

Kirk O'The Valley



Christmas Eve

Communion

December 24, 2022

3:00 PM

****Please stand if you are able for Hymns and Praise Music***

Christmas Hymn of Praise: Good Christians All, Rejoice! #14

1) Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!

Listen now to what we say,
Jesus Christ is born today:
ox and ass before him bow
and he is in the manger now!

Christ is born today;

Christ is born today.

2) Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Hear the news of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this:
he has opened heaven's door
and we are blessed for evermore!

Christ was born for this;

Christ was born for this.

3) Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;

Jesus Christ was born to save:
come at his most gracious call
to find salvation one and all!

Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save,

Welcome & Prayer: Pastor Rich

***Call to Worship:** Lynn Bassler and Su Guzzardi

Lighting the Christ Candle: John 1

Reader One: "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God. And the Word was God.

All: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

(The Christ candle is lit)

Reader One: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

All: The true light, which enlightens everyone, comes into the world: and to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God."

Christmas Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" **#44**

1) O little town of Bethlehem,

How still we see thee lie!

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2) For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth!

3) How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

4) O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Prayer of Offering Dedication: Pastor Rich

***Christmas Doxology:**

Tune: GREENSLEEVES **#53** (What Child is This")

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

This, this is Christ the King,

Whom shepherds guard. and angels sing.

Haste, haste to bring him laud

The babe, the son of Mary.

Passing the Peace: Pastor Rich

Greet one another, as Christ greets His church, with Joy, Peace and Love!

Announcements: Pastor Rich

Scripture: Luke 2:1-22

Lay Reader: Lynn Bassler

The Birth of Jesus

2 **1** In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria. **3** And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem, the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace (to those on whom his favor rests.)"

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told. **21** On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived.

Reader: This is The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Jane Poole

Message: "Christmas Treasure" -Pastor Rich

Response Hymn: "Love Has Come!"

Tune: "Bring a Torch, Jeannette Isabella"

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1) Love has come, a light in the darkness!

Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.

See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.

Hear how their song of joy arises:

Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!

Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

2) Love is born! Come share in the wonder.
Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of His mother.
What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

3) Love has come, He never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

Communion: Pastor Rich

Communion Hymn: #5 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" **Verse 2**

King of Kings, yet born of Mary.
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer: Pastor Rich

People: 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, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn: "Silent Night, Holy Night" #60**

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,

Heavenly 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!

5) Silent Night! Holy Night”

Sleeps the world in peace tonight.

God sends his Son to earth below

A Child from whom all blessings flow

Jesus, embraces mankind.

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Benediction: Pastor Rich

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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