

**Christmas Candlelight Service
December 24, 2017 - 7:30 p.m.**



ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PRELUDES: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly traditional Polish carol
(Suite "Three Carols") arr. R. Harvey
Coventry Carol traditional English carol
(Suite "Three Carols") . arr. R. Harvey
NorthWinds Brass
Noël varié (organ) Louis Claude Balbâtre
"Come all Ye Shepherds" traditional Bohemian
(Suite "Carolling Brass") arr. Stefan de Haan
NorthWinds Brass

HYMN: (STAND)

1. 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: R/

Refrain O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2. The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! R/
3. Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest: R/
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing: R/

GREETING and PRAYER (REMAIN STANDING)

FIRST LESSON: (SIT) Genesis 22:15-18

CHOIR: Remember

John Gardner

SECOND LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

HYMN: (SIT)

1. Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung,
it came, a flow'r so bright,
amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.
2. Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love a-right,
she bore to us a Saviour, when half-spent was the night.
3. This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor the darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.
4. O Saviour, child of Mary, who felt our human woe;
O Saviour, king of glory, who dost our weakness know:
bring us at length, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven and into endless day

THIRD LESSON: Luke: 1:26-35, 38 (SIT)

HYMN: (STAND)

1. My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord; I sing my Saviour's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness, and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age this blessing shall proclaim-
great wonders you have done for me, and holy is your name.
2. To all who live in holy fear your mercy ever flows,
with mighty arm you dash the proud, their scheming hearts expose.
The ruthless you have cast aside, the lowly throned instead;
the hungry filled with all good things, the rich sent off unfed.
3. To Israel, your servant blest, your help is ever sure;
the promise to our parents made their children will secure.
Sing glory to the Holy One, give honour to the Word,
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all adored.

FOURTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

CHOIR: "Gentle Mary"

Ian Bevell

(Trio Maureen Monsebraaten, Anisha Eipe, Miriam Lapp)

(Children come to the Crèche during the music for the next Lesson and Hymn)

BRASS: Little Drummer Boy

traditional arr. Bud Udell

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16

HYMN: (REMAIN SEATED)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

(Children return to parents in pews)

SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-12

Choir: Quem Pastores

Traditional German
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

SERMON (SIT)

HYMN: (STAND)

1. Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
R/ Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?
R/ Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
R/ Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

OFFERING (SIT)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Sing Aloud on this Day" arr. Gustav Holst

LIGHT CANDLES (STAND - Choir sings while candles are lit)
*Lighted candle remains vertical, candle to be lit is tilted
towards lighted candle. Please supervise children.*

CHOIR: "If Ye Would Hear the Angels Sing" Mark G. Sirett

SEVENTH LESSON: John 1: 1-14

HYMN (REMAIN STANDING)

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,
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!
Christ, the Saviour is born! Christ, the Saviour is born!
3. Silent Night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

(EXTINGUISH CANDLES)

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise; Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" R/

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come, Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! R/
3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us second birth. R/

POSTLUDE: "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" Traditional English
(Suite "Christmas Crackers") arr. J. Ivison
The 12 Days of Christmas Traditional English
arr. Bill Holcombe

NorthWinds Brass

Thank you to the choir and soloists and NorthWinds Brass
for their gift of music.

NorthWinds Brass: Trumpets Rick Rangno, Marthe Jobidon
French Horn martin bender
Trombone Paul Adjelean
Tuba Corey Rempel

READERS: Wendy Haché and Crystal Sissons

CRUCIFER Anuli Eipe

CANDLE BEARERS Ryanna Haché & Zachary McFarlane

USHERS John & Susan Hill, Liisa Laine, Linda Poulsen,
Aggie Casselman and Bernard & Jane Rosien

CANDLE SAFETY Lighted candle remains vertical, candle to be lit is tilted towards lighted candle. Please supervise children.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the church office. Please take your offering envelopes with you so you can start using them in January.

2017 CONTRIBUTIONS must be made in 2017. Late contributions will have to be recorded in 2018.

ANNUAL REPORTS to be submitted by Committee Chairpersons as soon as possible.

HOSPITALITY The hospitality committee invites volunteers to sign up for our social coffee hour. You can make it as simple or fancy as you'd like. If you need help, or need someone to pair up with, please call or email Anna Koolstra at anna.esthetics@gmail.com or call 613-266-9719.

PRAYER REQUESTS to be included in the Sunday morning prayers can be written in the black loose-leaf book labeled "Sunday Prayers for St. Peter's. The book is in the parish hall.

WELCOME If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book. Come worship with us again. To those looking for a church home, we invite you to join St. Peter's, a community of faith seeking to grow in God's grace and love.

11:00 p.m.. Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Communion

| SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 a.m. |