
St. Philip Lutheran Church

The Nativity of Our Lord

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. July 18, 2021



+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

“The Little Drummer Boy”

St. Philip Liturgical Dance Team; Maureen Ciarlo, choreographer

[performed by Pentatonix]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand at the invitation of the pastor.



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



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



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

CHRISTMAS DIALOG AND GREETING

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the Father's only Son.

For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The grace and truth of Christ be with you all.

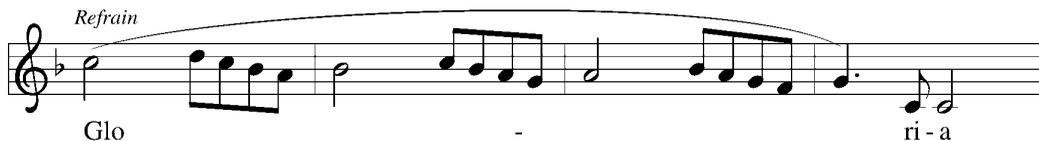
And also with you.



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy time shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from Isaiah.

- ²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.
- ³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- ⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" - vs. 1 [MENDELSSOHN]



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



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



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



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man 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.



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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:1–14

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke. **Glory to you O Lord.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We sit.

(10:30) CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

At this point in time, we will not excuse the children to Children’s Church in the nursery. Rather, they will return to their parents in their seats.

(10:30) SONG: “Away in a Manger” - vs. 1

[AWAY IN A MANGER]



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
 Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
 ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
 your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

SERMON

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" - vs. 1, 2, & 4

[ST. LOUIS]



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his
kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As heaven and earth rejoice, let us pray for the needs of the church and all the world.

We kneel or sit. The assisting minister leads the prayers, each petition concluding:

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these or similar words.

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

We sit.

+ MEAL +

OFFERING

All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

- John 1:3-4

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“O Come, All Ye Faithful with O Come, Little Children”

[arr. Dick Torrans]

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

We stand.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

We sit.

COMMUNION

During this time of sanitation and physical distancing, our communion practices have changed. On your way into worship, you will find a pre-packaged wafer and grape juice for you. If you do not have a packet, please notify an usher. As the pastor says the words, “The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you” you may eat the bread and drink the grape juice.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“III from Advent Wreath”

[Paul Hamill]

At the invitation of the pastor, we stand.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN: "Silent Night, Holy Night"

[STILLE NACHT]



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

BLESSING

God most high, God with us, God poured over us, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Joy to the World" - vs. 1 & 4

[ANTIOCH]



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Joy to the World"

[George Frederick Handel; arr. Kenneth D. Varner]

Church News:

Thank you to our Liturgical Dance Team for their ministry this morning.

The flowers on the altar are given by Don and Bonnie Letourneau in honor of their wedding anniversary on July 15.

This coming week, we wish a *Happy Birthday* to C.J. McIlrath, July 19; Gail Kane, July 20; Walter Wright, Jr., July 21; and Dave Huddle, July 22. And a very *Happy Anniversary* to Todd and Teresa Dohner, July 20; Kinter and Susan McClelland, July 20; and Bob and Betti Taggart, July 20. *A belated *Happy Anniversary* to Don and Becky Courtney, July 13.

On Saturday, July 31, St. Philip is feeding our homeless brothers and sisters. While we normally invite everyone to come eat in our Fellowship Hall, due to bus issues and many of our guests still being very COVID conscious, we will prepare hot "to-go" meals which can be delivered in a safe way. If you are able, bring one of the below menu items to the church during one of these times the week of our meal: Monday through Thursday between 9:00 and 2:00, or Saturday morning 7/31 between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. We expect to hand out 75 meals, so we will need lots of support! Here is the link to volunteer and to bring an item for our homeless meal: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054da9a923a1ff2-stphilip5>

Join us at St. Philip Lutheran Church from Sunday, August 1 to Thursday, August 5 for "Living in God's Time" Vacation Bible School! A kid-friendly meal starts at 5:30 p.m. The programming will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is no charge, but we will accept donations (suggested \$10 per child) at the time of VBS to help offset the cost of supplies and nightly meals. To register, please visit <https://www.stphiliplutheranchurchmb.com/vbs>.

Tax free weekend in South Carolina is Friday, August 6 – Sunday, August 8. The South Carolina Department of Revenue has posted all the information on their website. A list of items is also posted at St. Philip on the bulletin board next to the offices. For all information, here is the link to the SCDOR: <https://dor.sc.gov/taxfreeweekend>.

An interesting bit of information to share... The U.S. News & World Report publication ranked Myrtle Beach No. 1 in its list of fastest-growing places in the United States for 2021-22. Myrtle Beach was the only location outside of the state of Florida to make the top ten. The rankings were determined based on the net migration of each metro area, which is measured by the growth or decline of the population over the past five years. Myrtle Beach was also ranked the second-best place to live in South Carolina by U.S. News & World Report for 2021-22, with Spartanburg taking home the top spot.

Prayers Requested

Pray for those in the hospital and for all front-line workers in the medical field; for all First Responders and all Police Officers. Pray for all victims of war and violence in our nation; for those who endure the effects of disasters throughout the world. Pray for our Community and Nation; for our President, our Vice-president, our government, and our local and state officials; and for all our United States service men and women.

Pray for church members: *Karen McIlrath, Marty Poloni, June Holshouser, Mike Lucatuorto*; Our homebound members: *Betty Herring, Don Williams, Barbara Stemler, Beth Letts; Maxine Robinson, and Carol Michaels.*

Prayers for family and/or friends of members (requested by):

Rob & Deb McCulloch, Kris Kauffman, Tommy Cook; the family of Irene McFerrin; Ross Theaumont, Julie Aponte (Marty & Barb Poloni); Doug Craig, Libby Hunter, Maggie Hanlon, the Todd family (Tom & Roz Hanlon); Alicia Longley, Gayle Legner (Susan McClelland); Paula Baxter, Grace Nappi, Chuck Higgins, Richard Giampetro, Lucy Elder (Joe & Paula Baxter); Ginger Williams, Jackie Freeman, John Chamblin, Billy & Phyllis Milburth (Patsy Moose); Anne Iredell (Marianne Tetreault); Kerri Woodward, Bill Davenport (Sherri and David Crawford); Mallory and Camden Wiker (Jonah Lee); Helen Gombert, Marie Plantz, Corbin family, Jim Giles, Brenda Grubbs (Bob & Betti Taggart); Donna Morris (Jessica Lowe); Grant Dettmering, Kathleen Snyder, Kim Barkes (Will Dettmering); Dottie Lafferty, Tom Boyle (Jim & Connie Lafferty); Larry Young and family (Jackie Orcutt); Lorene Lynn (Adam & Ashley Chamberlain); Judy and Calvin Rauch (Carol Washington); Sara, Lindsey, Joe & Pam (Alesa Pelote); Lynne Supernaugh, Betty & Monty Gardner (Carol Renne and Joan DiLorenzo); Bob Morgan (Chuck & Donna Krohn); Carmel Wright (Walter Wright, Jr.); Darlene Swaim (Martha Sosebee); Jeff Turczynski (Sherry Turczynski); Elliott Jollans, Andrew Ramsey (Paulette Miller); John Brugler, Jack Jamieson, Tracey Ambrosino (Marilyn Brugler); Mike Lynn (Gail Kane); Harvey Gluckin, Allison Grzan, Cheryl Frisby Wade (Dave & Cynthia McClellan); Joe Janus (Dave and Lottie Witmer); Mother Superior Stella, Ann Schley (Skip Barth); Lora Dugard (Audrey McVean); Henry Carlson (Millie Wolf); Drew Potter, Loran Bulla; Cindy Woodward (Lori Dauphin); Bob and Debbie Hille (Mike and Elaine Lucatuorto); Leo Atwell (John and Anne Iredell); Roberta (Chris Burton); Ivan Lopez (Elsie Angus); Kurt & Renée Sessions and family, Alex Donaghy family (Kathy Buckley); Lupe Serna Muñoz (Pako Ghere).

Serving this morning:

Pastor: Rev. Jason M. Lee
Director of Music & Organist: Arthur Ghere
Assisting Minister: (8:30 & 10:30) Joe Baxter
Lector: (8:30) Linda Albert; (10:30) Beth Neubauer
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