



SAINT LUKE'S
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SERVING TODAY

Chancel Guild: Mary and Ted Guerrant
Communion: Terry Nall, captain
Tonight college students have been invited by the session to serve communion. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for them throughout the school year.
Ushers: Andrea Price, captain; Faye Cashwell, Carol Hickey, Janis Jones, Nancy Moore
Instrumentalists: James, Jacob and Michelle Moebes

LEADERSHIP

ELDERS

Class of 2019:
 Al Bridges, Beth Eisenmesser,
 Sonny Jester, Bob Pile, Bob Polensek,
 Terri Potter, Whitney Samuelson,
 Steven Vivian, Sydney Sloan (*Youth Elder*)
Class of 2020:
 Carol Ciepluch, Leslie Hamlin, Kay Loerch (*Clerk of Session*), Florence Luranc, J J Singley, Kelly Sloan, Steve Thornton, Brad Troha

Class of 2021:
 Bob Burroughs, Steve Cashwell (*Asst. Clerk of Session*) Tracy Coffie, Val DeFriece, Matt Fogarty, Nael McCarty, Todd Parker, Kristen Wescott

DEACONS

Class of 2019:
 Melissa Blakely, Alyson Cohen, Mark Douglass, A.J.Favero, Carol Hickey, Dorothy Kitchens (*Moderator*), Debbie Parkes, Carol Waller, Al Wang, Rosie Coffie (*Youth Deacon*),
Class of 2020:
 Thomas Brown, Karleen Buchholz, Jenny Cumiskey, Ron Davis, Kris Hull (*Vice Moderator*), Daryl Moore, Emily Ritzler, Vivian Smith, Suzanne Thatcher

Class of 2021:
 Marylyn Brown, Kelda Hearn, Janis Jones, Alan Keel, Christy Keohane, Betsy King, Molly Naugher, Gena Spears, Steve Wassell



Christmas Eve 9:00pm



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December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve

Liturgical Color: White

White is used for special days such as Christmas and Easter.

MISSION

Responding to God's call and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to join us in knowing, serving, and sharing Jesus Christ here and around the world.

VISION

To be a beacon of faith, hope, and love—every member an active disciple in Christ's ministry.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are delighted you are worshipping with us.

DURING the Welcome, please print the requested information on the Friendship Pad and pass the Friendship Pad down the pew.

FOR MORE information about our programs, ministries or membership, please contact one of our Pastors at 770.393.1424, or visit our website: slpres.org.

THAT ALL MAY WORSHIP

ASSISTIVE hearing devices, large print hymnals, large print bulletins and back cushions are available. Please contact an usher for further assistance.



CHILDREN are a precious part of our church family, and we welcome them in worship. Worship activity sheets and tactile activities are available on the blue Worship Carts in the back of the sanctuary.



Hymn #122 and Candle Lighting* Silent Night, Holy Night *STILLE NACHT*

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.

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.

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.

Sixth Lesson from John 1

At the conclusion of the reading of John 1, the Sanctuary lights will come up and you are invited to extinguish your Christmas candle.

Closing Hymn #134* Joy to the World

Benediction*

Passing the Peace

Leader: Jesus Christ is born this day.
People: Peace is born to us.

Postlude* From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

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Prelude La Nativité *Jean Langlais*

Welcome

Call to Worship*

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: **Sing to the Lord all the earth!**
Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless God's name;
People: **Tell the good news of salvation from day to day.**

Carol #133* O Come All Ye Faithful, stanzas 1, 3 and 4

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Sloan Family

Prayer for Christmas Eve

Emmanuel, God-With-Us, this is the night heaven's heart bursts open with joy, when you come to make all things new. We thank you, loving God, for the gift of Jesus, light in darkness and hope of the world. Forgive us for the times we lose sight of your presence and power. With all creation and with singing angels, we praise your name and rejoice in the birth of earth's salvation! Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 9:2,6-7

Carol #123 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, stanzas 1 and 5

Second Lesson Micah 5:2-5a

Carol #140 Once in Royal David's City, stanzas 1 and 2

Third Lesson Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol #99 My Soul Gives Glory to My God, stanzas 1 and 5

Fourth Lesson Luke 2:1-7

Carol #144 In the Bleak Midwinter

Fifth Lesson Luke 2:8-16

Homily The Hopes and Fears of All the Years David Lower

Carol #113*

Angels We Have Heard on High

The Offering Invitation

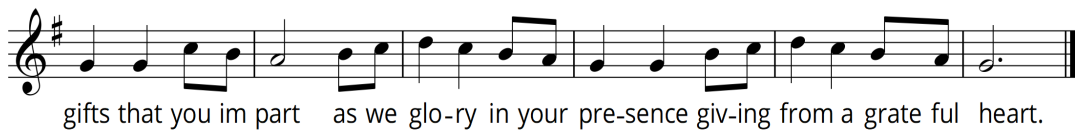
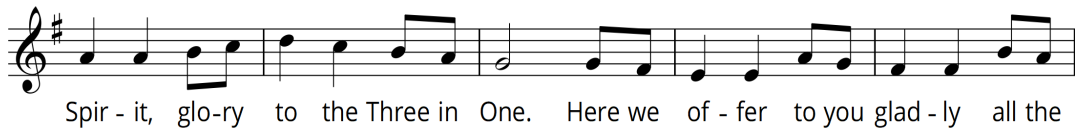
Giving is a tangible sign of worship. If you give electronically, there is a blue, laminated, electronic giving card in the pew rack to place in the offering plate as it is passed.

Offertory

O Little Town of Bethlehem *arr. Kay Goodyear* Taylor Link
soloist

Song of Thanksgiving *

Christmas Doxology



Holy Communion

Communion will be served by intinction (dipping the bread into the cup). Everyone is invited to participate in the sacrament. The cup holds grape juice, not wine, during this service. A server with gluten-free wafers will be standing directly in front of the communion table for those who prefer this option. If you would prefer to be served where you are sitting, please raise your hand.

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution

Communion Music

How Far Is It to Bethlehem *arr. Mack Wilberg* Chancel Choir

How far is it to Bethlehem?
Not very far.
Shall we find the stable room
Lit by a star?

Great kings have precious gifts,
And we have naught,
Little smiles and little tears
Are all we brought.

Can we see the little child,
Is he within?
If we lift the wooden latch
May we go in?

For all weary children
Mary must weep.
Here, on his bed of straw
Sleep, children, sleep.

May we stroke the creatures there,
Ox, ass, or sheep?
May we peek like them and see
Jesus asleep?

God in his mother's arms,
Babes in the byre,
Sleep, as they sleep who find
Their heart's desire.
(Frances Alice Chesterton)

If we touch his tiny hand
Will he awake?
Will he know we've come so far
Just for his sake?

Cradle Song arr John Rutter

In Bethlehem, all in a stable, lies a newborn infant mild.
By his side, a virgin mother watches o'er the holy child.
Jesus, lying in the manger, comes to us on earth a stranger.
Lullaby; angels round you watch will keep.
Saint Joseph stand beside the cradle, filled with wonder, awe and love.
See, the infant King lies sleeping, sent from God in heaven above.
Ox and ass before him kneeling, Mary's love his sorrows healing.
Hosanna in the highest; peace to men on earth.
Seraphim in chorus greet the Savior's joyful birth.

The Sharing of the Light of Christ*