

WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS
St. Peter's Lischey's UCC
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Christmas Eve
Wednesday, December 24, 2025
7:00 PM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)

Welcome & Greeting

Prelude- "The Carol of Bethlehem"

Lorenz

Call to Worship

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

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

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

ALL: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!"

ALL SING: Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

L: And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;

ALL SING: Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: Let us rejoice for God's light has come,

P: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

L: Nations shall come to this light,

P: and kings to the brightness of this dawn.

L: The splendid eternal light shines on all who live in darkness.

P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World – A light no darkness can extinguish!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: Let us pray:

ALL: God of promise, the coming of your Son into the world has revealed your glory. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably; let us live simply and faithfully as your people who have seen the light. Amen.

Homily

Confession

L: Tonight, heaven touches the earth; the rough places will be made smooth. A great light has come into the world and the darkness will no longer prevail. Let us confess before God and one another, the empty and rough places of our lives that heaven's grace may touch them. Let us pray:

ALL: What is it in us, O God, that trembles at your coming? When you shine a star to promise us something new, why do we hide behind the old? And when you offer us light, why do we run into the darkness?

Find us on this holy night! Open our eyes to behold wondrous things! Open our ears to hear bells pealing good news! Open our senses to touch and handle things unseen! Open our heart to your everlasting love. Amen.

L: "Comfort my people," says our God. "Comfort them! Tell them their sins are forgiven."

P: Amen! Come Lord Jesus, come!

Act of Praise

ALL SING: 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.

Christmas Eve Eucharist

L: Lift up your hearts!

P: We lift them to God, the Father of our Lord Iesus Christ!

L: God of wonder, we come to this table . . . may be redeemed through Him. We thank you that by His death ...company of all the saints.

P: "We have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. From His fullness we have all received, grace, upon grace."

Words of Institution

Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine

Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

<u>Sharing of the Elements</u> <u>Prayer of Thanksgiving</u>

> ALL: We thank you, O God, for feeding us with the holy mysteries that assure us of your being at one with us. Grant that the angels' song may be continually on our lips, that Christ's light may radiate in our lives, and that we may bear the good news of your love to a dark and waiting world. Amen.

Special Music - Blaine Breeden: "O Holy Night"

Raney

The Birth Narrative: Luke 2:1 - 20

<u>Lighting of Candles and the Singing of "Silent Night"</u> (See screen.)

<u>Carol:</u> "Joy to the World" (See below/screen.)

Handel

"Joy to the World"

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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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

Christmas Blessing

Postlude- "The First Noel"

Moffatt



Poinsettia Dedications



In honor of:

- The Inhonor of my good friends, Anna Mae Foreman and Christine Jones, presented by Joan Messinger
- The honor of our kids: Carla & Shane Louthian, Kelli Spangler, and Larry II & Joy Spangler, presented by Larry Spangler, Sr.
- ▼ In honor of our grandmother, Lois Nelson, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
- In honor of Nancy Cherry for her dedication to Lischeys' music programs, presented by the Sanctuary Choir, Chime Choir, and Joyful Singers
- ▼ In honor of Pastor Cathy for her tireless energy in helping make Lischey's thrive in Christ-centered love, presented by The Congregation

- In honor of Cynthia Elicker for her ever generous spirit, presented by Jenell McKowen
- In honor of Royce Messersmith Sr. for his kindness and garden advice, presented by Jenell McKowen
- ▼ In honor of Carol Brown who now gets to enjoy the beautiful poinsettias on display, presented by The Congregation
- The honor of Deb Brooks for stepping up to organize the poinsettia dedications and beautify our church this year, presented by The Congregation
- ❖ In honor of Jenell & Pat McKowen, Cole, and Ryan, presented by Lois Nelson
- In honor of Amy & Steve Weddle, Haleigh, Connor, & Wyatt, Hannah, and Claudia, presented by Lois Nelson
- In honor of Sarah & Tom Pasmore, Katie, Ainsley, & Veya, Bethany & Justin, Donnie, and Sam, presented by Lois Nelson
- Tin honor of Ken Worley, presented by Lois Nelson

In memory of:

- In memory of Helen Carl, presented by her children, Jean, Don, Nancy, and Scott
- ❖ In memory of William Patterson, Darlene Patterson, and Mabel & Philip Baer, presented by Diane Patterson & family
- The memory of Dee Hildebrand, presented by Elvin Myers
- In memory of Elmer & Hattie Myers, presented by Elvin Myers

- ❖ In Memory of Linda J. Spangler, presented by Larry Spangler, Sr.
- In memory of Brenda Kessler, presented by Jeff & Kathy Flickinger
- The memory of my parents, Bill & Eva Townsend, Patty Lamberson, Kathy Lucia, and Danny Townsend, presented by Linda Pentz
- ▼ In memory of our grandparents, Don Nelson and Bob & Lee McKowen, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
- Tin memory of Donald Nelson, presented by Lois Nelson

A Donation to the Memorial Fund has been placed...

- In loving memory of my mother, Annie M. Lebo, from her daughter, H. Carolyn Thomas & son-in-law, Ned Thomas
- ❖ In loving memory of my granddaughter, Kate Warner, presented by Pat Warner
- ❖ In loving memory of my husband, Ed Warner, presented by Pat Warner