Luke 2: 16-20: **Shepherds Seek** Dr. Steve Spangler

So, they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph and the baby, who was lying in a manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

***Hymn #214** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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Gesu Bambino Pietro A. Yon
Linda Boyle-Smith - Soloist arr. Mark Hayes
Selected Carols

Candle Lighting: ***Silent Night*** Tom Dushak - Guitar

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 heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, "Alleluia,
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, 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.

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!

Joy to the World Hymn 195 stanza 1

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

BENEDICTION Dr. Steve Spangler

POSTLUDE *Feliz Navidad* Jose Feliciano

Musical Ensemble: Andy Morris – Guitar, Laura Morris – Violin, Gabe Morris – Cajon,
Luke Morris – Piano, Linda Boyle-Smith - Keyboard
Vocalists: Andy Morris, Anna Morris, Luke Morris, Sam Morris, Linda Boyle-Smith

We invite you to join us on Sunday, December 28th for worship at

9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 am in the Sanctuary

Sunday school will be offered for Youth and Children at 11:00 am.
Sunday school will be offered for adults at 9:30 am.

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Christmas Eve 2025 – 4:00 pm
Lessons and Carols Candlelight Service

Please silence phones and quiet your hearts and minds as the prelude music begins.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Gathering Music *Selected Carols*
Tom & Marti Dushak – Guitar & Flute

Prelude *O Come All Ye Faithful* Sean O'Loughlin
Grant Sitler - Trombone

Welcome and Opening Prayer Liturgist: Andy Morris

Dear Lord, fill our hearts with Your Joy and peace during this Christmas season. We thank God for the greatest gift of all: The birth of Jesus. Forgive us for forgetting that Your love never ends and that you never abandon the purpose for which You came: To save us from sin and to give us eternal life. Close the door of hate, and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. I pray for hope, peace, joy and love upon the Earth. Help us to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. We give thanks for this joyful holiday when we can celebrate our Savior and His love for us. To You Lord, I give all the praise, honor and glory. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle Andy and Laura Morris Family

Advent is a season in which we look backwards in remembrance of Jesus's first arrival in the world as a babe and the good gifts He brought us which were a part of His first coming. Just as importantly, this is a time of looking forward, anticipating, and preparing for His coming again, and our enjoyment of His gifts throughout eternity.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders, and He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. **Isaiah 9:6**

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen.
Come, Lord Jesus. Revelations 22:20

Let us read this prayer together:

God, our hearts sing with joy and praise because of Jesus. At this happy season, we rejoice that Jesus came among us. By His birth and life, He has shown us that we are His people and that we are greatly loved. Help us to remember Christmas all year long by giving to others the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love, expressed in the works of our hands and hearts, and in the life of our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

***Carol # 208** *O Come All Ye Faithful* *stanzas 1, 3 & 4*

***Call to Worship** **Isaiah 7:14**

Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and give birth to a son and will call him Emmanuel**.**
Thanks and praise be to God!

***Carol #201** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Luke 1:26-38 **The Angel Appears to Mary** Sherri Jones

In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary….the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus… "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God…"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

Music Ensemble *He Has Come for Us (God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)* Jason Ingram & Meredith Andrews

Matthew 1:18-23: **The Angel Appears to Joseph** Luke Morris

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after the he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel"- which means, "God with us."

Anthem *Lamb of Christmas* Ken Bible Arr. Tom Fettke

Luke 2:1-7: **The Birth of Christ** Bill Jones

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register. 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. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in strips of cloth and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Special Music *All Is Well* Michael W. Smith & Wayne Kilpatrick
Susan Sitler, Soloist & Marti Dushak, Accompanist

Luke 2:8-13 **The Angel Appears to the Shepherds** Andy Morris

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

Anthem *Do You Hear What I Hear* *Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne arr. Harry Simeone*

Luke 2: 14-15: **Many Angels Appear** David Linares

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." 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."

Music Ensemble *Noel* Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Redman