

# 10 AM Worship

December 28, 2025

*First Sunday of Christmas*

## PRELUDE

*Break Forth into Joy* – J. S. Bach

*Of the Father's Love Begotten* – arr. Wilbur Held

*Do You Hear What I Hear* – arr. Douglas Wagner

## RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL \*

*As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Welcome & Opening Hymn.*

*A \* in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

## WELCOME \*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

## OPENING HYMN #275 \*

*Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS \*

Leader: We begin our worship remembering to whom we belong,  
children baptized in the name of the Father, and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader: Amid the troubles and fears of this world let us confess our sin  
and welcome the light of God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

*(Silence for reflection and silent prayer)*

Leader: Gracious God, Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

Assembly: **Forgive our lack of faith and trust.**

Leader: Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

Assembly: **Forgive our neglect of the poor and those less fortunate than us.**

Leader: The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

Assembly: **Forgive our selfishness and complacency.**  
**Amen.**

Leader: With great joy the angels proclaimed,  
“Do not fear. For I bring you good news of great joy.  
Today is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”  
In + Jesus, who is Savior, Christ, and Lord, our sins are forgiven.  
May you know the peace which the angels sang from the heavens.  
For indeed, God’s forgiveness is good news of great joy!

Assembly: Amen.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE #289 \***

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY \***

Leader: God of Heaven and Earth,  
you have thrown a lifeline to us in our darkness,  
a beam of light that shines through Jesus.  
Though born in a manger, He is the firstborn of all creation.  
Though crucified on a cross, He is the Lord of Life.  
Fill us with the wonder and joy of His presence in the world and in our hearts.

Assembly: Amen.

## **MINISTRY OF MUSIC**     *Love Has Come (Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella)* – arr. Sallie Lloyd

## **THE STORIES OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

Hymn #292 – *Love Has Come*  
Hymn #282 – *It Came upon the Midnight Clear*  
Hymn #296 – *What Child Is This*  
Hymn #295 – *Of the Father’s Love Begotten*  
Hymn #288 – *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER \*

Leader: Let us pray.  
It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

**Assembly: Your word, Jesus, is truth.**

Leader: In His light, draw all to the manger,  
**Assembly: to gather in wonder with the shepherds,  
and to sing for joy with the angels.**

Leader: In the brightness of His life,  
**Assembly: cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty,  
and hunger in the world.**

Leader: It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.  
**Assembly: In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life.  
Amen.**

## PEACE \*

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always!  
**Assembly: And also with you!**

*The assembly greets each other with  
“peace be with you...and also with you.”*

*You're invited to share God's peace with those around you.  
If you're worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.*

## OFFERING

*Angel Tidings – arr. Cynthia Dobrinski*

*As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the  
many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.*

*Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.*

*Gifts can also be given electronically using the QR Code.*



## OFFERTORY \*

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
(sung to the tune of "The First Noel")

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low. Praise God a - bove, ye  
heaven - ly host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.  
No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el,  
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING \*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Assembly: And also with you.**

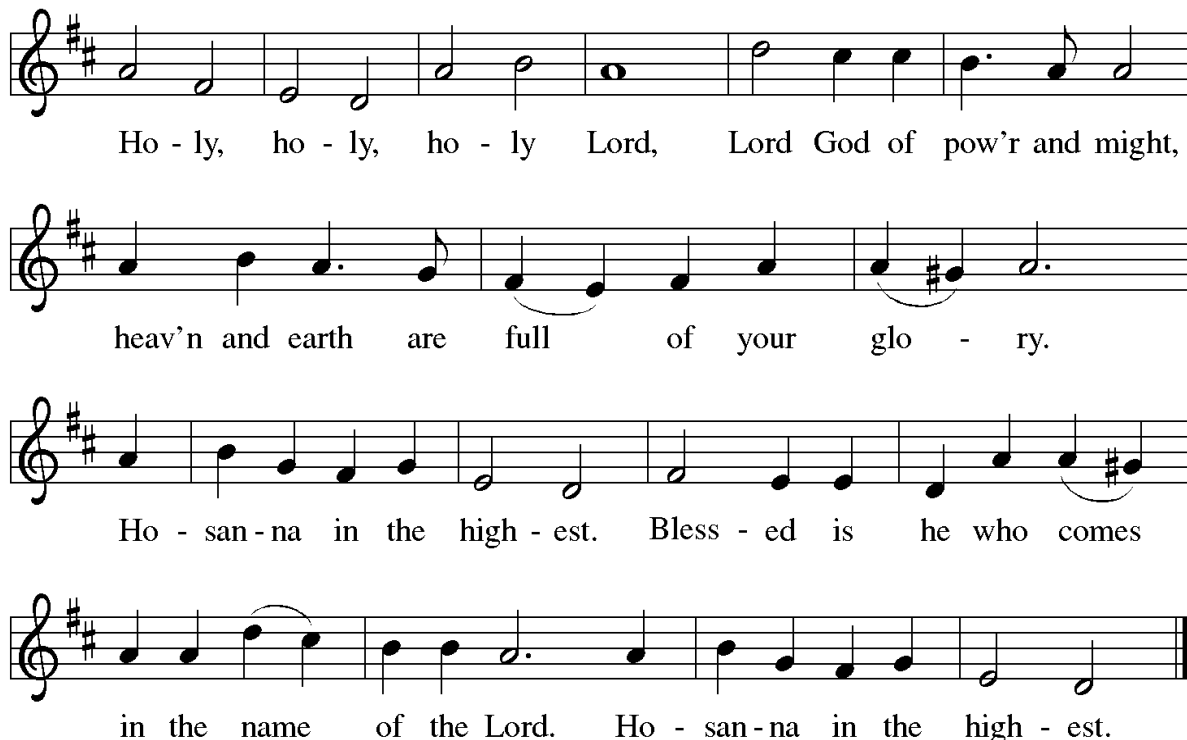
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Assembly: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory,  
that, beholding the God made visible,  
we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION \*

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

We pray as our Lord has taught us...

## 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 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, forever and ever. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.*

*We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.*

*You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.*

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available  
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets  
at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of  
the cups and packaging after the service.*

*"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.*

Pastor: God is now in flesh appearing.  
Come to the feast of joy!

*As you are served communion:*

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Music at Distribution:

Solo – *Were You There on That Christmas Night?* – Natalie Sleeth

*Were you there on that Christmas night,  
When the world was filled with a holy light?  
Were you there to behold when the wonder foretold came to earth?*

*Did you see you see how they hailed him King with the gifts so rare that they chose to bring?  
Did you see how they bowed as they praised him aloud at his birth?  
Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang at the glory of the sight?  
Did you hear how the bells of heaven rang all through the night?*

*Did you know it was God's own Son, the salvation of the world begun?  
Did you know it was love that was sent from above to earth?  
Were you there?*

Piano – *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* – arr. Lloyd Larson

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Leader: Holy God,  
we give thanks that you have come to us through the gift of your Son.  
At your table we have been fed and forgiven.  
Send us from this feast into the world rejoicing  
that we might share your love with all we meet,  
through the grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Assembly: Amen.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

### BLESSING \*

Leader: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

Assembly: Praise God, all creatures here below!

Leader: You are the shepherds telling the story.

Assembly: We tell it in the streets and across the land.

Leader: You are the wise ones worshiping with gladness.

Assembly: We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.

Leader: You are the angels announcing peace.

Assembly: We live with joy and go in peace.

Leader: Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

Assembly: Amen.

### SENDING HYMN #290 \*

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

### DISMISSAL \*

Leader: Go in peace.

Share the good news that Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, is born!

Assembly: Thanks be to God!

### POSTLUDE \*

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain* – arr. David Cherwien

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