



*"An inclusive community, celebrating God's unconditional love
through engaging worship and faithful service"*



December 24, 2022

“Will We Glorify the God of the Nativity?”

Late Christmas Eve | 9 pm

~GOD GATHERS US~

Gathering Music

*We greet those around us or sit quietly
as we settle into sacred time and space*

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude & Candle Lighting

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

P. Brooks

Karri Bjork, acolyte

Words of Welcome

Pastor Clare Gromoll

*****Opening Carol**

“O Come, All You Faithful”

NCH, #135

Vs 1 & 3

*****Opening Prayer (responsively)**

Holy Center of this most holy season, Jesus, child and ruler: all our stars point to your birth, all our wanderings come home to you, all our griefs and delights find a place in the stable where you choose to transform poverty and pain and loneliness and rejection.

Your light shines in our lives; your peace embraces our struggle; your life opens us to new awareness of our most intimate selves and of our neighbors, however we may find them—as poor as shepherds, as foreign as magi, as generous as innkeepers, as vulnerable as infants. In your humble birth we discover your everlasting majesty and grace. We welcome you and offer you our thanks and praise, in your glorious name. Amen.

prayerful silence

*****Assurance of Grace & Invitation to Pass the Peace**

We safely share a sign of peace with those nearest to us

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you! **All: And also with you!**

Choral Anthem “Come, Emmanuel” *by Pepper Choplin*

~LESSONS & CAROLS~

The Inclusive Bible

The First Reading Isaiah 9: 2-7 Rolf Dittmann

Carol “Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” NCH #127
Vs. 1-2

The Second Reading Luke 2: 1-7 Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux

Carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem” NCH #133
Vs. 1 & 3

The Third Reading Luke 2: 8-12

Carol “Joy to the World” NCH #132
Vs. 1-2

The Fourth Reading Luke 2: 13-14

Carol “Angels We Have Heard on High” NCH #125
Vs. 1 & 3

The Fifth Reading

Luke 2: 15-20

Carol

“What Child is This?”

NCH #148

Vs. 1 & 3

*****The Sixth Reading**

John 1: 1-14

*****Lighting The Christ Candle**

*****Carol**

“Glory to God”

Chalice Hymnal #34

Cantor sings in Latin

Then all sing twice (first in Latin, then in English)

The musical score is written on a grand staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The time signature is 6/8. The score is divided into four measures, each with a circled number above it. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Dm, Gm, C, and F. The lyrics are written below the notes, with Latin lyrics on the top line and English translations on the bottom line.

① Dm Gm C F ② Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

③ Dm Gm C F ④ Dm Gm C F

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Message

“Will We Glorify the God of the Nativity?”

~OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS~

A Prayer For Christmastide

The Invitation

Offering plates circulate at this time

We support our church financially as we have means to do so

Welcome Forms also go in the offering plate (prayer request, updates, etc.)

We can also mail in a check or give electronically by scanning the QR code



Litany for “The Holly and the Ivy”

choir members

Offertory Anthem “The Holly and the Ivy”

arr. By John Purifoy

*****Sung Response “In the Bleak Midwinter”**

**What can I offer, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise one, I would do my part;
but what can I offer: all my heart.**

*****Prayer of Dedication**

We praise you, hidden God, that in Jesus Christ you have come to us to speak your Word of love and life. Touch us with unearthly joy like the singing of angels. Fill us with wonder like the eyes of children. Teach us to humble ourselves before you like the worshiping magi. May our journey to the manger be only the beginning of a lifetime of service to Jesus our Christ. In gratitude and hope, we dedicate our gifts of love, money, and prayer to the work of your love. Amen.

ST. CROIX VALLEY PRAYER CIRCLE
 People of all faiths & paths

Jan. 4 | 6:30 pm
 @ People's Church
 309 Third St. N.
 Bayport

EMBRACING DORMANCY:
Fruitful Rest

Join our circle of prayer
 Hearts unite & envision healing
 Each person contributes to our impact
 All ages welcome, bring friends

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Poinsettia's Given with Generous Spirits.

Jill Greenhalgh & Rolf Dittmann

Andrea & Peter Favilla

Diane & Joe Legato

Pastor Clare Gromoll

Grateful for how we help each other
 come alive at People's Church!

Mindy Peters

Sue Favilla

Grateful for my wonderful family

Paula & Walt Richey

In Honor of the Ukrainian people
 & for love & kindness to all

Thank you for beautifying our Sanctuary this Christmas!

We encourage anyone to take a poinsettia with them (beginning after the 9 pm service).

People's Book Club

We read theologically progressive books by diverse authors

People's Congregational Church (Bayport)
Jan. 18 | 6:30-8 pm | @ church & Zoomed

CONVICTIONS

HOW I LEARNED WHAT MATTERS MOST

Marcus J. Borg

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