

*In grace our Savior God appeared,
His love for mankind to make clear.
'Twas not for deeds that we had done,
But by his steadfast love alone,
He saved us through a second birth,
Renewed us by the Spirit's work,
And poured him out upon us, too,
Through Jesus Christ our Savior true.
And so, made right by his own grace,
Eternal life we now embrace.*

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible;
And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered 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].
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He 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.

Christmas Day 12-25-11
Good Shepherd Community Church
O come let us adore him!

Gospel Declaration

Listen! I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people. Today your Savior, the Lord Messiah, was born in the city of David. Luke 2:10-11
Hymn of Gathering- 372P "Once in Royal David's City"

Call to Worship:

The prophet Isaiah describes our Lord:
For a child has been born to us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace. Come let us worship our coming Lord!
(from Isaiah 9) **"Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."** (Luke 2:15)

Hymn- O Come All Ye Faithful 103H/367P

Invocation

Pastor Jeff Gregory

Hymn- Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Call to Confession

When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary,
he became like us in all things except sin, so that he could be
a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God and
could atone for the people's sins. Because he himself
suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who
are being tempted. Because he made atonement for our sins
we can know God's forgiveness.

Let us confess our sin to God. If we confess our sins, He is
faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse
us from all unrighteousness. [Silent personal confession]

Prayer of Confession:

God of grace, our loving Father,
It seems that all year long we pursue power and money,
yet you come in weakness. We admit that material things
which last only for awhile impacts us in this season, when
you alone offer what is lasting.
Through the work of this Lord Jesus, who comes among us
full of grace and truth, forgive us, heal us, correct us.

Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the angels, and remake our lives, that we may witness to your saving power and transforming love. In and through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11, NIV He was given the name Jesus because he will save his people from their sin.

Mt. 1:21 **Amen.**

We Rejoice in Our God

Song- "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

God rest you merry, gentlefolk, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone
astray.

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;

O tidings of comfort and joy.

Hymn- 361P "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

Prayer

We Read the Holy Scripture

Your word is a lamp unto my feet; a light upon my path.

Hebrew Bible- Isaiah 62:1-12

from **Psalms 97:1-12** [A Reader]

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;

let the distant shores rejoice. ...

Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous,

and praise his holy name.

New Testament – Luke 2:1-20

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

We Sing the Story and Rejoice

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Hymn- "While Shepherd Watch Their Flocks"

Hymn- "Christians Awake! Salute the Happy Morning"

We Pray and Give Offerings

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Prayers of the People

Collect Prayer: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Dedication of Offerings

Song- "The Story Has Broken"

We Hear the Word Expounded

Sermon Text: Titus 3:3-8

Sermon: "God's Amazing Kindness" by Pastor Jeff Gregory

Hymn – Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Let us confess our common Christian faith:

The Nicene Creed- *We believe in ...*

Christmas Communion Service

**see insert led by Wayne Conrad*

Dialogue Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thanks be to God for his kindness to us!

Invitation to Table

Thanksgiving with Words of Institution

Minister: Christ is the Bread of Life whose blood purchased us.

People: *When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.*

Blessing Prayer

Distribution of Bread

Christ our Passover Lamb was sacrificed for us.

Therefore, Let us keep the feast!

Communion Hymn- "Let All Mortal Flesh" / "Child in a Manager"

Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

Prayer of Commitment

Closing Hymn- "Hark! The Herald Angel Sing"

Benediction- 2 Thess. 2:16-17

our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good word and work.

Amen.