alex, Zach, Sarah, & Sebastian
Cathy Patterson	St. Philip Mission Committee
Hallie & David Spence	Mary Linda Williams
Hope Wilmarth	Jeb, Isabelle, Arden, Gertrude, Clara & Elliot
Jennifer Wilson	My beloved father - Bill Wilson

<i>Given by:</i>	<i>Those we remember:</i>
Orlean Anderson	Ruth & Orlean McCallum
Orlean Anderson	Kenneth L. Anderson Jr.
Bob & Lee Ardell	Julie Ardell
Linda Bevill	My parents - James and Laura Alcorn
Deb Burks & John Wurster	Darnall Burks, father
Jane Cooper	My mother - Lillian, my sister - Kathy and my husband - Dan
Liz Crowell	John William Scott
Janet & Carl Eskridge	Rita & John Hannah
Susan & Robert Estill	Our parents - Mary Louise & Junius Estill
Susan & Robert Estill	Carrie & Koehler Young
John & Judy Hartman	Christine Van Osdall
Jo Helland	John & Rita Hannah
Jo Helland	Ellen Red
Nancy Higgs	My mother, father, & brother
Craig & Judy Hill	Loretta Dirst
Craig & Judy Hill	Horace & Louise Hill
Dick & Sue Howard	Our parents - James & Lunetta Howard and Jesse & Patti Lebel
Amanda Kirtley, Jared and Pamela Ewing	Pamela Kirtley
Jane Larkin	My husband - Lee Larkin
Susan Leonard	James Henry Leonard V
Susan Leonard	Stanley & Beedie Heaos
Susan Leonard	James Henry Leonard Jr.
Susan Leonard	Doris Leonard
Jan Meyer	Don & Valerie Meyer
Barbara Runge	Rusty Howard
Barbara Runge	Gene & Ruth Howard
Barbara Runge	Bill & Martha Runge
Rhonda Sands	My parents - Mary Ann & Tom Sands
Rhonda Sands	My brother - Rod Sands
Jenilee Simmons	Douglass L. Simmons
Sally Slick	My husband - Bill Slick
Sally Slick	My brother - Grady Short
Hallie & David Spence	Paxton Williams
Aileen Todd	Harry Todd
Sandra & Wayne Truxillo	Sandra's brother - Emil Runge
Al & Ruthie Waldrop	Allister & Florence Waldrop
Al & Ruthie Waldrop	Kenan & Nancy Rand
Linda Weinmann	Don Weinmann
Hope Wilmarth	Lance, Jen Stoutz, John & Rita Hannah
Jennifer Wilson	My beloved mother - Helen Wilson
Ruena Wood	My beloved husband - the Rev. Dr. Stuart Wood