

CHRISTMAS EVE

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
December 24, 2024 4:00 PM

GATHERING MUSIC

*Cole Bishop, Caroline Wegner,
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WELCOME

Pastor Lauren Dow Wegner

SPECIAL SONG

Shepherd, Shepherd
BCPS Students

PROCESSION OF LIGHT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9 & John 1

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

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

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

All: We have seen Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

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

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

SONG

Go Tell It On the Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth.

Verse 3

Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Assist: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Assist: Almighty God, you made this holy night 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.

All: Amen.

SONG

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Verse 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:
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Verse 2

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

NATIVITY STORY

Based on Luke 2:1-7

SONG

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for his 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.

NATIVITY STORY

Based on Luke 2:8-20



SONG

Verse 1

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Verse 2

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

NATIVITY STORY

Based on Matthew 2:1-12

SONG

Joy to the World

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

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.

MESSAGE

Pastor Ryan Dockery

SONG

Hark the Herald, Angels Sing

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

Verse 2

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

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL OFFERING

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OFFERING MUSIC

What Child Is This?

SONG

What Child Is This?

Verse 1

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels
sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Verse 2

So bring him incense, gold, and
myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and the
angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

OFFERING PRAYER

Assist: God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day.

All: Amen.

COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER

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

All: Amen.

Assist: Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

All: Amen.

BLESSING OF THE LIGHT

John 1:3b-5

Assist: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

SONG

Silent Night

Verse 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.

Verse 2

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!

Verse 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The God of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, lavish you with
grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy, today and
always.

All: Amen.

COMMISSIONING

Assist: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God, and WE WILL!



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WORSHIP TEAM & STAFF

Senior Pastor	Pr. Lauren Dow Wegner
Associate Pastor	Pr. Ryan Dockery
Director of Worship & Arts	Kevin McClure
Accompanist	Andrei Zimbalist
Assisting Minister	Joel Timmons
Hosts	Auby, Bonner, Bosman, Wykrent & Johnson Families

PRAYERS

We pray for:

- Marie Fortune
- Hunter Clark
- Lydia Perkunas
- Dana Dertien

We pray for family and friends of Shepherd members:

- Drew Officer and Kate Sheeran, friends of Kathleen Macaulay
- Emma Katherine Phillips, sister of Hilary Russell
- Linda Maidment Meyers, daughter of Helen and David Maidment
- Winnie and Brad Nelson, sister and nephew of Mary Macaulay
- Taylor Schobey, daughter of Deanna Schobey
- Steph and Gina Geller and family, friends of Dee Jackson

O God, we thank you for our ministry partnerships, both local and global. We lift up ILAG in Guatemala, especially our sister congregation in Aurora, and Charis ministry in Haiti. We also pray for the ministries of Upbring, especially New Life and BeReal. Bless our mission together in sharing your love with all people.

God, we give you thanks for the saints who have gone before us in faith and now rest in eternal life, especially James Russell Sr and Kae Self. We commend them to your never-ending love as we trust in the promise of resurrection life in Christ.

**To add a prayer request, email sheep@shephills.org. Prayers for family and friends are listed for 2 weeks, unless we are notified otherwise.*



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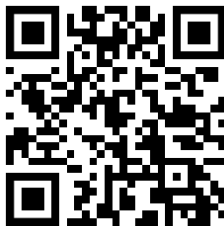
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