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**Notice of live streaming:**  
 Today's worship service is being live streamed to YouTube with video coverage of leaders and worshippers.

**Service of Lessons and Carols**  
 January 1, 2023



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Welcome to St. John's—we are glad you're here! Whether you have worshiped with us many times, or this is your first time, there is a place for you here. Your presence among us is a gift.

Service of Lessons and Carols

TOLLING THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**      *Now is Born the Divine Christ Child*      *arr. Lani Smith*  
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**GATHERING SONG**      *O Come, All Ye Faithful*      *ELW 283*

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| <p>1 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:</p> <p>2 The highest, most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! <i>Refrain</i></p> <p>4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p><i>Refrain</i><br/>                 O come, let us adore him,<br/>                 O come, let us adore him,<br/>                 O come, let us adore him,<br/>                 Christ the Lord!</p> <p>3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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(Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786, tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; Music: attr. John Francis Wade)

DIALOGUE

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.  
**The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.  
**We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.  
**In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

This week's schedule

Today	10 am	Live & Online Worship
Mon.		<b>office closed</b>
Tues.	7 pm	Worship & Music Meeting (Music Room)
Wed.	7:30 pm	Adult Choir (Music Room)
Thurs.		
Fri.		
Sat.	10 am	Confirmation Class

Counting our Blessings

	Attendance:	Offering:	2022
<b>Longest Night</b>	22	\$16	November Offering Income \$23,272
Wed. 12/21			November Other Income \$ 5,956
			November Total Income \$29,228
<b>Christmas Eve</b>			November Expenses \$26,853
Sat. 12/24			YTD Offering Income \$228,363
<b>11 am</b>	83		YTD Other Income \$ 26,096
Sat. 12/24			YTD Total Income \$254,459
<b>4 pm</b>	88		YTD Expenses \$326,976
Sat. 12/24			
<b>8:30 pm</b>	140	\$7,481	
<b>Christmas Day</b>			
Sun. 12/25	16	10,061	
	Homebound:	18	



## Prayer List

Please remember the following individuals in your prayers.

**For health & healing:** Ruth Skarda, Janet Roth, Gladys Downs, Bill Spink, Raymond Miller, Matthew Miller, Bill & Bonnie Rogers, Jim Morrow, Mardi Nickel, Kim Townsley, Thomas McDonough, Bett Murphy, Debbie Miller, Sandy Scott, Tony Jasinski, and Vickie Jasinski

**For family & friends:** Yung-Mee Rhee, Fred Turkin, Audrey Vargo, Jeanne Hartman, Darlene Wilder, Rebecca Hornbarger, Franny Burk, Livie Bach, Bob Murphy, Jen Schoenfliess, Pearl Johnson, Sharon Hunt, Lee Hall, Patricia Kuklinski, Judy Taylor, Sean Pullen, John Bowman, Norma Weber, Rejena Hartlove, Chuck Miller, Jeanne Edmunds, John Miller, Arlo Jones, Denise Ferguson, Mary Jo Rother, Bonnie Kellner, Kristin Weger, Linda Fliegel, Helen Bender and Doug Adams

**For the military and their families:** Kalib McCann, Mason Ledbetter, Leroy Keller, Seaman E-3 Carson Anthony Bowser, Corporal Justin Ferro, Sgt. Stephen Peck, Staff Sgt. Brandan Hartmann, Michael Anthony Tucker, Chaplain A. J. Striffler and all those in harm's way

**For those grieving family & friends of:** Patricia Sollanek

**For St. John's Caring Friends:** Trudy Anderson, Patricia Becker, Agatha Biensach-Daniels, Gladys Downs, Margaret Eubert, June Franz, Betty Glassband, Richard Hoerner, Audrey Lentz, John Lotterer, Paul Nolder, Patrick O'Connell, Arthur Pulket, Mary Ann Reek, Janet Roth, Kim Townsley, Cass Tracey and Emma Volz

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Isaiah 9:2-7** *God promises a king*

**Response: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

**ELW 272**

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| <p>1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter, when half-spent was the night.</p>      | <p>2 Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind; with Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind. To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half-spent was the night.</p>     |
| <p>3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air, dispels with glorious splendor the darkness everywhere. True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens ev'ry load.</p> | <p>4 O Savior, child of Mary, who felt our human woe; O Savior, king of glory, who dost our weakness know: bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of heaven and into endless day.</p> |

*(Text: German carol, 15<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, sts. 1-2; Harriett B. Krauth, 1845-1925, st. 3; John C. Mattes, 1876-1948, st. 4; Music: Alte catholische geistliche Kirchengesange, Koln, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621)*

**Micah 5:2-5a** *The king will come from Bethlehem*

**Response: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**ELW 279**

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| <p>1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.</p> | <p>2 For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!</p> |
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- 3 How silently, how silently the wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his coming; but, in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.
- 4 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; oh, come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

(Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893; Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908)

**Luke 1:26-35, 38** *The annunciation to Mary*  
**Response: The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came**

ELW 265

- 1 The angel Gabriel from heaven came, with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame: "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- 2 "For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee; thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady." Gloria!
- 3 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head; "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said. "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
- 4 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say: "Most highly favored lady." Gloria!

(Text: Basque carol; para. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924; Music: Basque carol, arr. C. Edgar Pettman, 1865-1943, and John Wickham; arr. © 1955, 1983 E. H. Freeman, Ltd, admin. Glenwood Music Corp.)

**Luke 2:1-7** *The birth of Jesus*  
**Response: Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

ELW 276

- 1 Infant holy, infant lowly, for his bed a cattle stall; oxen lowing, little knowing Christ the child is Lord of all. Swiftly winging, angels singing, bells are ringing, tidings bringing: Christ the child is Lord of all!  
 Christ the child is Lord of all!
- 2 Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping vigil till the morning new saw the glory, heard the story, tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
 Christ the child was born for you!  
 Christ the child was born for you!

(Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885-1933, alt.; Music: Polish carol)

**Announcements & Upcoming Event**

**Next Week— Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>—Epiphany of Our Lord**  
 † 9 am - **Sunday School & Faith & Fellowship**  
 † 10 am—**Worship in-person and livestreamed on our YouTube Channel** at stjohns lutheran church parkville md.



The beautiful flowers gracing our worship service today are given in celebration of a new year for the St. John's family—God Bless by Robin Dibley.

We are taking altar flower dedications for 2023. Dates available are: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$50. Contact Rachel Hills at [rm\\_hills@yahoo.com](mailto:rm_hills@yahoo.com) if you would like to sponsor the flowers.

**Food for Thought Program** is in great need of: **Chef Boyardee single serving meals, peanut butter crackers, breakfast bars and cookies.** We pack two bags of food for the weekend for 18– 25 children each week, therefore our supply is depleted quickly. Please help if you can!



**The 2023 Offering Envelopes have not yet arrived.** There is a backup in the warehouse where they are being printed. If you would like to make a donation, you can put your envelope number on your donation and drop it in the plate. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

**Save the Date for St. John's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bull and Shrimp Roast.** Friday, February 17, 2023 from 6:30 pm—10:30 pm at Columbus Gardens. Flyers are located on the counter outside of the Sanctuary, on the website and in the weekly emails.



**Venmo is Here!** We are happy to announce that you can give your offering using Venmo. Enter [@stjohnsparkville](https://www.venmo.com/@stjohnsparkville) in the Venmo App or scan the QR code.

**SENDING SONG**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*ELW 290*

*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 While shepherds kept their watching o'er  
silent flocks by night, behold, throughout  
the heavens there shone a holy light.

*Refrain*

2 The shepherds feared and trembled  
when, lo, above the earth rang out the  
angel chorus that hailed our Savior's  
birth. *Refrain*

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

*Refrain*

*(Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.; Music: African American spiritual)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

*Masters in This Hall*

*Robert J. Hughes*

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**Luke 2:8-16** *The shepherds go to see the Savior*

**Response: On Christmas Night**

*ELW 274*

1 On Christmas night all Christians sing to  
hear the news the angels bring. On  
Christmas night all Christians sing to hear  
the news the angels bring: news of great  
joy, news of great mirth, news of our  
merciful king's birth.

2 Then why should we on earth be sad,  
since our redeemer made us glad? Then  
why should we on earth be sad, since our  
redeemer made us glad, when from our  
sin he set us free, all for to gain our  
liberty?

3 When sin departs before his face, then life  
and health come in its place. When sin  
departs before his face, then life and  
health come in its place. Angels rejoice  
with us and sing, all for to see the  
newborn king.

4 All out of darkness we have light, which  
made the angels sing this night. All out  
of darkness we have light, which made  
the angels sing this night: "Glory to God  
in highest heav'n; peace on earth, and  
goodwill. Amen."

*(Text: Luke Wadding, d. 1686, alt.; Music: English traditional)*

**Luke 2:21-36** *Jesus receives his name*

**Response: That Boy-Child of Mary**

*ELW 293*

*Refrain*

That boy-child of Mary was born in a  
stable, a manger his cradle in  
Bethlehem.

1 What shall we call him, child of the  
manger? What name is given in  
Bethlehem? *Refrain*

2 His name is Jesus, God ever with us,  
God given for us in Bethlehem. *Refrain*

3 How can he save us, how can he help  
us, born here among us in Bethlehem?  
*Refrain*

4 Gift of the Father, to human mother,  
makes him our brother in Bethlehem.  
*Refrain*

5 Gift of the Father, to human mother,  
makes him our brother in Bethlehem.  
*Refrain*

6 Gladly we praise him, love and adore  
him, give ourselves to him in  
Bethlehem. *Refrain*

*(Text: Tom Colvin, 1925-2000; Music: Malawi traditional; adapt. Tom Colvin; Text and music © 1969 Hope publishing Company)*

**Matthew 2:1-11** *The magi follow the star*  
**Response: What Child is This**

*ELW 296*

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| <p>1 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!</p> <p>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. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby; joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!</p> | <p>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. Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!</p> |
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*(Text: Williams C. Dix, 1837-1898; Music: English ballad, 16<sup>th</sup> cent.)*

**John 1:1-14** *The mystery of the incarnation*  
**Response: He Came Down**

*ELW 253*

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| <p>1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love; hallelujah forevermore.</p> <p>3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace; hallelujah forevermore.</p> | <p>2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light; hallelujah forevermore.</p> <p>4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy; hallelujah forevermore.</p> |
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*(Text: Cameroon traditional; Music: Cameroon traditional; arr. John L. Bell; arr. © 1986 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**  
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*The Coventry Carol*

*Robert J. Hughes*

*(Offering is collected and brought forth)*

**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 Sacraments that we may bear your light to all the world.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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.**