



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 25, 2022



Christmas Day

INTRODUCTION

On Christmas morning we have returned to the house of God "to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God," who has gifted us with a Savior. As the festival continues, "let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts." It is Christmas!

CALL TO WORSHIP FOR CHRISTMAS FROM THE BAPTISMAL FONT *stand*

Pastor: Joy to the world,

Congregation: The Lord has come!

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

Let us worship and sing God's praise!

C: Amen!

GREETING

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

Congregation: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

P: Let us pray,

C: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OUR VISION

To be an inspired body of Christ.



OUR MISSION

Love God. Love Others. Serve.

Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him, born the king of angels:
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest

Refrain

Refrain

Oh come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him,
oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

3. Yea Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

CHILDREN'S TALK

PARISH WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

EPISTLE READING: Galatians 4:4-7 Pew Bible pg. # 1063

Paul seeks to show the Galatians that the purpose of Christ's birth was to liberate us from the law's condemnation so that we would be fully adopted into God's family as beloved children.

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. ⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: John 1:1-14 Pew Bible pg. # 968

Jesus is the light of the world!

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

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

¹⁴And 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.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Be Light! Bring Light!

Pastor Bob Stelter

HYMN OF THE DAY hymnal #267, *stand*

Joy to the World

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| <p>1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.</p> <p>2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.</p> | <p>3 No more let sin and sorrow grow
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.</p> <p>4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.</p> |
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NICENE CREED

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us proclaim our faith.

All: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *stand or kneel*

Pastor: With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world,
we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

A brief silence.

P: The church in every land makes a joyful noise to herald your coming, O God.
We give thanks for poets, musicians, and hymn writers who give voice to our
praise, and for all who lead the church's worship. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: This day dawns with new hope for all living things, and from ocean depths
to mountain peaks the earth rejoices. Inspire in us an urgent zeal to protect
the planet and renew its resources. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bring heavenly peace to this world and an end to armed conflict. Raise up leaders
in every nation who will honor human rights and establish equal justice for all
people. Give courage to all who speak out against oppression and advocate for the
powerless. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Guard the lives of any in danger, especially those who work to protect others.
Lead any who are in desperate circumstances to sanctuary, help, and safety.
Grant rest to the weary and soothe those who are troubled. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Bless all who gather to worship on this holy day. Be present at our tables and
celebrations, and watch over those who travel. Sustain charities, outreach
ministries, and food pantries that give generously to people in need. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In Christ we have beheld your glory, full of grace and truth. We give thanks
for those in every generation who reflect the light of Christ. May their witness
shine forth in our time. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend
all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.

Congregation: Amen.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: And also with you.

OFFERING FOR MISSION & MINISTRY

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN *hymnal #277, stand*

Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the sky looked down where he lay;
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: With one voice, we pray:

**All: 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.**

INVITATION TO THE MEAL FROM PASTOR STELTER

COMMUNION HYMN *hymnal, pg. #300*

The First Noel

1. The First Noel, the Angels did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay,
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!
2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the East beyond them far.
And to the earth it gave great light
and so it continued both day and night.
Refrain
3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
and to follow the star wherever it went.
Refrain
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both pause and stay
right o'er the place where Jesus lay.
Refrain
5. Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in His presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Refrain

COMMUNION BLESSING *stand*

Pastor: Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen
you and keep you in his grace.

Congregation: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: The God of light fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the hope in the manger.

C: Amen.

P: The God of all light † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *hymnal ##290, stand*

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1. Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

2. When I was a seeker,
I sought both night and day.
I asked the Lord to help me,
and he showed me the way.

Refrain

3. He made me a watchman
upon the city wall
and if I am a Christian,
I am the least of all.

Refrain

SENDING

Praise Band: Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS



ALTAR ARRANGEMENTS

In honor of the Birth of Our Savior

Faith Lutheran Church

In memory of Joe, our son

Alice & Joe Pigott

POINSETTIAS

In honor of our grandchildren

Jane & Gary Dakolios

In honor of our grandchildren
In honor of our great grandchildren

Shirley & Ben Campbell

In honor of Michelle and Jason, our children

In honor of Pastor Bob and
our church staff members

Gloria & Ron Fife

In honor of our families

In memory of Leonard, Jeff & Jill Johnson

Debbie & Anthony Ragucci

In memory of AP Beardsley, my father

Laura Beardsley

In memory of Steve Joyce, my husband
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Kleena, my parents

Virginia McKinney



In memory of Adam Dean, our son

In memory of Myrtle & Wilbur Dean

In memory of Adelaide & Sterling Wigren

Nancy & Steve Dean

In memory of Virginia & Arthur Mabry and

Nita & Paul Hoover, our parents

Patricia & David Mabry

In memory of Lisa and Carol

Vicki Adams

In memory of Marian Kuehnert

Jennifer & Brad Berry

In memory of Austin Montgomery Herbold

In memory of Louise & CB Wright

In memory of Arlene & George Herbold

Mary & George Herbold

In memory of Ruth & Rev. Earl Gustafson

In memory of Mercedes & Donald Perkins

Carol & Phil Perkins

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Founding Congregation of Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church, Tellico Village

Founding Congregation of Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry • Stephen Ministry Congregation

Traditional Worship, 9am ♦ Contemporary Worship, 11:11am

Members of Faith — *Ministers*

Rev. Dr. Robert Stelter — *Pastor*
Tami Newsom — *Organist*
Collin Kasefang — *Choirmaster*
Peter Jeong — *Assistant Broadcast Manager*
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Barbara Birkholz — *Financial Secretary*
Mildred Fenske — *Prayer Chain Coordinator*

Thanks to our volunteers who help assemble these bulletins.  This bulletin is printed on recycled paper with soy ink.

WELCOME! As followers of Jesus, we rejoice in God's plan for a just, loving and peaceful world. We commit ourselves to making it a reality for all people everywhere. Just as all are welcome at the Lord's table during holy communion, all are welcome to this family of faith. People of all races, ages, social status, sexual orientations and gender identity are united here in our mission to love God, love others and serve. Please sign a Worship Card and place it in the offering plate.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

Want to know more about Lutheranism, Faith Lutheran Church & our ministries? To learn more or if you'd like to join us, contact Pastor Dan pastordan@faithloves.org.

Sunday Worship 9 & 11:11am

Live or online at [Facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville](https://www.facebook.com/FaithLutheranKnoxville)

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Recorded Sermons & Services at Faithloves.org

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS Resumes January 8, 10:15am for the study of Genesis, led by John Woods in *The Cup*.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, Resumes January 8, 10:15am.

Tuesday Bible Study, 1:30pm led by John Woods.

HANDBELL PLAYERS REHEARSAL Wednesdays, 5:30pm. Come join us! Lynn offers piano lessons, too. Contact her at rosiemomflowers@yahoo.com or call 503-819-0118.

COLUMBARIUM NICHES are available to our members for \$1,800 & to non-members at \$2,500. Application forms are found in our **Columbarium Booklet** in the narthex.

2023 FLOWER CHART has been posted. Sign up for memorials and honorariums for your loved ones.

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

**Open: Mondays, January 9, 3-5pm
& January 23, 3-6pm**

Items needed:

- Jelly** (plastic jars) • **Large Soup** • **Syrup** (plastic bottles)
- **Boxed Meals** (like Hamburger Helper)
- **Boxed Mashed Potatoes**

Contact our Pantry Coordinator to volunteer at:

shephopepantry@gmail.com

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

YEAR END PLANNING Friday, December 31, 2022, noon is the last day for 2022 contributions. Contact Mary if you need assistance or additional information, 966-9626.

— **OFFICE CLOSED Monday, December 26** —

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE NEW YEAR'S DAY January 1, 10am. Join us for a Pajama Party & Goofy Slippers Contest as we celebrate our Savior's birth and the new year.

INSTALLATION OF 2023 COUNCIL Sunday, January 8, both services.

"DE-GREENING" OF THE CHURCH Sunday, January 8, 12:15pm. Join us for a quick removal and storage of the Christmas decorations we all have enjoyed over the holidays. Thank you for making our church so lovely during the Christmas season with your donations of poinsettias. Please take your poinsettias home with you to enjoy.

SPIRITUALITY BOOK GROUP Tuesday, January 10, 6:30pm in the library. Pastor Bob will present How to Love the World: Poems of Gratitude and Hope, edited by James Crews.

COUNCIL RETREAT SATURDAY, January 14, 9am.

USHER TRAINING Sunday, January 22, 10:15am & 12:15pm in the church office.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

10am Worship

Altar Guild	Connie Rist
Greeters	Mary Beth & Jim Hallahan
Communion Ministers	Kari Kinney, Amy Canapa, Mary Bales, Doug Bales
Ushers	Ritchie Case, David Wyatt

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Friday, December 30, is the last day for 2022.

Please have your donations to the office by 1pm.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Shaun Allred, Arlene Aring, Doug Bales, Barbara Barass, Peggy Beckwith, Larry Benorden, Mary Blackburn, Amy Canapa, Nancy Cole, Myles Cooper, Mac Curtis, Jan & Steve Damell, Patsy Elmore, Kim Fransch, Pat & Nick Gary, Mary Beth & Alex Greene, Rosemarie Greenman & family, Maret & Leo Hebert, Joan Howard, Tami Jansen, Larry Koran, Jr., Carmen Larsen, Michael Lee, Roger Legako, Kris Lehman, Foster Loyacano, Bill Lucas, Heather McDonald, Joe Morelli, Debbie Moore, Judy Morris, Walter Paquet, Scarlett Parrott, Harold Peters, Loni Peters, Donnie & Lisa Smith & family, Pamela Spaar, Bobbie Steele, Kristie & Paul Turner, Jim Van Deusen, Danny Willis.

This column will start anew on the first Sunday of each month.

FRIENDS: Ava Alkire, Kathy Baxter, Emily Bell-Smith, Jeff Belt, David Berdal, Marsha Bode, Boring family, Sharon Brokenshire, Gary Bunch, Freddie Burgess, Mike Carfi, Harold Chapel, Jack Cleave, Jan & Frank Colangelo, Marty & Marybeth Connor, Ian Cooper, Bill Crain, Nancy Crain, the Daminco family, Brandy & Brian Duke, Patsy Elmore, Vader Ernst, Karen Evans & LeAnn, Alanna & Arnie Fenske, Nicholas Frank, Sandra & Joel Garber, Gregory Goodall, Bill Gross, David Gunderson, Rita Heavner, Gary Holtz, Esther Jones, Allison Kenniger, Donna Knick, Ally Koonce, Melinda, Dillon & Paul Koonce, Tammy & Paul Koonce, Laura Lehner, Loyacano family, David Matthews, Linda McCallister, Brenda Montgomery, Sue Olson, Fea April Penn, Jim Pressley, Sandra Prior, Claire Racine, Alice Ramsey & family, Rick Reed, Shannon Remington, Gerald Rosenberger, Claude Salles, Donald Salles, the Salles family, Mya Scaglione family, Anne Marie Schrubbe, Terry Serrano, Tiphinnie Sheasoba, Austin Stephens, Dempsey Sullins, Frank Tyler, the Varanka family, Barb & Jerry Weldon, Janet Wengert, Ro & Haven Wolfe, Lauren Wolfe, Martha Woodward, Edison Yee, Kim Yee, the Zehner family, Bob, Darcy, Gayle, Jodi, Jolena, Katie, Kerry, Manard, Michael, Sean, Savannah, Walter *and those we name to You.*

JOY AT THE BIRTH: Olivia Alexandria Herbold, granddaughter of Mary & George Herbold.

LOVE: Marriage of Allison & David Berdal on December 23.

SALVATION ARMY FRIENDS: Daniel, Bruce, Larry, James, Nicholas, Steve, Edward, Tyler, Floyd, Mike, Roy, Mack, Leo, Geoffery, Tyrone, Vanessa, Joan, Christen, Amanda, Noah, Shyshi, Brook, Ashland, Stephanie, Jenny, Kayla, Rhonda.

COMFORT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH: Marion Berdal, Marce Matisko, Jimmy Dean, Ruth Sittler, Pratt Hughes, Louie Martin.

SAFETY & ADVOCACY: for the mentally & physically disabled & persons trapped in toxic relationships.

CONCERN & ASSISTANCE: The people of Ukraine.

PARTNERSHIPS: Bishop Eaton & the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Bishop Strickland & the Southeastern Synod; Alicia & David Brondos, Missionaries in Mexico; Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry; Quiet Music Ministry; Tyson House; Deacon Ministry; Knox Area Rescue Ministry; Via de Cristo Ministry; Salvation Army Women's & Men's Homeless Shelters; Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking; Cole Center Caregivers and Parkinson Band, RAISE Jamaica; Mercy Ships, AL-ANON, Narcotics Anonymous.

PEACE: Protection for all armed forces, especially: Jacob Cole, Andrew Chovancek, Adam Di Giovanni, Tyler Hitter, H.M., Anthony Hu, Julianne LeFevre-Kerr, Chase Linell, Alex Primka, Christine Russ, Alex Serrano, Sam Thompson, Mitchell Yount, Greg Zager.

2023 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ted Primka President Youth & Education	David Wyatt Secretary	Doug Goins Safety & Security
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	Adam Edwards Worship & Music	Rick Smenner Information Tech

WEEK OF DECEMBER 25-JANUARY 1, 2023

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

10:00am	One Worship Service
10:15am	Praise Team rehearsal
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>

Monday, December 26 Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27

1:30pm	Bible Study Small Group
6:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

Wednesday, December 28

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
6:30pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 29

6:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
7:30pm	Narcotics Anonymous <i>The Cup</i>

Friday, December 30

Noon Last day for 2022 Contributions

Saturday, December 31 New Year's Eve

11:00am	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>
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Sunday, January 1

1st Sunday after Christmas Installation of 2023 Council Pajama Party & Goofy Slippers

10:00am	One Worship Service
10:15am	Praise Team rehearsal
5:00pm	AL-ANON meeting <i>Community Room</i>



PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Monday: Psalm 20; Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12. • **Tuesday:** Psalm 72; Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22.

Wednesday: Psalm 72; Exodus 3:1-5; Hebrews 11:23-31. • **Thursday:** Psalm 72; Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2.

Friday Psalm 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:15-21. • **Saturday** Psalm 72; 1 Kings 10:1-13; Ephesians 3:14-21.

Epiphany of Our Lord/New Year's Day: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12.