

**WELCOME in the NAME OF JESUS**  
**St. Peter's Lischey's UCC**  
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**Christmas Eve**  
**Tuesday, December 24, 2024**  
**7:00 PM (In the Sanctuary & via YouTube)**

Welcome & Greeting

Prelude- "Cradle Song"

Kirpatrick/Higgins

Call to Worship

*Solo: O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*

**ALL SING: O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye 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!**

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

**ALL: For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace!"**

**ALL SING: Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

L: And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;

**ALL SING: Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: Let us rejoice for God's light has come,

**P: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

L: Nations shall come to this light,

**P: and kings to the brightness of this dawn.**

L: The splendid eternal light shines on all who live in darkness.

**P: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World! A light no darkness can extinguish.**

*Lighting of the Christ Candle*

L: Let us pray:

**ALL: God of promise, the coming of your Son into the world has revealed your glory. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably; let us live simply and faithfully as your people who have seen the light. Amen.**

Homily

## Confession

L: Tonight, heaven touches the earth; the rough places will be made smooth. A great light has come into the world and the darkness will no longer prevail. Let us confess before God and one another, the empty and rough places of our lives that heaven's grace may touch them. Let us pray:

**ALL: What is it in us, O God, that trembles at your coming? When you shine a star to promise us something new, why do we hide behind the old? And when you offer us light, why do we run into the darkness?**

**Find us on this holy night! Open our eyes to behold wondrous things! Open our ears to hear bells pealing good news! Open our senses to touch and handle things unseen! Open our heart to your everlasting love. Amen.**

L: "Comfort my people," says our God. "Comfort them! Tell them their sins are forgiven."

**P: Amen! Come Lord Jesus, come!**

## Act of Praise

**ALL SING: O holy child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel.**

## Christmas Eve Eucharist

L: Lift up your hearts!

**P: We lift them to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!**

L: God of wonder, we come to this table . . . may be redeemed through Him. We thank you that by His death ...company of all the saints.

**P: "We have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. From His fullness we have all received, grace, upon grace."**

## Words of Institution

### Breaking of Bread and Pouring of Wine

### Lord's Prayer

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Sharing of the Elements

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**ALL: We thank you, O God, for feeding us with the holy mysteries that assure us of your being at one with us. Grant that the angels' song may be continually on our lips, that Christ's light may radiate in our lives, and that we may bear the good news of your love to a dark and waiting world. Amen.**

Special Music- Blaine Breeden: "O Holy Night "

Raney

The Birth Narrative: Luke 2: 1 - 20

Lighting of Candles and the Singing of "Silent Night"

(See screen.)

Carol: " Joy to the World" (See below/screen.)

Handel

## “Joy to the World”

Joy to the world, the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

### Christmas Blessing

### Postlude- “Christmas Joy”

Ritter



## *Poinsettia Dedications*



### In honor of:

- 🌺 In honor of Anna Mae Foreman, presented by Jim & Joan Messinger
- 🌺 In honor of Christine Jones, presented by Jim & Joan Messinger
- 🌺 In honor of Anna Glatfelter, presented by Joe, Lisa, & Joe Crisamore
- 🌺 In honor of our grandmother, Lois Nelson, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
- 🌺 In honor of Nancy Cherry for her dedication to Lischeys’ music programs, presented by the Sanctuary Choir, Chime Choir, and Joyful Singers
- 🌺 In honor of Pastor Cathy for her tireless energy in helping make Lischey’s thrive in Christ-centered love, presented by The Congregation
- 🌺 In honor of Cynthia Elicker for her ever generous spirit, presented by Jenell McKowen

- 🌸 In honor of Royce Messersmith Sr. for his kindness and garden advice, presented by Jenell McKowen
- 🌸 In honor of Carol Brown for organizing and beautifying our sanctuary with poinsettias each year, presented by  
The Congregation
- 🌸 In honor of Jenell & Pat McKowen, Cole, & Ryan, presented by Lois Nelson
- 🌸 In honor of Amy & Steve Weddle, Haleigh, Hannah, Claudia, Connor, & Wyatt, presented by Lois Nelson
- 🌸 In honor of Sarah & Tom Pasmore, Bethany, Donnie, Sam, Katie, Ainsley, & Veya, presented by Lois Nelson

**In memory of:**

- 🌸 In memory of Philip & Mabel Baer, presented by Donna Wiker & family
- 🌸 In memory of Darlene Patterson, presented by Donna Wiker & family
- 🌸 In memory of our son, Douglas Messinger, presented by Jim & Joan Messinger
- 🌸 In memory of Brenda Kessler, presented by Jeff & Kathy Flickinger
- 🌸 In memory of Dennis Kramer, presented by Terry, Beth, TJ, & Grace Mensinger
- 🌸 In memory of Patty Mensinger, presented by Terry, Beth, TJ, & Grace Mensinger
- 🌸 In memory of George Glatfelter, presented by Joe, Lisa, & Joe Crisamore
- 🌸 In memory of Bill and Fayne Crist, presented by Joe, Lisa, & Joe Crisamore
- 🌸 In memory of Bill & Eva Townsend, Patty Lamberson, Kathy Lucia, Danny Townsend, and Paul & Magdalene Kling, presented by Linda Pentz
- 🌸 In memory of our grandparents, Don Nelson and Bob & Lee McKowen, presented by Cole & Ryan McKowen
- 🌸 In memory of Arlene & Art Nelson, presented by Lois Nelson
- 🌸 In memory of Bob & Lee McKowen, presented by Lois Nelson
- 🌸 In memory of Harry Weddle, and in honor of Loretta Weddle, presented by Lois Nelson
- 🌸 In memory of Don Nelson, Gladys & Bob Henry, Pat, & Bobby, presented by Lois Nelson

**A Donation to the Memorial Fund has been placed...**

- 🌸 In loving memory of my mother, Annie M. Lebo, from her daughter & son-in-law, H. Carolyn & Ned Thomas.
- 🌸 In memory of my granddaughter, Kate Warner, presented by Pat Warner
- 🌸 In memory of my husband, Ed Warner, presented by Pat Warner