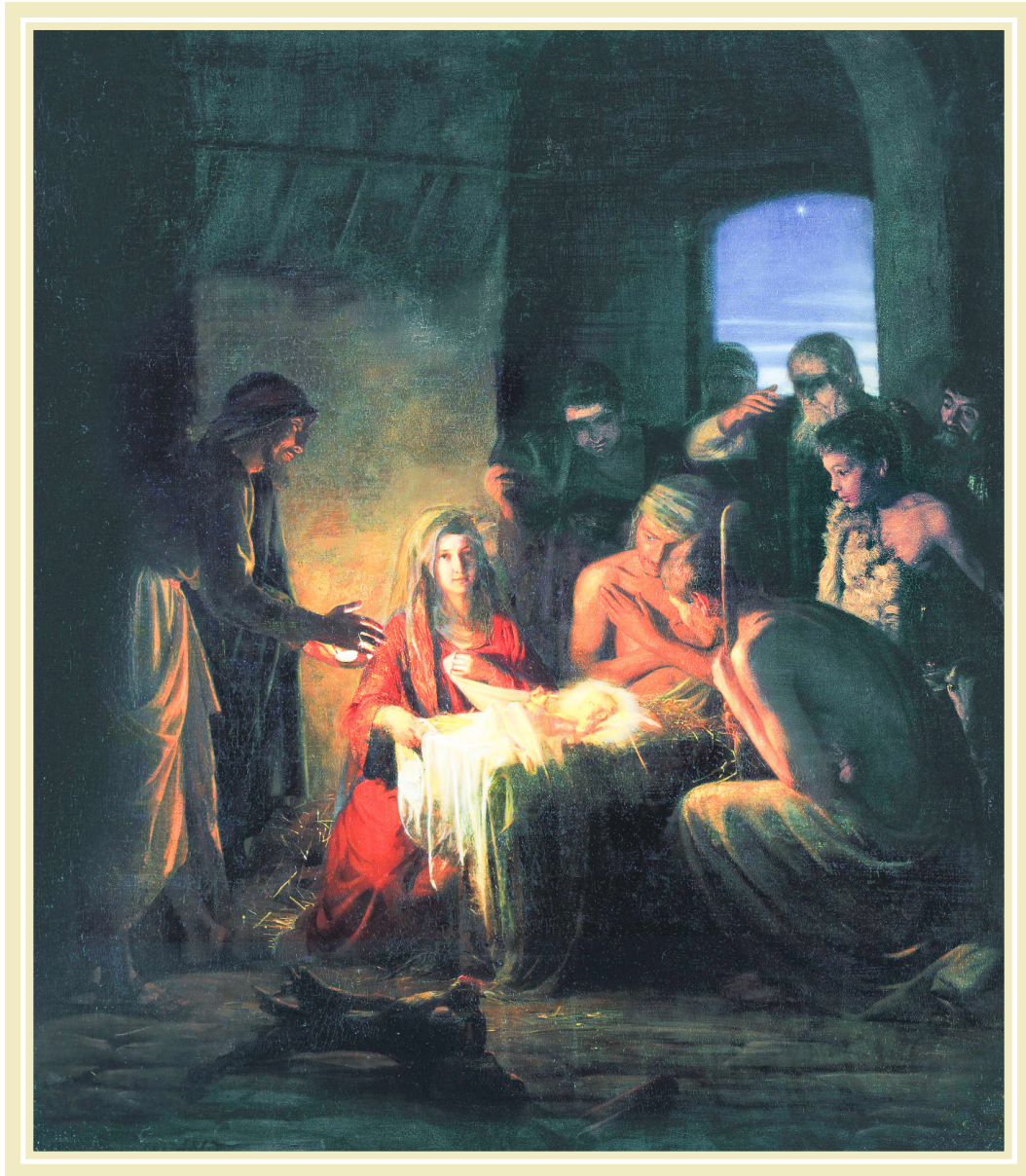


ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH

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The Birth of Christ, by Carl Heinrich Bloch (1834-1890)

THE EVE OF THE NATIVITY

HOLY COMMUNION: RITE I

DECEMBER 24, 2020



WELCOME

To all who are spiritually weary *and seek rest*,
to all who mourn *and long for comfort*,
to all who struggle *and desire victory*,
to all who sin *and need a Savior*,
to all who are strangers *and want fellowship*,
to all who hunger *and thirst after righteousness*,
and to whoever will come—*this church opens wide her doors*
and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.



We welcome to St. Philip's all newcomers and visitors today. If you are looking for a church home, know that St. Philip's welcomes you. Please fill out the Visitors and Newcomers information card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate during the offertory. We also invite you to affix the yellow ribbon to your clothing so that we can greet you with a warm St. Philip's welcome!

Restrooms are available in the Parish House, located at the corner of Church and Cumberland streets. A greeter or usher will be happy to direct you.



CONCERNING THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we
have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.*

— John 1:14

The unique claim of Christianity is that God has given a full revelation of Himself by becoming incarnate, or human, in Jesus Christ. For 20 centuries, Christians have borne imperfect witness to the conviction that God is at work in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, fulfilling His purposes for all people and all creation. Christmas is a season of joy and fulfillment, a time to celebrate the presence of God in our midst. During Christmastide, we focus on the glory of the Incarnation, the fact that God came among us in human form in order to save us from sin and death and reconcile us to Himself. On Christmas Eve and the two following Sundays, we join with Mary, Joseph, shepherds, and angels as they experience the wonder of Jesus' birth. We thank God for the gift of His Son, for God's willingness to share the experience of human life with us. The Christmas season is the beginning of the story of Jesus, which ultimately leads us to His saving death and resurrection. As we celebrate His birth, we are called to remember that His nativity was the beginning of our salvation. We also are called to remember that Christmas is not just a day or a season but also an experience that we should constantly share with the world around us. The joy, peace, and love of Christmas does not end once Christmastide is over. Each moment of our lives should be devoted to worshipping Emmanuel, "God with us," and to sharing the gift of His presence with others. O come let us adore Him!



ABOUT THE SERVICE

We welcome you to this Christmas Eve celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The Christian tradition of gathering in the church in the evening for the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Nativity is an ancient one the world over. This Order of Service is designed to assist you in participating fully in the liturgy. We encourage you to respond and sing with the joy of the angels of Bethlehem.



THE HOLY EUCHARIST

As a courtesy, please turn off all cell phones.

THE PRELUDE

Selections by Charles Towne Brass Quintet

THE INTROIT

What Sweeter Music

John Rutter (b. 1945)

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!

Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honor to this day,
That sees December turned to May, that sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly-shorn, thus, on the sudden?
Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be:

'Tis He is born, whose quickening birth gives life and luster,
Public mirth, to heaven, and the under-earth.

We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers, turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him,
To welcome him. The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart.
Which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour, who's our King, and Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring, than a carol for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?

Text: Robert Herrick (1591-1674). Music: John Rutter, b. 1945 © Oxford University Press 1988

We have printed the entire service in this booklet and have printed special instructions in italics. We hope this will help you feel at home at St. Philip's. Please let us know if we may provide additional information to you.

The service begins with the ◀ **Introit**, which is derived from the Latin word *introitus*, meaning "entrance."

This song, from the 15th c. ► liturgical drama *Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors*, is sung by the women of Bethlehem just before Herod's soldiers come in to slaughter their children. This tragic event is remembered each year during the week after Christmas on the Feast Day of the Holy Innocents.

Lully, Lulla, Lullay

Philip Stopford (b. 1977)

Refrain: Lully, lulla, thou little tiny child,
By by, lully lullay.

O sisters, too, how may we do for to preserve this day?
This poor youngling, for whom we do sing, By by, lully lullay?

Herod, the king, in his raging, charged he hath this day
His men of might, in his own sight, all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee! And ever morn and day,
For thy parting neither say nor sing By by, lully lullay!

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See Amid the Winter's Snow

arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

Alleluia ... See amid the winter's snow, born for us on earth below ...
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn, hail redemption's happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem: "Christ is born ... in Bethlehem." Alleluia.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies;
He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this.

Words: Edward Caswal (1814-1878).

Music: John Goss (1800-1880); this arr. by Dan Forrest (born 1978), ©2016 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. ARR

The people stand and sing the hymn.

THE OPENING HYMN 12

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste fideles

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels!

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, light of light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb,
Very God, begotten, not created. *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest. *Refrain*

See how the shepherds, summoned to His cradle,
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with lowly fear;
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps. *Refrain*

Child, for us sinners poor and in the manger,
We would embrace thee, with love and awe;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n.
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. *Refrain*

Words: Latin, 18th cent.; tr. Frederick Oakeley and others

Music: *Adeste Fideles*

The international status of ► "*O Come All Ye Faithful*" ranks it as one of the most widely loved and sung of all Christmas carols. The original Latin hymn is found in several manuscripts copied by John Francis Wade of Douay, France. The earliest copy dates from about 1743. The original hymn had four stanzas. Two additional stanzas were added around 1794. Stanza two reflects the present Prayer Book form of the Nicene Creed. The tune was found in the same manuscript as the words and it is believed to be a composition of John Wade.

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The celebrant says

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

The celebrant continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People ***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

The congregation may be seated.

THE GLORIA

Gloria

Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

*Gloria in excelsis Deo,
et in terra pax,
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,
adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Glorificamus te.*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace,
peace, good will to men.
We praise thee, Lord, we bless thee, Lord,
we worship thee, Lord, we glorify thee, Lord.
We give you glory, Lord.

"Gloria" from *Heiligmesse* by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809). © Alfred Music. All rights reserved. Produced in USA

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end. ***Amen.***

The people are seated for the reading of God's word.

The liturgy begins with the **Acclamation**, which is an ◀ "eager expression" of praise.

In this **Collect for Purity**, we ask God to cleanse our hearts and minds of anything that comes between Him and us, anything ◀ that would impede our worship of Him. We offer to Him our whole selves, so that we might decrease and that He might increase, to the glory of Jesus Christ.

This is the **summary of the law** of God as given by Jesus ◀ Himself. God, who is Love, requires of us that we love Him and one another.

◀ Once we are reminded of God's holiness and the law's demands, our imperfections move us to beg God's mercy.

◀ This ancient greeting is also an expression of love, reminding us of our greatest need—that the Lord be with us, especially as we attempt to pray.

◀ The **Collect of the Day** is written to go along with both the season of the church year and the readings for the day. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the Scripture for the day.

The Scriptures teach that ► much of our spiritual renewal is by the washing of the Word of God, which cleanses our minds and purifies our hearts. This portion of the service is known as the **Liturgy of the Word**, and it consists of the readings, the sermon, the creed, and the prayers of the people.

Isaiah 9:2-7: Isaiah, writing in the 8th century B.C., shares a vision of the new age and a new ruler for Judah. Christians understand these words to address not only the realities of Isaiah's day but also to the coming of God's Messiah, Jesus.

"Once in Royal David's City" was written and first published in Cecil Frances Alexander's ► *Hymns for Little Children* as a commentary on the third article of the Apostles' Creed, "who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary."
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The word **Gospel** means "Good News," the great good news about Jesus the Messiah. ► We stand for the Gospel reading to show the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. It is customary for all to face the Gospel book and the person reading from it. The Gospel procession itself reminds us that Christ came to dwell among us and that all Christians are to share the Gospel with others.

THE LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand and sing the hymn.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN 236

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven, who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood, he would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden in whose gentle arms he lay;
Christian children all must be mild, obedient, good as he.

For he is our childhood's pattern, day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us he knew;
And he feeleth for our sadness, and he shareth all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love.
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Words: Sts. 1-2 and 4-6, Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.; Music: *Irby*, melody Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876); harm. Arthur Henry Mann (1850 -1929); Descant and organ part by David Willcocks © 1970 Oxford University Press

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

The people remain standing. The priest reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in

a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!” ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After the Gospel, the priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise be to thee, O Christ.***

THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

*Hodie Christus natus est;
hodie Salvator apparuit;
hodie in terra canunt Angeli,
laetantur Archangeli;
hodie exsultant justi dicentes:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Alleluia!*

Hodie Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Today Christ is born;
today the Saviour has appeared;
today the angels sing,
the archangels rejoice;
today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest.
Alleluia!

From “A Ceremony Of Carols,” Opus 28 by Benjamin Britten; Gregorian Chant from the liturgy of Vespers on Christmas Day.

The people are seated.

THE SERMON

We Need a Little Christmas

The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller

THE NICENE CREED

All stand and say in unison

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

◀ The **Nicene Creed** is a statement of what the Christian community believes to be true about God. It was born of rigorous intellectual debate in the fourth century, culminating in councils of the whole church at Nicaea in 325 and at Constantinople in 381. Originally, the entire service was viewed as our confession of faith. However, since the sixth century, the church has recited the Nicene Creed at the Eucharist. The word *creed* comes from the Latin *credo* for “I believe.”

Christians pray, and when ► we worship the living God, we bring before Him our concerns for ourselves and others, for the world, and for the church. We also thank God for hearing and responding to our prayers. The **Prayers of the People** always follow a particular structure: Praying for the Universal Church, its members, and mission; the nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world; concerns of the local community; and those who suffer and those in trouble.

In the **Confession of Sin** ► and **Absolution**, our sins, both individual and corporate, have been acknowledged and confessed, and we have been powerfully and authoritatively reassured of God's acceptance and complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

The priest has declared ► that the sins of all those who are repentant and believe on Jesus Christ are forgiven. We are assured of God's forgiveness by His Word.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The leader and people kneel and pray responsively.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

The leader continues

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

The celebrant and people say in unison

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The celebrant stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The celebrant reads several sentences from Scripture.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. (*Matthew 11:28*) God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (*John 3:16*) This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (*1 Timothy 1:15*) If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. (*1 John 2:1-2*)

THE PEACE

The people stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are visiting St. Philip's, we invite you to affix the yellow ribbon from the visitor's card to your clothing so that our parishioners may greet you. Please also fill out a visitor's card and place it in one of the offering baskets in the narthex as you depart.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM The First Nowell arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

The first Nowell the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far,
And to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

Then let us all with one accord give praises to our heav'nly Lord;
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

Text: Old English Carol

Music: Traditional Melody, pub. 1833; Arranged by Dan Forrest (b. 1978), ©2011 Beckenhorst Press, Inc. ARR.

The people stand sing the following doxology.

THE DOXOLOGY, HYMN 775 Joy to the World *Antioch*

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns: let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rock, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glory of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love, and wonders, and wonders of his love.

Words: Isaac Watts. Music: Arranged from George F. Händel (1685-1759) by Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The celebrant faces the people and says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up unto the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People ***It is meet and right so to do.***

◀ The **Peace** is a particularly good time to welcome visitors and newcomers. Please take a moment to extend God's peace to those around you with a wave or greeting. That peace, which the world cannot give, comes only through the mediation of Jesus Christ. This peace is not rooted in our circumstances but in the presence, promise, and power of Christ's redeeming work.

◀ The **Holy Communion**, the Supper of the Lord, is not only a sign of the love that Christians are to have among themselves for each other, but is especially a sign of God's loving acceptance of us through the death and resurrection of His son, Jesus. Article XXVIII, *The Book of Common Prayer*

◀ The familiar text of "**Joy to the World**" by Isaac Watts is actually a translation based on the five verses of Psalm 98. In 1839, American composer and music educator Lowell Mason decided to set the words to music, modestly including the phrase "From George F. Handel," apparently to honor his hero, the composer of *Messiah*. For nearly 100 years, the world accepted this ascription, until musicologists pointed out that not a single phrase in the music can be said to have come straight from any work of Handel's.

William C. Egan
The History of Carols

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The celebrant continues

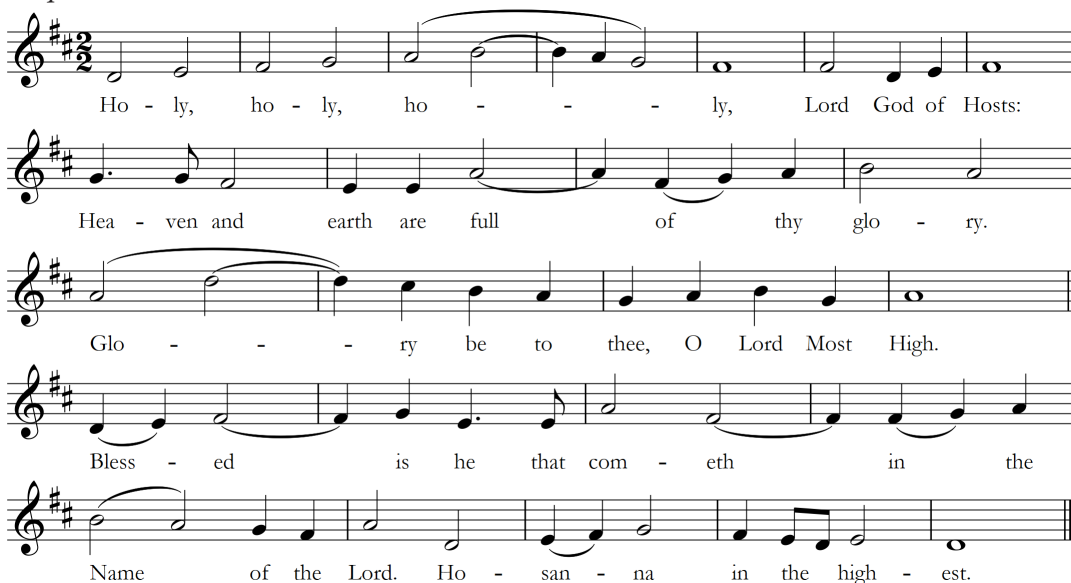
It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The **Sanctus** is the song ► of the seraphim contained in the great vision that the prophet Isaiah experienced while worshipping in the Temple in Jerusalem. This vision is recorded in the sixth chapter of Isaiah's book of the Bible. This hymn of adoration is inspired by Isaiah's vision of the heavenly court (Isaiah 6:1-5). "Holy, holy, holy" is an acclamation indicating the otherness, the transcendence of the enthroned God of all creation.

THE SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Healey Willan

People and Celebrant



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly, Lord God of Hosts:
Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry.
Glo - - - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the
Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968)

The people kneel, and the celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

The words from the Last ► Supper that Jesus spoke about the bread and the wine are rehearsed here. These are known as the **Words of Institution**.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

Healey Willan

People and Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the
sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on
us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The **Lord's Prayer**, so called because Jesus gave this prayer to His disciples as an example of how to pray, has been a part of Eucharistic liturgies since the year 400 A.D. The doxology that begins "For thine is the kingdom" was added in early centuries of the church's practice. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection. In the Lord's Prayer, we ask for daily bread, meaning the things we need to get through each day. But as a part of that, the sacramental bread also symbolizes God's presence, which is something that is also essential to our ◀ getting through the day.

◀ The **Agnus Dei** is a setting of the 'Lamb of God' litany, based on John the Baptist's reference in John 1:29 to Jesus: "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

The **Prayer of Humble Access** was adapted from a pre-Reformation prayer that would be said by the priest before conducting services. Martin Luther's last written words were "We are all beggars." Though we come to the table empty-handed and unworthy, ◀ our Lord's property is always to have mercy. Those who come to the table in faith are assured of God's pardon and mercy through the Cross of Christ and nourished spiritually by the sacrament.

During Communion: ►
When we gather together, we remember Jesus. Through repeating the words and actions of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we join the story and make it our own. We don't just watch the drama or listen to it unfold, we enter into the story as we, too, take the sacrament.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people are seated.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All baptized Christians are warmly invited to receive Holy Communion. Ushers will direct communicants to communion stations. Communion will not be administered at the altar. Please remain masked and six feet apart while in line. You will receive communion in one kind (bread only). After you receive the sacrament, please step to the side, remove your mask briefly to consume the sacrament, and then replace your mask and return to your pew. Those who prefer not to come forward for Holy Communion have still participated in the Eucharist by speaking the words of the Prayer for Spiritual Communion written below.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Those not coming forward for Holy Communion may pray the following prayer silently or aloud.
Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people gathered around every altar of your Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

HYMN 20 Of the Father's Love Begotten *Divinum Mysterium*

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be, he is Alpha and Omega,
He the Source, the Ending he, of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore!

O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
Bare the Savior of our race; and the babe, the world's Redeemer,
First revealed his sacred face, evermore and evermore!

O ye heights of heav'n, adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
Powers, dominions, bow before him and extol our God and King;
Let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring, evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee, with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion and eternal victory, evermore and evermore!

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-413; Tr. J. M. Neale, 1854, Henry W. Baker, 1859

Music: *Divinum Mysterium*, 13th century Plainsong, Made V

HYMN 21 O Little Town of Bethlehem *St. Louis*

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.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King and peace to men on earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

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!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1867. Music: *St. Louis*, Lewis H. Redner, 1868

HYMN 13 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night *Winchester Old*

While shepherds watch'd their flocks by night, all seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind,
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

“To you, in David’s town, this day is born of David’s line
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; and this shall be the sign:

“The heav’nly babe you there shall find to human view displayed,
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands and in a manger laid.”

Thus spoke the seraph, and forthwith appeared a shining throng
Of angels praising God, who thus addressed their joyful song:

“All glory be to God on high, and on the earth be peace;
Good will henceforth from heav’n to men begin and never cease.”

Text: Natum Tate, 1700. Music: *Winchester Old*, Melody from *T. Est’s Whole Book of Psalmes*, 1592

HYMN 42 Angels We Have Heard on High *Gloria*

Angels we have heard on high, singing sweetly through the night,
And the mountains in reply echoing their brave delight.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why these songs of happy cheer?
What great brightness did you see? What glad tidings did you hear? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love. *Refrain*

Words: Traditional French Carol, alt. by Earl Marlatt, 1937. Music: French Carol Melody arr. by Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937.
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THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The people kneel and join in saying this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy ever lasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

There will be a brief pause while congregational candles are being lit. Candlelight will be passed to adults only. We recommend that small children not carry candles. Tip only the unlighted candle when lighting your candle. Guard your candle from paper, clothing, and hair.

KNEELING HYMN 33

Silent Night

Holy Night

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 heav'n afar,
 Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia;
 Christ the Saviour is born! Christ the Saviour 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.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1818. Music: Franz Gruber, 1818; harmonized by Carl Reincke

We have been blessed by being here. Now, at the end of the service, we are reminded that God takes loving delight in blessing us abundantly. We leave in peace, forgiven, and fed, sent out with a purpose in the name of Jesus Christ. ►

Charles Wesley's "**Hark! ► The Herald Angels Sing**" was originally considered the Christmas equivalent of "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" and was sung to the same tune (*Easter Hymn*) with four-line stanzas with alleluias at the end of each line. The tune was adapted from a Mendelssohn composition. Mendelssohn thought the melody with another text might become popular but not as a hymn. After his death, the music was adapted for use with Wesley's text.

As the celebration ends, we ► are charged to "go forth." The Eucharist is therefore not an exclusive gathering that separates us from the world but a challenge to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN 27 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Mendelssohn

Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!
 Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
 With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King!

Christ, by highest heav'n adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
 Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity,
 Pleased as man with man to dwell; Jesus, our Emmanuel! *Refrain*

Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give us second birth.
 Ris'n with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,
 Hail, the Sun of righteousness! Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! *Refrain*

Words: Charles Wesley, alt. George Whitefield Music: *Mendelssohn*, Felix Mendelssohn, arr. William H. Cummings. Public domain.

THE DISMISSAL

The priest dismisses the people, and the people respond

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE POSTLUDE

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
Charles Towne Brass Quintet

Traditional English Carol,
 arr. Rob Roy McGregor



SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher

The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller

Celebrant

The Rev. Andrew R. O'Dell

Crucifer (5:00)

The Rev. Gerry L. McCord

Assisting at Communion

The Rev. Justin C. Hare

Greeters/Ushers (5:00)

Robby Marion, Harry Gregorie,
Martha Freshley, Hamlin O'Kelley,
Jeff and Connie Rink

Flower Guild

All Teams

Gospeler

The Rev. Brian K. McGreevy

Intercessor/Lector

The Rev. Marc R. Boutan

Crucifer (8:00)

Cora Miller

Sound Technician

Florance Anderson

Greeters/Ushers (8:00)

Todd Brown, Bob Kunes,
Guv and Tammy Gottshalk,
Mark and Joanna Ghegan

Altar Guild

Pat Wardlaw

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Orchestra

Emma Joyce, Benjamin Kremer, Elise Pickford, and Eric Pickford, *violin*

Anthony Joyce, *viola*

Erica Kremer, *cello*

Jake Hoch, *string bass*

Heather Snook, *flute*

Karlee Parshall, *clarinet*

Audrey Marx, *oboe*

Kathleen Wilson, *harp*

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Greg Schoonover and Todd Smith, *trumpet*

Carrie Bates, *trombone*

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CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. ~ Holy Communion

Please join us on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m. for a service of Holy Eucharist. The Rev. Marc Boutan will be preaching, and while there will not be a choir, we will be singing Christmas hymns with organ accompaniment. Please note that this service will not be streamed or recorded. Registration is encouraged (stphilipchurchsc.org/events).

LESSONS AND CAROLS ~ ONLINE ONLY

Tomorrow, Christmas Day, 6:00 p.m., online only

Celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior by tuning into our service of Lessons and Carols, which will feature an 18-piece orchestra and the voices of all of St. Philip's choirs (children and adults). Through Scripture and song, God's plan of salvation will be traced from the creation of the world through the wondrous incarnation of Jesus Christ at Christmas. Please join us online! The link to the stream will be posted on the front page of our website and on the Lessons and Carols event page (stphilipchurchsc.org/events) when it is available.

SUNDAY WORSHIP RESERVATIONS

8:15 and 10:30 a.m. in-person worship reservations

We hope you will join us for worship this Sunday! To reserve a spot, please click the "Sunday Worship Reservations" link on the front page of our website, stphilipchurchsc.org, or call (854) 429-1928 and leave a message. Reservations for Sunday service open Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Those continuing to worship at home may join us live at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays by visiting our YouTube channel ([YouTube.com/c/StPhilipChurch](https://www.youtube.com/c/StPhilipChurch)). You may also find a direct link to the livestream at stphilipchurchsc.org/news ahead of each service, or you may watch the service video at your convenience at either our YouTube or Vimeo channel ([vimeo.com/stphilipchurch](https://www.vimeo.com/stphilipchurch)).

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office is closed for Christmas and New Year but will reopen Monday, January 4, at 8:30 a.m. and resume regular hours (Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY SERVICE

Wednesday, January 6, 5:30 p.m. ~ Holy Communion: Rite I (traditional)

On the Feast of the Epiphany, please join us for a traditional service of Rite I Holy Communion.

NOW IN RECESS:

- Mere Christianity: Timely Truth for a Hurting World (on Zoom) ~ Resumes January 6
- College Fellowship ~ Resumes January 6
- The Rector's Bible Study (on Zoom) ~ Resumes January 14
- Middle School Youth Group ~ Resumes January 8
- High School Youth Group ~ Resumes January 10
- Wednesdays Alive! service ~ Resumes January 13

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