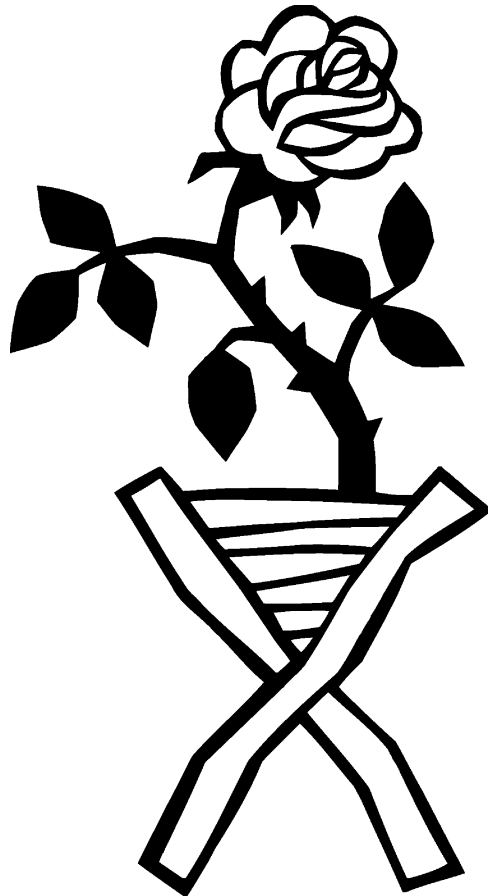


Lessons & Carols for Christmas

December 29, 2024 9:30AM



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

*As a community called by Christ, we live our faith by loving and
serving all creation*

Lessons & Carols for Christmas: Savior, Christ, Lord

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Prelude

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Amid the troubles and fears of this world,
let us confess our sin and welcome God's forgiveness, grace, and love.

Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our lack of faith and trust.

Your Son was born in the poverty of a stable.

Forgive our neglect of the poor.

The shepherds left their flocks and went to Bethlehem.

Forgive our selfishness and complacency.

. . . God's forgiveness is good news of great joy!

Amen.

Gathering Carol

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

#275

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who is Savior and Lord,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Canticle of Praise

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

#289

Prayer

. . . one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

Psalm

Psalm 8

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

**you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

WORD *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

First Reading **Isaiah 12:2-6** page 628

Response **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** (refrain) **#283**
O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him.
O come, let us adore him Christ the Lord.

Second Reading **Matthew 1:18-21** page 877
Brief silence for prayer and meditation

Carol **"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"** **#272**

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Third Reading **Isaiah 61:1-3, 11** page 678

Response **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** (refrain) **#283**
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Fourth Reading **John 1:19-23, 29-34** page 966
Brief silence for prayer and meditation

Carol **"Silent Night"** **#281**

"For unto you is born a Savior, who is Christ, the Lord"

Fifth Reading **Isaiah 6:1-8** page 622

Response **"O Come, All Ye Faithful"** (refrain) **#283**
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Sixth Reading **Luke 1:26-35, 38** page 931

Silence for Meditation *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song*

Please stand as you are able

Carol **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"** **#279**

Nicene Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death 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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.**

Responsive Prayer

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.
Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.
Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
**Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to
all the world. Amen.**

Offerings *Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry.*

Presentation of Gifts "What Child Is This" vs. 1, 3

#296

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!
So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

Please stand as you are able

Offering Prayer

Gracious God,

your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, open our hearts to receive the grace and truth you offer and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING *We prepare to go forth in Jesus' name.*

Blessing

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Bell Toll

Sending Song **"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"** **#270**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve our Savior, Christ, and Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

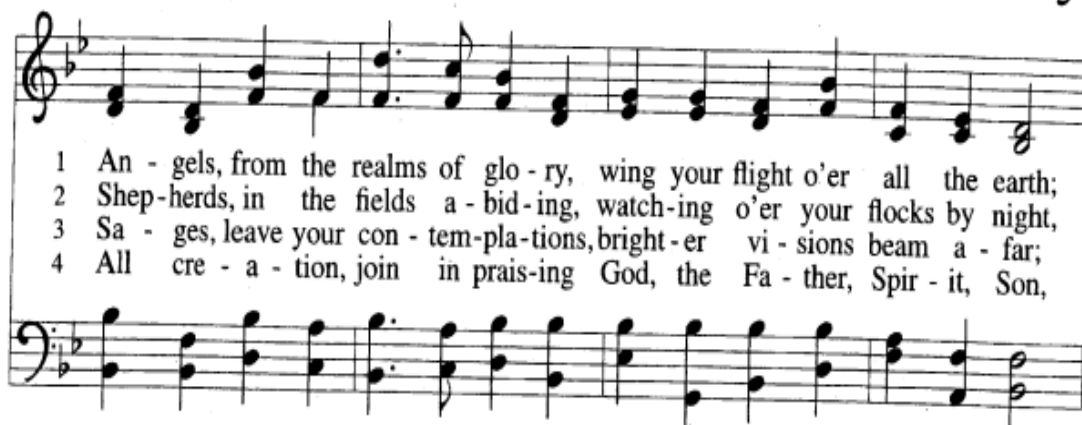
Terry and Loretta Williams – Ushers/Greeters

Hope Seeger, Chris Vance – Readers

Ray Vance – Leader

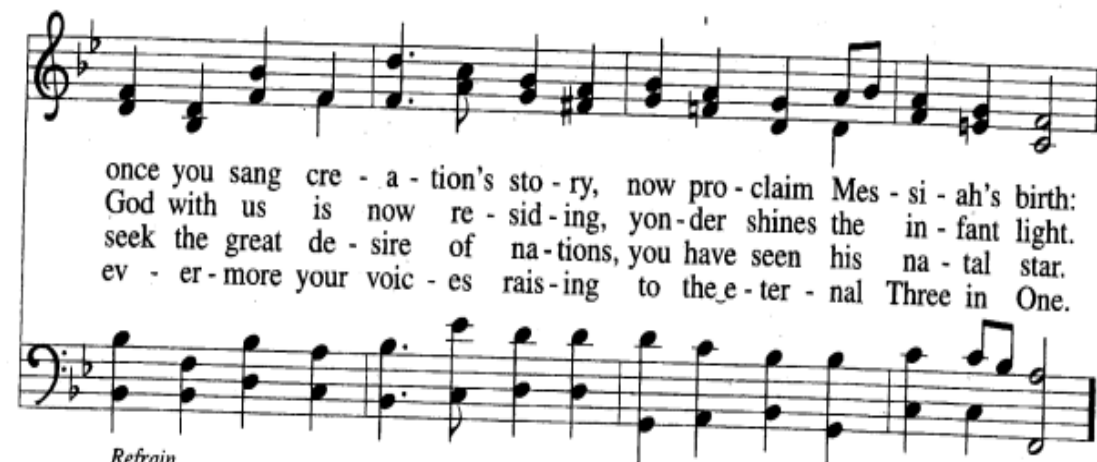
Robin Hoefer – Pianist

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

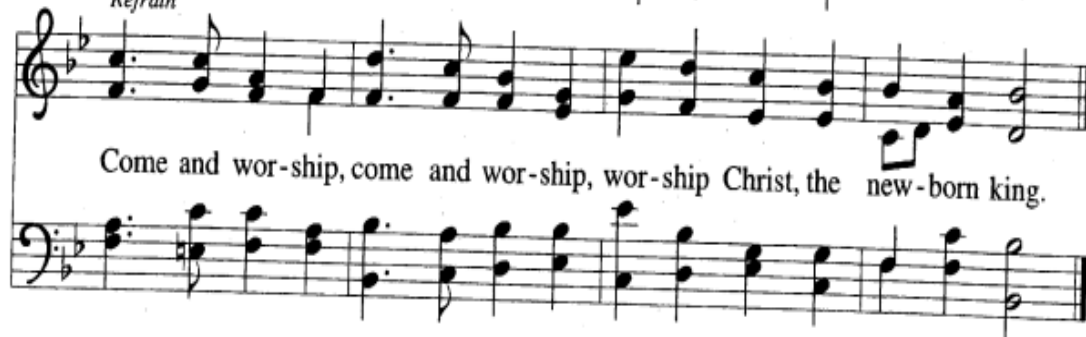


1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

CHRISTMAS

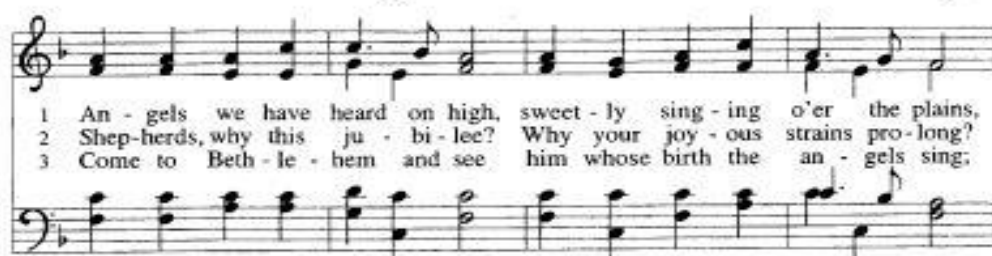


once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain


Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Refrain
Glo ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man

sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who

seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
 vir - gin moth - er kind, To show God's love a - right, she
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from
 dost our weak - ness know; bring us at length, we pray, to

mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

Text: German carol, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriet R. Krauth,
 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4
 Music: Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621

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Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

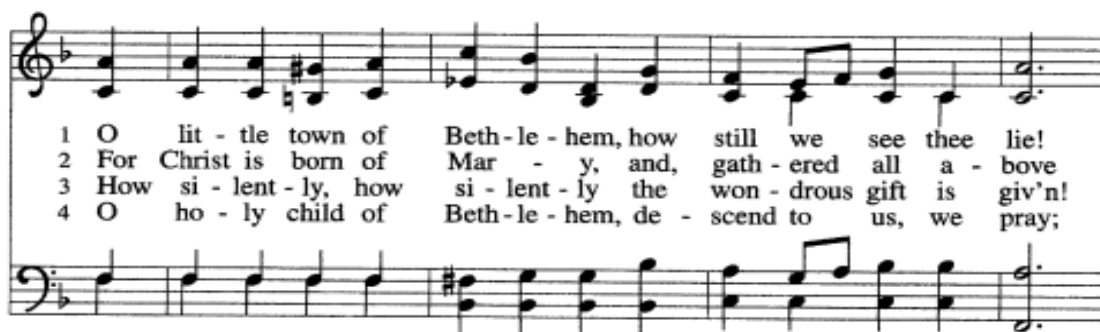
Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

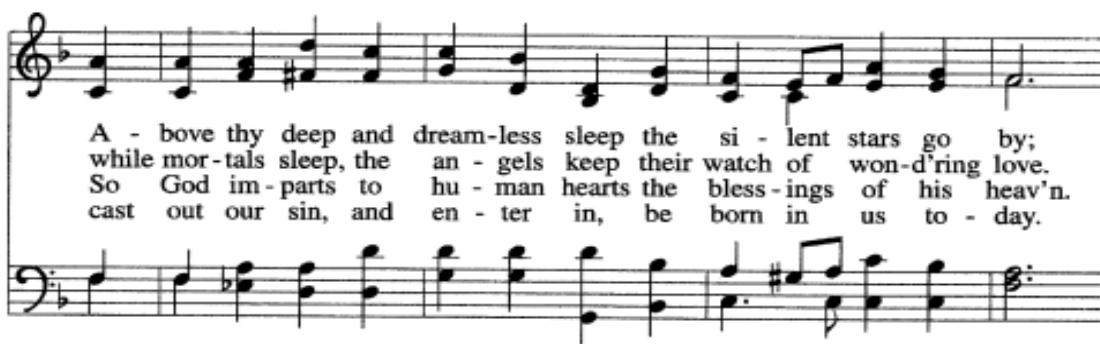
Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

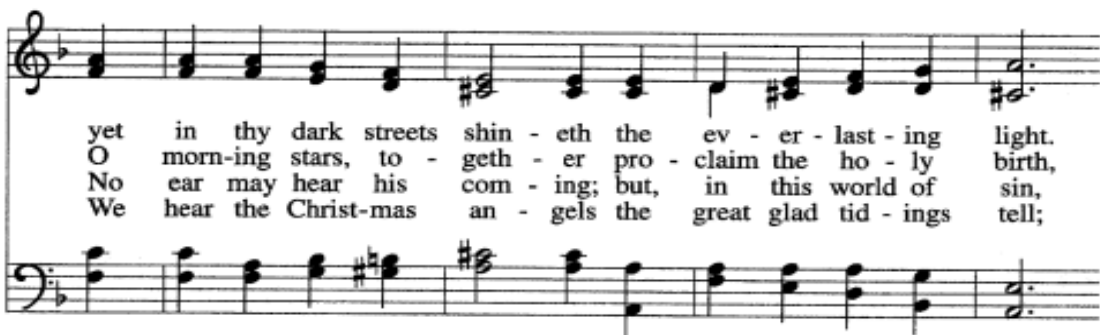
O Little Town of Bethlehem



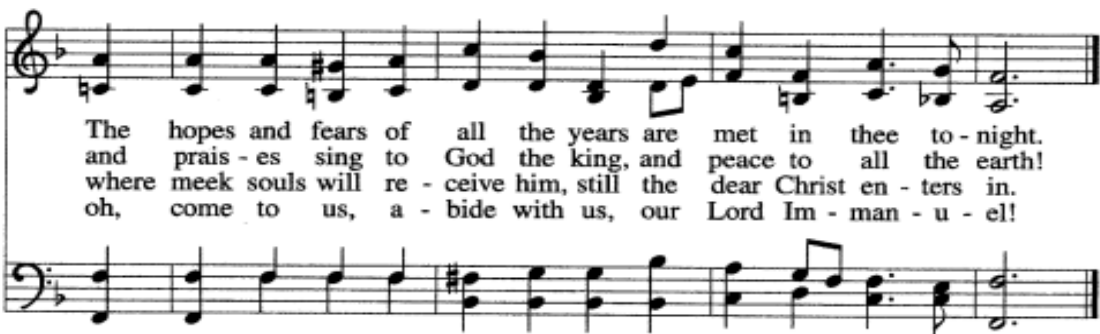
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Announcements for December 29, 2024

Welcome! We are happy to have you worship with us today!

- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Activity Bags for young children** are available in the narthex. Take one for use during the service.
- **Visitors:** Please fill out a visitor card located in the narthex. Pick up a visitor's bag!

Keep in prayer: Christopher Bendixen (friend of Ginny Erickson), Judy Clark (daughter-in-law of Ruth Clark), Tammy Eckley (sister of Teresa Sommers), Cindy Hoekman, Craig Knutson, Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane Tracy), Jim Thompson, Lynn Tracy, and Mary Jane Tracy.

Congratulations! Marshall Merlin Peterson was born to Charlie and Katie Peterson on December 18. Proud grandparents are Ted and Julie Peterson.

Offering Envelopes for 2025 are in the narthex. If you give electronically, you will not get a box. If you want a box, please let Julia Pearson know.

You are welcome to take your poinsettias after worship, if ordered, that have decorated our church.

JPLC Annual Meeting will be held on January 26, 2025, immediately following worship. If worship is canceled on January 26, the meeting will be held on February 2. **Committee reports for the Annual Meeting Report** are due in the office by January 7.

Sunday School resumes on January 5. There will be no SS on January 26 due to the annual meeting.

Confirmation classes resume on January 8.

Bible Study resumes January 10, meeting on Fridays at 10am to study *Our Community Now and in God's Future*. All are welcome. Come whenever you are able.

Invitation to meeting for Altar Guild. On January 12th, following worship, you are invited to an informational meeting to learn about preparing the sanctuary for Sunday services. If you would be interested in this important service opportunity, please join us.

A Neighborhood Meal will be offered at JPLC on Wednesday, January 22 from 4:30-6:30pm. Invite your neighbors to join you for a free meal and fellowship!

Sign-up sheets for **Livestreaming** and for **Readers** are on the connecting room board. Sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall to provide food/coffee for **Fellowship**. Please consider serving in these ways!

Contributions for 2024 need to be in the office today to be recorded at the bank as a 2024 donation. 2024 contributions will be posted as such on your giving statements.

Sharing Your Offering: Thank you for your generosity that supports our ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

- **Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- **Give online** at www.jplchurch.org. Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.
- **Use the Tithe.ly App.** Click on GIVE on our website www.jplchurch.org, download the Tithe.ly App at the bottom of the screen. Once installed, search for Jefferson Prairie and start giving using the App.
- **Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Online worship available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and www.jplchurch.org homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

NOTE: This worship service is being livestreamed.

Inclement weather cancellations will be posted to the JPLC Facebook page and the JPLC website under News. Emails will be sent to members, and you can also check WCLO/WJVL radio or WREX Channel 13 TV stations for status information. Pastor Linda will provide a livestream service on Facebook if in-person worship is cancelled.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, Jan 5	9:30am	Worship/Day of Epiphany SS/Fellowship
Monday, Jan 6	7:15pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
Tuesday, Jan 7	9am	Quilting
Wednesday, Jan 8	6:30pm	Confirmation
Thursday, Jan 9	6pm	Worship team
Friday, Jan 10	10am	Bible study