



COMMUNITY CHURCH LEISURE WORLD

LIGHTING
A pathway into community

GROWING
Disciples in God's Love

SENDING
The Hope and Joy of Jesus

Our Vision: To Be Love to Leisure World

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Sunday Service: 9:50 AM
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December 28, 2025

1st Sunday of Christmastide

4th Day of Christmas

Hymn-Sing Sunday

Rev. Johan Dodge



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Recalculating...

OPENING ANNOUNCEMENTS — Dave Albulario

Good Morning and Welcome to Worship! Worship is often the first place that new people come into contact with this growing community of faith. And so, if you are joining us for the first time, I say to you what is said every Sunday: You are welcome here. Here is a place where all are welcome. For such is the love of God for God's Very Good Creation.

[please stand as you are able]

CALL TO WORSHIP: Christmastide Doxology ("O Tannenbaum / O Christmas Tree")

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow, in ev - 'ry gen - er -

a - tion. Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low, the

bless - ed in - car - na - tion. Praise God a - bove, ye

heav'n - ly host, Cre - a - tor, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Let

all cre - a - tion praise the Lord with love and ad - or - a - tion.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Adeste Fideles / O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1. Ad - é - ste fi - dé - les, lae - ti tri - um - phán - tes, Ve -
 2. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - u - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

ní - te, ve - ní - te in Béth - le - hem: Na - tum vi -
 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; Come, and be -
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of Heav'n - a - bove! Glo - ry to the
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the

dé - te Re - gem An - ge - ló - rum: Ve - ni - te, a - do -
 hold him, born the King of an - gels;
 God, all glo - ry in the high - est; O come, let us a -
 Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

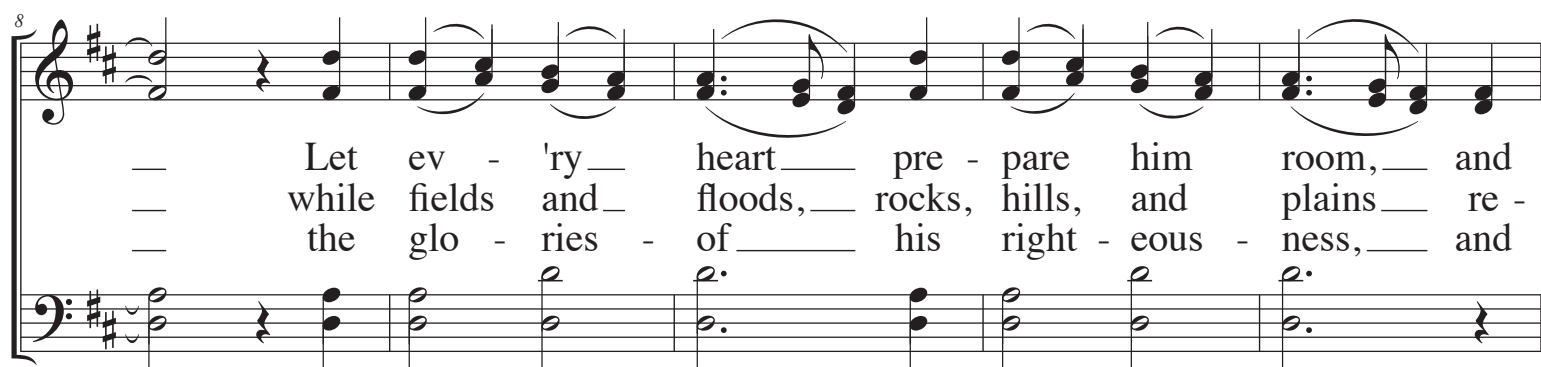
re - mus Ve - ní - te, a - do - re - mus Ve -
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

ni - te, a - do - re - mus, Dó - mi - num.
 come let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

HYMN CAROL: "Joy to the World"



Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth re-ceive her king.—
 Joy to the earth! The Sav-ior reigns. Let all our songs em-ploy,—
 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na-tions prove—

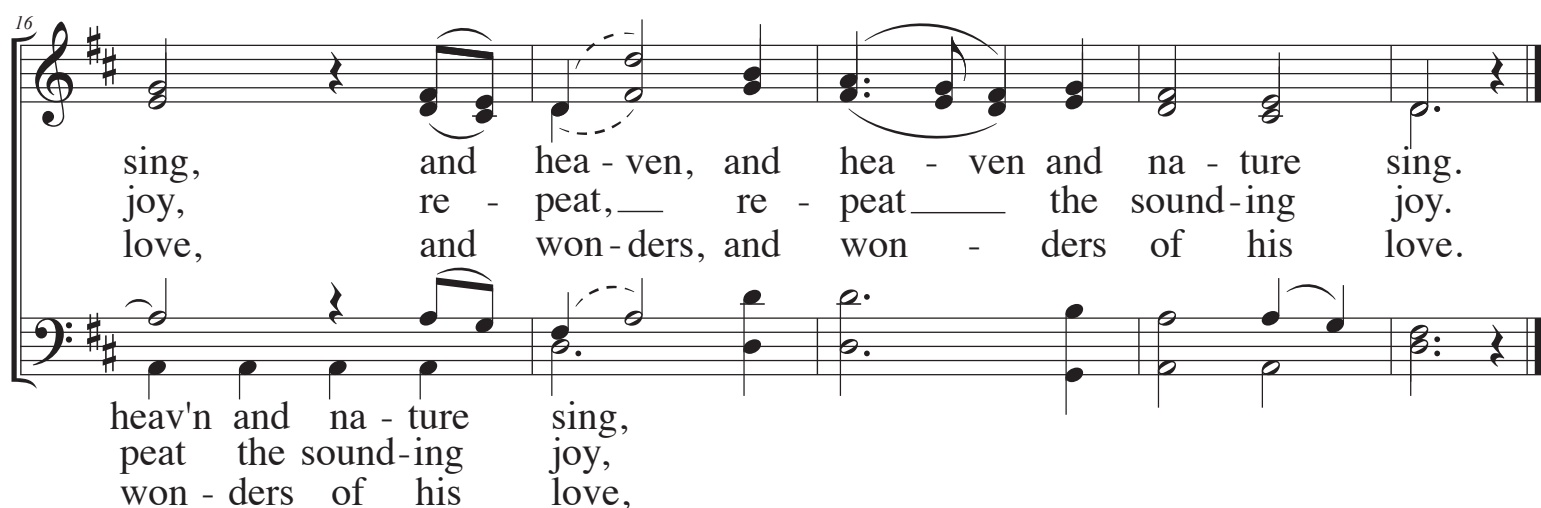


— Let ev-'ry heart pre-pare him room, and
 — while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains re-
 — the glo-ries of his right-eous-ness, and



heav'n and na-ture sing, and heav'n and na-ture
 peat the sound-ing joy, re-peat the sound-ing
 won-ders of his love, and won-ders of his

and heav'n and na-ture sing, and
 re-peat the sound-ing joy, re-
 and won-ders of his love, and



sing, and hea-ven, and hea-ven and na-ture sing.
 joy, re-peat, re-peat the sound-ing joy.
 love, and won-ders, and won-ders of his love.

heav'n and na-ture sing,
 peat the sound-ing joy,
 won-ders of his love,

[please be seated]

HYMN OF INTERCESSION: "O Holy Night"

Verse 1: O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

to Refrain 1

Verse 2: Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
there came the wise men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger;
in all our trials born to be our friend.

to Refrain 2

Verse 3: Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
and in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
let all within us praise His holy name.

to Refrain 3

Refrain 1: Fall _____ on your knees! _____ O _____ hear _____ the an - gel voic - es! O

Refrain 2: He _____ knows our need - _____ to our weak - ness no strang - er. Be -

Refrain 3: Christ _____ is the Lord! _____ Then ev - er, ev - er praise we! His

night, _____ di - vine, _____ O _____ night _____ when Christ was born! _____ O

hold _____ your king, _____ be _____ fore _____ him low - ly bend! _____ Be -

pow'r _____ and glo - ry _____ ev - er more pro - claim! _____ His

night, _____ di - vine, _____ O _____ night, _____ O _____ night di - vine!

hold _____ your King, _____ your King, _____ be - fore him bend!

pow'r _____ and glo - ry _____ ev - er - more pro -

claim! _____ His pow'r _____ and glo - ry _____ ev - er - more pro - claim!

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN CAROL: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
Christ, by high - est Heav'n a - dored; Christ the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
Hail the Heav'n - born prince of peace! Hail the sun of right-eous-ness!

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peace on Earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

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Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,— join the tri-umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see;— hail th'in-car-nate de - i - ty,—
Mild he lays his glo - ry by,— born that we no more may die,—

13
with th'an-gel - ic host pro-claim: "Christ is— born in Beth-le - hem!"
pleased on Earth with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
born to raise each child of Earth. born to— give us sec-ond birth.

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Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry— to the new-born king!"

[please be seated]

HYMN FOR ILLUMINATION: “Would I Miss the Miracle? — LWCC Music Team:

Jennifer Rudy, *soprano* Renée Albulario, *visiting alto*
Dave Albulario, *tenor* Chris Wade, *pianist emeritus*

SCRIPTURE — Marylee Thomsen

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.” ¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazarene.”

MESSAGE: “Recalculating” — Rev. Johan Dodge

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION — Rev. Johan Dodge

Like many immigrants today, Joseph took his family across the border when they were in danger. Though they eventually returned to their home country, danger was still a present possibility. In what ways did Jesus in his life and ministry threaten those who held power in his day? How are we, as we practice the Christian life among present powers, challenging violence and injustice today? What dream or vision do you have for the kin-dom Christ came to establish?

REFLECTION: “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas” — LWCC Music Team

[Ushers, please come forward]

OFFERTORY: "Do You Hear What I Hear" — LWCC Music Team

[please stand as you are able]

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING — "The First Noel"

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of five systems of staves. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines. There are also some decorative elements like dashed circles around certain notes.

The first system (measures 1-6) contains the following lyrics:
The first no - el the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
This star drew nigh un - to the north-west; o - ver Beth - le -

The second system (measures 7-12) contains the following lyrics:
shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing their
east be - yond them far; and to the Earth it gave great
hem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and

The third system (measures 13-17) contains the following lyrics:
sheep on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

The fourth system (measures 18-22) contains the following lyrics:
No - el, no - el, no - el, no - el!

The fifth system (measures 23-27) contains the following lyrics:
Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

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HYMN: "Still Nacht / Silent Night"

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake at the sight,
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

round yon vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant so ten - der and mild,
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia.
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ the Sav - iour is born, Christ the Sav - iour is born!
 Je - sus, Lord at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord at thy birth.

HYMN-BLESSING — "Let There Be Peace on Earth"

Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

Let there be peace on Earth, the peace that was meant to be. _____

With God, our Cre - a - tor, _____ we are fam - i - ly. _____

Let us walk with each oth - er _____ in per - fect har - mo - ny. _____

33
 Let peace be - gin with me, let this be the mo - ment now; _____

41
 With ev - 'ry step I take, let this be my sol - emn vow: _____ To

49
 take each mo - ment and live each mo - ment in peace e - ter - nal - ly; _____

57
 Let there be peace on Earth, and let it be - gin with me. _____

SENDING FORTH: "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love: The

fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove. A - men.

Music Team: Jennifer Rudy, *Soprano*
 Renée Albulario, *Visiting Alto*
 Chris Wade, *Bass / Pianist Emeritus*
 Dave Albulario, *Tenor / Music Dir.*

Hannah Yi, *Pianist*
 John Fluker, *Pianist*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Westcott – Nancy asks for prayers of general health and well-being for SuZan, an elderly family friend who is in a care facility, recovering from hip replacement surgery and a fractured arm.

Patricia Wolfe – Patricia asks for prayers for her daughter and son-in-law, Tiffany and Johnny. They are trying a second time to have a baby through IVF. Prayers that they are successful and that the embryo will go full term.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FLOWERS & FELLOWSHIP: Today's 🌺 flowers and Fellowship 🍪 refreshments are provided by Mo Ashley. See the sign-up charts to provide refreshments or cover the cost of altar flowers for future services. Altar flowers are \$35. See Sandy Walker to coordinate the arrangements.

COFFEE WITH PASTOR: Coffee with Pastor will **not** meet this week, but will resume on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

RECENT LWCC WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

November 30th: 33 | December 7th: 35 | December 14th: 38 | December 21st: 40



