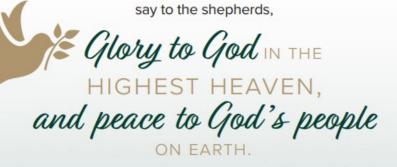
In the Gospel according to Luke we hear the angels



At this time of the year, perhaps our longing for peace is even more acute. We know the world isn't right. Nevertheless, we wait for and trust in Jesus, the Prince of Peace. The angels proclaimed, "Peace on Earth. Good tidings we bring." We pray for peace in our world and in our communities. Every week we take time during worship to greet one another with the message of peace. We reach out, grasping hands across pews, across the aisle. Some may walk to other areas of the sanctuary to give a message of peace to a neighbor or a visitor. "The peace of Christ be with you." "And also with you." We share the peace, the love of God, and as we do, we know that God has reached from heaven to earth and, in the Prince of Peace, is sharing God's peace with us. In this season and all year round, may the peace of Christ be with you.



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*Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," by J. Carter "On Christmas Night," <i>ELW #274</i>	Betsy Murray
CALL TO WORSHIP		Screen
CANDLE LIGHTING	"Christ Be Our Light," by B. Farrell	King's Choir
*CONFESSION & FORG	Screen	
*OPENING HYMN	"Joy to the World," ELW #267	Organ & King's Brass
*GREETING		Screen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Screen

Loving God, We have heard this story before— the story of a star in the sky and a baby who was laid in a manger. We have heard this story before— passed down in hopeful whispers through the generations. So this night, as we lean our hearts and our ears closer to you, we ask that you would make room in our souls to hear this story again. Make room in us for awe. Make room in us for wonder. Make room for heartache and compassion. Make room in our hearts for you. For we know that you are still speaking. So speak to us again this night. We are listening. We are already making room. Amen.

LESSON	Isaiah 9:2-7 <i>, p 555 NRSV</i>				
PSALM	Psalm 96 (read responsively) p 479 NRSV	Screen			
* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"O Come, All Ye Faithful," <i>ELW #283,</i> v 1&2	Organ & King's Brass			
*GOSPEL	Luke 2:1-20, <i>p 832 NRSV</i>				
CHILDREN / YOUTH TIME Pastor Rebecca					
SERMON		Pastor Rebecca			
*HYMN OF THE DAY	"Angels We Have Heard on High," ELW #289	Organ & King's Brass			
*APOSTLES CREED		Screen			
*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE					
Leader: Trusting in God's good news of great joy for all people, we offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and the world God loves.					
A brief silence.					
<u>After each petit</u>	ion:				
Leader: Hear us, O God. All: Your mercy is great.					
Leader: Abide with us, O God of mercy, and receive our prayers according to your abundant grace. All: Amen.					
*PEACE		Screen			
OFFERING	"Christmas Pastorale," by G. Richoloson	Betsy Murray			
*OFFERTORY	"Lord of All Good," by B. Beebe Tradup (sung to the tune of "Joy to the World")	Screen			
*OFFERING PRAYER Screen					

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our Hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

	*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING			
	*SANCTUS	Holy, Holy, Holy," ELW p. 108 setting 1	Screen	
	*WORDS OF INSTIT	TUTION		
	*THE LORD'S PRAY	Screen		
	DISTRIBUTION	"Away in a Manger," <i>ELW #277</i> "There is Room for the Stranger," by Tice, Dengler "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," <i>ELW #282</i> "I am So Glad This Christmas Eve," <i>ELW #271</i>	Screen King's Choir Screen Screen	
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER				
	ANNOUNCEMENTS	5		
	*BLESSING	"I Can Celebrate You," (sung to the tune of "In the Bleak Midwinter")	Screen	
	*CANDLE LIGHTING	G "Christmas Starlight," by E. Lorenz	Betsy Murray	
	*SENDING	"Silent Night," ELW #281	Screen	
	*SENDING OUT			
	POSTLUDE	"He is Born," by R.J. Powell	Betsy Murray	



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