

"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. B		P. Brooks
		Karri Bjor	k, acolyte:
Words of Welcome		Pastor Clare	Gromoll
*** <b>Opening Carol</b> "O Cor	"O Come, All You Faithful" <i>Vs 1 &amp; 3</i>		H, #135

## **\*\*\*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			
<u>~LESSONS &amp; CAROLS~</u> The Inclusive Bible					
The First Reading	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Rolf Dittmann			
Carol	"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" Vs. 1-2	NCH #127			
The Second Readin	ng Luke 2: 1-7 Heather	Kennedy-Bordeaux			
Carol	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Vs. 1 & 3	NCH #133			
The Third Reading	g Luke 2: 8-12				
Carol	"Joy to the World" Vs. 1-2	NCH #132			
The Fourth Readin	<b>ng</b> Luke 2: 13–14				
Carol	"Angels We Have Heard on High" Vs. 1 & 3	NCH #125			

**The Fifth Reading** 

Luke 2: 15-20

Carol

"What Child is This?" Vs. 1 & 3

NCH #148

\*\*\*The Sixth Reading John 1: 1–14

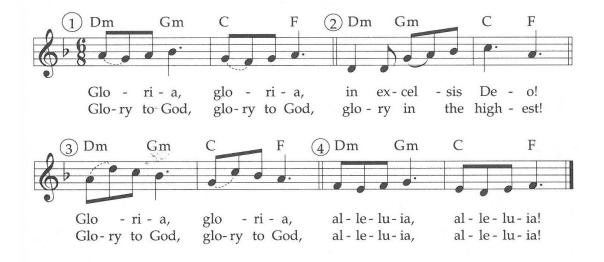
\*\*\*Lighting The Christ Candle

\*\*\*Carol

"Glory to God"

Chalice Hymnal #34

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



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.

#### <u>~THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES~</u>

\*\*\*Benediction

#### **\*\*\*Preparing To Share The Light Of Christ**

\*\*\*Carol

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

NCH #134

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, heavenly 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.

Please extinguish your candle as the lights come up

We carry the light of Christ with us in all times and spaces

\*\*\*Postlude

"Silent Night"

Gruber

Peace on earth and good tidings to all!

\*\*\* Sitting or standing



# Poinsettia's Given with Generous Spirits.

Jill Greenhalgh & Rolf Dittmann

Diane & Joe Legato

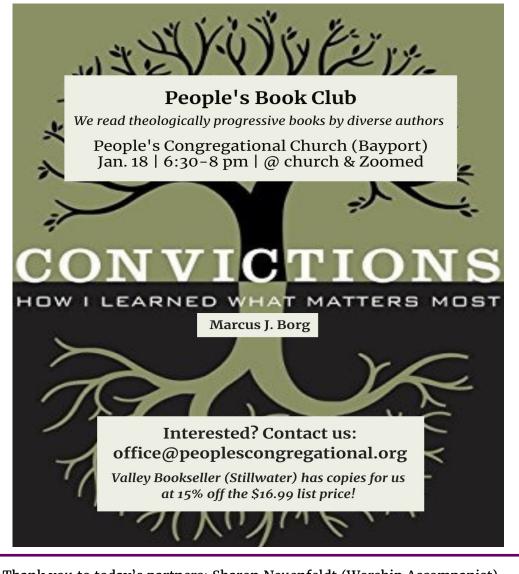
Mindy Peters

Andrea & Peter Favilla

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

<u>Sue Favilla</u> 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 <u>anyone</u> to take a poinsettia with them (beginning after the 9 pm service).



Thank you to today's partners: Sharon Neuenfeldt (Worship Accompanist), Michael Bjork (Choir Director), PCC Choir, Heather Kennedy-Bordeaux & Rolf Dittmann (liturgists), Kaari Bjork (acolyte), Paul, Bob & Mark (tech), Andi Favilla & Jenni Shaller (decorations) Jackie Savage (Sanctuary organizer, outdoor sign),

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