

**Good Shepherd Church**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas and Epiphany**  
**January 1, 2023**  
**Worship Guide**

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

**Greeting**

Greetings, favored ones, the Lord is with you.  
His name is Immanuel, God with us.  
Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call to Worship:**

When God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,  
*"Let all God's angels worship him."*  
About the Son he says,  
*"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,*  
and the scepter of your kingdom is a righteous scepter.  
Without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness:  
*God was manifested in the flesh,*  
*Justified in the Spirit,*  
*Seen by angels,*  
*Preached among the Gentiles,*  
*Believed on in the world,*  
*Received up in glory.*  
Then every tongue in one accord, say that Jesus the Messiah is Lord,  
while praising God the Father.

**Hymn- 367P O Come, All You Faithful**

O come, all you faithful,  
joyful and triumphant!  
O come now, O come now 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, Christ the Lord!*

2. God of God,  
Light of light,  
he who was born from the virgin's womb;  
very God, begotten, not created:

3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation!  
Sing, all you citizens of heaven above,  
'Glory to God in the highest!'

4a. Yes, Lord, we greet you,  
born for our salvation:  
Jesus, to you be glory given!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

**Invocation**

Beloved in Christ, at this Christmastide let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus, and in heart and mind to go where he was and see this thing which is come to pass in accordance with God's promise and the prophecies of the One to come.

Therefore, let us read and mark in holy Scripture the narrative of the fulfillment of the promise of God from the first days of the infancy of Jesus recorded in Luke and Matthew until he is settled with Mary and Joseph in Nazareth

## **Corporate Prayer**

Lord we've sung the carols and heard this story many times before. We confess that we've allowed the most important event in history to become dull by familiarity. Help us in our acts of worship to recapture a sense of wonder. Let us discover with surprise that stupendous fact that the Creator of the universe has shown himself in a newborn baby. Enable us to accept what we shall never fully understand. So may our worship be filled with spontaneous joy. Amen. (J.D. Searle)

## **Hymn- Break Forth, O Beauteous Heav'nly Light**

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,  
and usher in the morning.  
O shepherds, shrink not with affright,  
but hear the angel's warning.  
This child, now weak in infancy,  
our confidence and joy shall be,  
the power of Satan breaking,  
our peace eternal making.

All blessing, thanks and praise to thee,  
Lord Jesus Christ, be given;  
You have our brother deigned to be,  
Our foes in sunder riven.  
O grant us through our day of grace  
With constant praise to seek your face;  
Grant us 'fore long in glory  
With praises to adore thee.

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,  
to herald our salvation;  
He stoops to earth—the God of might,  
our hope and expectation.  
He comes in human flesh to dwell,  
our God with us, Immanuel;  
the night of darkness ending,  
our fallen race befriending.

4 Come, dearest child, into our hearts,  
and leave your crib behind you!  
Let this be where the new life starts  
for all who seek and find you.  
To you be honor, thanks, and praise,  
for all your gifts this time of grace.  
Come conquer and deliver  
this world, and us, forever

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## Prayer

We thank you, Lord God, for your word spoken of old through prophets and apostles and recorded for us in holy scripture; and most of all for your final Word spoken to us in your Son Jesus Christ, who was made flesh for us people and for our salvation. Grant that through the written word we may behold the glory of the incarnate Word, who is now exalted to the right hand of the Majesty on high, and to whom we ascribe all praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. [Based on Hebrews 1:1-3]

## **The Law**

On the eighth day, the flesh of the boy's foreskin shall be circumcised, Leviticus 12:3

Generation after generation, every male must be circumcised when he is eight days old, including those born in your household and those purchased from a foreigner--even those who are not your offspring. Genesis 17:12

## **Jesus Presented in the Temple (Luke 2:21)**

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise him, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he had been conceived.

## Hymn- O Sacred Day When First Was Poured

0 sacred day, when first was poured  
The blood of our redeeming Lord,  
O solemn day, when first began  
His sufferings for sinful man!

2 Just born into this world of woe,  
His blood for man was made to flow;  
His future death was thus expressed,  
Thus, too, His early love confessed.

3 From heaven descending, to fulfil  
The mandates of His Father's will,  
E'en now behold the Victim lie,  
The Lamb of God prepared to die.

4 Beneath the knife behold the Child,  
The innocent, the undefiled:  
For captives He the ransom pays,  
For lawless man the Law obeys.

5 Lord, circumcise our hearts, we pray,  
Our fleshly natures purge away;  
Thy name, Thy likeness, may we bear;  
O stamp Thy holy image there.

8.8.8.8. LM Angelus (Joseph)

## Hymn-"Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love"

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
name all other names above,  
unto which must ev'ry knee  
bow in deep humility.

2 Jesus! Name decreed of old,  
to the maiden mother told,  
kneeling in her lowly cell,  
by the angel Gabriel.

3 Jesus! Name of priceless worth  
to the fallen here on earth  
for the promise that it gave,  
"Jesus shall his people save."

4 Jesus! Name of mercy mild,  
given to the Holy Child  
when the cup of human woe  
first he tasted here below.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n  
under all the mighty heav'n  
whereby those to sin enslaved  
burst their fetters and are saved.

6 Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
human name of God above;  
pleading only this, we flee  
helpless, O our God, to thee.

Words-William Howe Tune- Carlson

## Corporate Prayer-

*Lord Jesus, circumcised for us on the eighth day, and given the name Jesus according to the word of the angel: fulfill to us the gracious promise of that name, and keep us ever joyful in your salvation, to the glory of God the Father. Amen*

## Consecration of Jesus the Firstborn - Luke 2:22-38

When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord") [Exodus 13:2,12], and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons" [Leviticus 12:8].

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

*"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,  
you now dismiss your servant in peace.  
For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all people,  
a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel."*

The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

#### Hymn- 370P **Child in The Manger**

Child in the manger,  
infant of Mary,  
outcast and stranger,  
Lord of all!  
Child who inherits  
all our transgressions,  
all our demerits  
on him fall.

2. Once the most holy  
child of salvation  
gently and lowly  
lived below:  
now as our glorious

mighty Redeemer,  
see him victorious  
over each foe.

3. Prophets foretold him,  
infant of wonder,  
angels behold him  
on his throne:  
worthy our Savior  
of all their praises;  
happy for ever  
are his own.

Author- Mary McDonald  
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#### Hymn- **Lord, Bid Your Servant Go**

1-Lord, bid your servant go in peace;  
your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
this child so long foretold.

2-This is the Savior of the world,  
the Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
the joy of Israel.

**Authors:** Luke 2, James Quinn, American folk melody  
**Tune Name:** Land Of Rest

## **The Visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12)**

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

*'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for out of you will come a ruler  
who will be the shepherd of my people Israel'" [Micah 5:2].*

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

## **Hymn- What Child Is This?**

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?

Chorus:  
*This, this is Christ, the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!*

2 Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading. [Chorus]

3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come, peasant, king to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him. [Chorus]  
William C. Dix Tune- Greensleaves

## **The Escape to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-18)**

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son" [Hosea 11:1].

When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

*"A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,*

*Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more" [Jeremiah 31:15].*

### Hymn- **In the Night, The Sound of Crying**

In the night, the sound of crying —  
whimpers from a babe so small:  
angels hail the new-born infant  
in that dingy cattle-stall.

2 In the night, the sound of crying —  
Mary journeys on with tears,  
further from the home she treasures,  
onward to uncertain years.

3 In the night, the sound of crying —  
fury nothing can assuage!  
Schemes of pointless, brutal murder  
spring from Herod's jealous rage.

4 In the night, the sound of crying —  
agonies beyond belief!  
Soldiers searching, children slaughtered —  
parents overwhelmed with grief.

5 In the night, the sound of crying —  
cries of faith, though hope looks vain;  
cries of joy, for Christ has conquered,  
and, with justice, comes to reign

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### **The Return to Nazareth (Matthew 2:19-23)**

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."

### **(Luke 2:39-40)**

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

### **Sermon Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12**

*Behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." V.2*

*And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother and they fell down and worshipped him. V.11*

**Message: "The Determined Worshippers"**

**by Jeff Gregory**

**Hymn- 384P What Kind of Greatness Can This Be**

What kind of greatness can this be  
that chose to be made small?  
Exchanging untold majesty  
for a world so pitiful.  
That God should come as one of us,  
I'll never understand.  
The more I hear the story told,  
the more amazed I am.

Chorus

***O what else can I do  
but kneel and worship you  
and come just as I am,  
my whole life an offering.***

2. The One in whom we live and move  
in swaddling cloths lies bound.

The voice that cried, 'Let there be light',  
asleep without a sound.  
The One who strode among the stars  
and called each one by name,  
lies helpless in a mother's arms  
and must learn to walk again.

3. What greater love could he have shown  
to shamed humanity,  
yet human pride hates to believe  
in such deep humility.  
But nations now may see his grace  
and know that he is near,  
when his meek heart, his words, his works  
are incarnate in us here.

Text-Graham Kendrick Tyne- What Kind of Gr..

## **Christmas Communion Service**

As is our custom on every Lord's Day, no less during this Christmas season, we gather together to remember our Lord's death for our sins and his rising for our justification. By his Spirit the Lord Jesus is our host at this table and he is present to assure us of his love, forgiveness, and ongoing intercessory ministry in our behalf. Let us now draw near to him. **Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord until he comes.

With thanksgiving, let us offer God our grateful praise. **Amen!**

—based on 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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 thanks and praise.**

All glory and honor be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, ever living God.

We give you thanks and praise for your Son,  
our Savior Jesus Christ,  
who for love of our fallen race humbled himself,  
was born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit,  
and lived as one of us.

In this mystery of the Word made flesh  
you have caused his light to shine in our hearts,  
to give knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In him we see our God made visible  
and so are caught up in the love of the God we cannot see.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and sing our joyful hymn of praise.

*Acclamation of Praise*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

—based on Psalm 118:26; Isaiah 6:3

*Thanksgiving for the Work of Christ*

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice, until he comes again.

*Memorial Acclamation*

Therefore, we proclaim our faith as signified and proclaimed in this gospel ordinance:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ ascended,  
Christ will come again!**

*Prayer for the Work of the Spirit*

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom. **Amen.**

*The Disciples' Model Prayer*

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
Your name be honored as holy.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And do not bring us into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.  
[For Yours is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever. Amen.]

**Acclamation**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.**

Therefore, let us keep the feast!

The gifts of God for the people of God!

***Communion Hymn: "Gathered 'Round Your Table"***

*Gathered round Your table on this holy eve,  
Viewing Bethlehem's stable we rejoice and grieve;  
Joy to see You lying in Your manger bed,  
Weep to see You dying in our sinful stead.*

*Prince of Glory, gracing Heav'n ere time began,  
Now for us embracing death as Son of Man;  
By Your birth so lowly, by Your love so true,  
By Your cross most holy, Lord, we worship You!*

*Bethlehem's Incarnation, Calvary's bitter cross,  
Wrought for us salvation by Your pain and loss;  
Now we fall before You in this holy place,  
Prostrate we adore You, for Your gift of grace.*

**Breaking and Sharing the Bread**

Jesus said "This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."  
Take and eat and feed upon Christ in your hearts with thanksgiving.

***Communion Hymn:***

*With profoundest wonder we Your body take-  
Laid in manger yonder, broken for our sake:  
Hushed in adoration we approach the cup-  
Bethlehem's pure oblation freely offered up.*

*Christmas Babe so tender, Lamb who bore our blame,  
How shall sinners render praises due Your name?  
Do Your own good pleasure in the lives we bring;  
In Your ransomed treasure reign forever King!*  
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**The Cup**

[*pouring the cup*] The cup for which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.  
**The cup that we drink is our participation in the blood of Christ.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Take and drink with thanksgiving for Christ's saving work.

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

Close

**Collect Prayer for Christmas Day**

*Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon himself and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

## **Hymn- Sing We the Song of Emmanuel**

Sing we the song of Emmanuel:  
this the Christ who was long foretold;  
lo, in the shadows of Bethlehem,  
promise of dawn now our eyes behold.  
God Most High in a manger laid;  
lift your voices and now proclaim:  
great and glorious, love has come to us—  
join now with the hosts of heaven.

2 Come we to welcome Emmanuel:  
King who came with no crown or throne;  
helpless he lay, the invincible,  
maker of Mary, now Mary's son.  
O what wisdom to save us all!  
Shepherds, sages, before him fall;  
grace and majesty, what humility!  
Come on bended knee, adore him.

3 Go, spread the news of Emmanuel:  
joy and peace for the weary heart;  
lift up your heads, for your King has come,  
sing for the light overwhelms the dark.  
Glory shining for all to see,  
hope alive, let the gospel ring;  
God has made a way, he will have the praise—  
tell the world his name is Jesus.  
Gloria, gloria!  
Gloria, gloria!

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**Benediction-** *May the grace of the Lord Jesus the Messiah, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you!* 2 Corinthians 13:14 ISV

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