

# ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

701 S. College Avenue, Newark, Delaware 19713

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Growing in faith. Growing in community. Welcoming all in Jesus' name.*

### **THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD** **Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023**

**7:00 PM Service of**  
**Holy Communion**

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. Paul reminds us that the grace of God through Jesus Christ brings salvation to all people. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.



**Catch the excitement! Witness the joy! Shape the vision!**

**ST. PAUL'S VISION STATEMENT** (adopted 02/25/2018)

- To worship as a diverse community of all ages
- To engage in faith formation as a community grounded in God's word
- To maintain with depth and integrity the work of feeding the hungry and housing the homeless
- To nurture a strong foundation of generosity, giving, and caring for creation
- To provide a music ministry that encompasses congregation and surrounding communities

### **Worship at Home**

While some of us still cannot be together in person, we can hear the word of God and hold each other in prayer. Therefore, we offer the 7:00 PM service through simultaneous live streaming to St. Paul's Facebook page. The service is then posted to the website, [www.stpaulsnewarkde.org](http://www.stpaulsnewarkde.org) and can be found in the upper right-hand corner of the home page, along with a digital copy of the worship folder, as well as a copy of the sermon.

**Large print worship resources—worship folders and printed sermons—as well as children's activity boxes are available. A Prayground is provided for young children.**

✘ **GATHERING** ✘

*Worship begins with God who takes the initiative and calls us into being.  
We gather at the Holy Spirit's invitation and assemble as the community of faith  
around the means of grace—the saving Word of God and the sacraments.*

*Upon entering the sanctuary, the people pray silently or engage in quiet meditation  
allowing the music to focus their attention on God and God's kingdom.*

**PRELUDES**

*Beginning at 6:30 PM*

“Christmas Joy” - arr. Dobrinski  
*Handbell Ensemble*

“A Joyful, Jubilant Song” – Martin  
from *Journey to Joy*  
*Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra*

“Gesù Bambino” – Yon; arr. Goldsworthy  
*Harp and Organ*

“A Palace in Bethlehem” - Martin  
from *Journey to Joy*  
*Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra*  
*Lori Davis, soloist*

“Angels We Have Heard on High” – arr. Krug  
*Handbell Ensemble*

“Christmas Day in the Morning” – arr. Shackley  
*Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra*

*When you hear the choir sing,  
“Come, let us adore him,”  
please stand, as you are able, and sing:*

**ENTRANCE CAROL**

**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

ELW 283\*

*\* If you wish to sing harmony this evening, please use the corresponding hymn numbers.*

*Interlude between Verses 3 & 4*



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

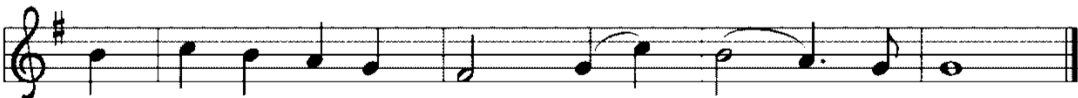


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*



O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade. 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley. 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2  
Music: ADESTE FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

## CHRISTMAS DIALOG

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!  
**He is the Light no darkness can overcome.**

At darkest night we gather to celebrate the great light of our salvation.

**With the heavenly host we sing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven."**

In Christ, God's Word is made flesh and lives among us.

**With the shepherds, we will tell of the wonders we have seen and heard.**

### **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **CAROL**

### **Angels We Have Heard on High**

ELW 289



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



Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
Music: GLORIA, French carol

*Be seated.*

✠ WORD ✠

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

**THE READING**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

*Light shines: a child is born for us*

A reading from Isaiah:

- <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.
- <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- <sup>5</sup>For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- <sup>6</sup>For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup>His authority shall grow continually,  
 and there shall be endless peace  
 for the throne and dominion of David,  
 to establish and uphold it  
 with justice and with righteousness  
 from this time onward and forevermore.  
 The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**CAROL**

**It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

ELW 282

*Interlude between Verse 3 & 4*



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Text: Edmund H. Sears, 1810–1876  
Music: CAROL, Richard S. Willis, 1819–1900

## HOLY GOSPEL

## Luke 2:1-20

### *God with us*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

<sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom God favors!”

<sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. <sup>17</sup>When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; <sup>18</sup>and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

<sup>19</sup>But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. <sup>20</sup>The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Barbara Melosh

*Please stand.*

**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, Wonderful Counselor. You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.

**Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.**

Blessed are you, Emmanuel. You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.

**Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.**

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.**

*Be seated.*

*At this time, please sign the Fellowship Pad (the black folder) found at the end of your pew and pass it to your neighbor. We ask **visitors** to provide us with contact information so we can thank you for enriching our worship experience. We ask **members** to update any changes to their contact information so our records can be maintained.*





✠ MEAL ✠

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**GATHERING OF GIFTS**

*In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, we offer our gifts for service and mission.*

**OFFERTORY**

“Child of Promise” – Martin  
from *Journey to Joy*

Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

Tune: ELW 275  
REGENT SQUARE

Ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord most ho - ly, God of pow'r and God of might:  
 heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!  
 Bless - ed be the com - ing Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

Text: metrical Sanctus, Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

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## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us and given us your only-begotten Son. We give you thanks for the salvation you have granted to us through Jesus, the Word made flesh, the child of Mary; the Light of the world, our Immanuel. Send the Spirit of your Son into our hearts that as your beloved children we may welcome our Savior who comes in his body and blood.

### **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

All are invited to come to the table of peace.  
**We come to behold and receive our God.**

### AGNUS DEI

### Lamb of God

Tune: ELW 269  
IRBY



Lamb of God, the world's Re - deem - er, mer - cy to your peo - ple give.



Lamb of God, the world's Re - deem - er, may we in your mer - cy live.



Lamb of God, we all im - plore: Grant us peace for - ev - er - more.

*Be seated.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

Christ's body and blood nourishes faith, forgives sin, and forms us as living witnesses to God's promise of unity, justice, and peace.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Children not yet communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossed arms. If you would like to receive communion in your pew, please notify an usher.

Non-alcoholic grape juice and gluten-free communion wafers are available upon request.



## CAROLS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

### O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279  
*p. 12*

### The First Noel

ELW 300  
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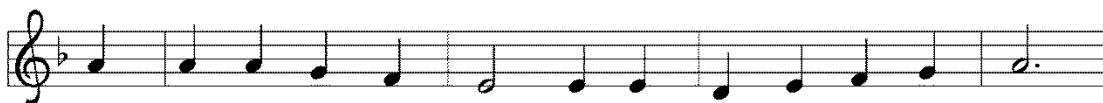
## O Little Town of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
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!



ELW 300

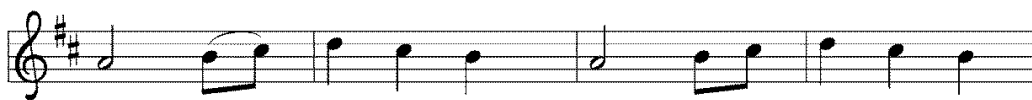
## The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . .

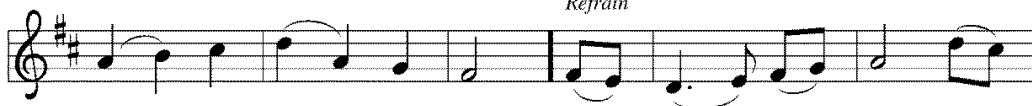


cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

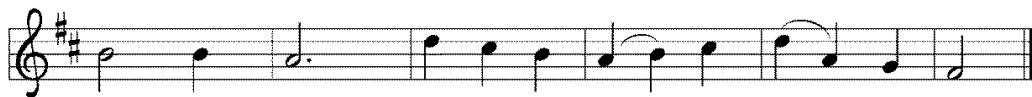


they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

### *Refrain*



night that was so deep.  
 tin-ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional

Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

*After all have returned to their places, remain seated.*

## **BLESSING AND PRAYER**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **ANTHEM**

“Wonderful Peace” - Norqvist  
Sanctuary Choir, Harp and Piano

## **✕ CANDLELIGHTING ✕**

*The assembly stands as the lights are dimmed.  
During the reading, the individual candles are lit.  
Always tilt the unlit candle to receive the light.*

## **THE PROLOGUE**

**John 1:1-5, 10-14**

*The Word became flesh*

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The Word was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through the Word, without whom not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>10</sup>The light was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of a man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*The lights are turned off  
and the carol is sung by candlelight.*



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,



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,



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



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

*Please extinguish your candle and hold it upright  
 until the wax is set before laying it down on the pew.*

The lights are turned on.

✂ SENDING ✂

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the life giving Spirit who shines on you, + bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

**Amen.**

*Interlude between Verses 3 & 4*

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

**DISMISSAL**

Christ the Savior is born!  
 Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**



**POSTLUDE**

“A Flourish of Carols” – arr. Martin  
from *Journey to Joy*  
Chamber Orchestra and Organ

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS AFTERNOON**

Assisting Minister: Jeanine Heath  
Lector: Eric Mease  
Bread Provider: Judy Runkle  
Altar Guild: Janet Mease



*Come to worship next Sunday, December 31  
for a Service of Lessons and Carols  
with Holy Communion  
Ten o'clock in the morning*

*Join us on Sunday, January 7  
as we celebrate the Epiphany of Our Lord  
with a Service of Holy Communion  
Ten o'clock in the morning*



*All are invited to attend our annual  
Sounds of the Season concert  
also on Sunday, January 7  
Four o'clock in the afternoon*

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## *Christmas 2023 Poinsettia Dedications*



*Given to the glory and praise of God by:*

Keith and Kaye Tyson

*In thanksgiving for:*

My unsung hero, James Fitzpatrick  
Our parents, Michael, Susan, Don and Carole,  
our grandchildren, Aiden, Gabe, and Lucy  
Bishop Bill Gohl and Pastor Barbara Melosh  
Family and friends  
Family and friends  
Family and friends  
Our family

*Given by:*

Mike Bareham  
Christine and Teresa  
Therriault-Merkel  
Heidi Burch  
Brenda Hagelstein  
Jeanine and Geoff Heath  
Gale and Don Paul  
Dean and AvaJo Shippy

*In memory of:*

My parents, Eleanor and Edward Baldwin  
My parents, Ken and Shirley, and my Aunt Jean  
The Reverend Linda Gunderson and my parents,  
Russell and Mildred Kaufman  
Louise and Harry Bergstrom  
Mary and Fredric Liegois  
Carol Baker, Jim Sapp and Brad Beam  
The Reverend Linda Gunderson  
and Tammy Cassar  
Ruth Ann Chisholm

*Given by:*

Janice Baldwin  
Mike Bareham  
  
Brenda Baxter  
Mary Beth and Jay Bergstrom  
Mary Beth and Jay Bergstrom  
Heidi Burch  
  
Kris and Rick Cassar  
Henry Chisholm

*In memory of:*

Walter Hagelstein  
Bill Ferguson  
Our parents and Margie Garrison  
My parents  
Loved ones  
Loved ones  
Our grandparents  
Mark Miller and Jean Mease  
Our loved ones  
Margaret Angus  
Family and friends  
Our son, Randy, our parents and other loved ones

*Given by:*

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*May you filled with the wonder of Mary,  
the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels,  
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