



Christmas Eve

Our Mission

A Faith Family sharing Christ to meet the needs of all people.

Our Invitation

To all who need Comfort, Friendship and the Love of God through our Savior Jesus Christ. This church opens wide its doors in the name of our Lord and says, *“Welcome.”*



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Scripture Lesson Luke 2:15-19 (NLT, Pew Bible) **781**
4:00 7:00 11:00

A Christmas Message Rev. Mary Hilliard
“The Grinch or the Angel”
[Final in a Series, “Magical Movies of Christmas”]

Holy Communion *All are welcome at the Lord’s table.*
(After you receive Holy Communion, you will be handed a candle as you move back to your seat up the side aisles.)

THE 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 Him thanks and praise.

Father, at this Blessed Christmas feast we give You thanks and praise. You created out of darkness and brought forth life on earth. You made us in Your image, and though we have all sinned and fallen short of Your glory, You loved the world so much You gave Your only son Jesus Christ to be our Savior.

As Mary and Joseph went from Galilee to Bethlehem and there found no room, so Jesus went from Galilee to Jerusalem and was despised and rejected. As in the poverty of a stable Jesus was born, so from suffering and death You raised Him to bring us life.

Therefore, with the angels who sang glory to You in the highest and peace to Your people on earth, with Your people in all ages and the whole company of Heaven, we join in the song of unending praise saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Truly holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. As Your Word became flesh born of a woman, on that night long ago, so on the night He offered Himself up for us He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread and gave it to His disciples and said, “Take eat, this is My body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples and said, “Drink from this, all of you; for this is My blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Therefore, in remembrance of Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we ask You to accept this our sacrifice for us, as a living and holy surrender of ourselves.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Send the power of Your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that in breaking of this bread and the drinking of this wine, we may know the presence of the living Christ; be One in Him, cleansed by His blood; faithfully serve Him in the world, and look forward to His coming in the

final victory.

Through Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Communion Anthem **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”** 4:00
Arr. Daugirdas Brass & Flute

“Were You There on That Christmas Night?” 7:00 & 11:00
Natalie Sleeth Cari & Richard Hunter

*Sharing the Light of Christ **Silent Night, Holy Night 239**

As the sanctuary lights are dimmed, the pastors will share the light of the Christ Candle from the Advent Wreath to the congregation. As the light is distributed, one to another throughout the Body of Christ, each is asked to keep their candle upright at all times. When all have received the light, and last verse of Silent Night is sung, **please raise your candle to the final words, “Christ the Savior is Born, Christ the Savior is Born!”** Following the recessional of the pastors, you are invited to extinguish your candles and remain standing in silence until the sanctuary lights are on again. Candles may be placed in the baskets provided by the sanctuary doors as you exit to serve our Lord Jesus Christ. Christmas Peace to You All!

*Benediction

*The poinsettias may be taken home after the 11:00 pm service.
Thank you to everyone for sharing your gift with the rest of us.
May you, your family, and friends have a very blessed Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*



Brass Quintet

Tess Hall - Trumpet, - Brian Eubanks - Trumpet,
Paden Sharp - Trombone, Alyshia Cook - Trombone,
Durham Hill - French Horn
Phil Brandon - Flute, Scott Southern - Timpani

Acolyte: 4:00 Nathan Hof

Sound/Video Operator: 4:00 Randy Dennis, Sharath Kombathula;

7:00 Austin Pittman, Shane Marriott;

11:00 Joe Hof, Shane Marriott



Rev. Mary Hilliard, Senior Pastor
Rev. Doug Walker, Associate Pastor
Rev. Tom Weir, Pastor Emeritus