

First Sunday of Christmas - Holy Name of Jesus Sunday, December 29, 2024  
Theme: God With Us



“Then the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem to see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” Luke 2:15

### *GATHERING*

Prelude: “Carol of the Bells” Lyndell Leatherman

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship Psalm 89

Leader: We will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, today as we worship the Infant Christ, Salvation come to earth.

**People: Our souls magnify the Lord; with our mouths we will proclaim God’s faithfulness from times of old until the present day.**

Leader: For generations past and generations to come, our spirits rejoice that God has planned a way for us, a way that leads to new life and abundant living.

**People: From generation to generation, God’s mercy is to those who worship the All-Reigning God in spirit and in truth.**

Leader: God’s faithfulness is as firm as the heavens, filling the hungry with good things, sending away those convinced they are rich.

**People: God, the Rock of our salvation, we declare your steadfast love is established forever. Praise the Lord!**

\*Hymn: #143 “Angels, From the Realms of Glory”

\*Prayer of the Day

**O Timeless God, by whom all generations are blessed, as this year draws to a close, we proclaim Your steadfast love established forever without fanfare or pride, yet always present and glorious. Attune our lips to bless one another with hope and strengthen our resolve to worship and serve faithfully and often in the year to come. Multiply grace upon those of our number who carry grief**

**and the gift of many special memories. Grant grace to those who are burdened and especially mercy to the hungry and brokenhearted, the struggling and the homeless around us, and to all around the world who are without peace. To the God of all our years, for whom a day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day, we pledge our trust, giving praise and all glory now and forever. AMEN**

Affirmation of Faith in Song: #79 “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

### *PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD*

Scripture: Luke 2:8-21

Sermon: “Reversals Past and Present”

Hymn: #146 “Gentle Mary Laid her Child”

### *RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD*

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**God of Grace, in the midst of a season so focused on shopping and finding the right gift, we give our gifts remembering that all our giving has its foundation in the amazing gift you gave to us: putting on flesh and coming in the form of a child, Emmanuel, God with us! May what we give today, and in the days to come, be bathed in the knowledge that yours is the most perfect gift—the one we need the most. We pray in the holy name of the Christ Child, the Prince of Peace. AMEN**

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: #134 "Joy to the World"

Charge and Benediction

Leader: God of proclamation, you sent shepherds to Mary to proclaim the good news that her child is God's son.

**People: Send us into the world to participate joyfully in the reversals you bring about, proclaiming the good news of your love to all who will hear.**

Leader: We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

AMEN

*Postlude:* "Hark The Herald Angels Sing" Robert Thygeron  
(please remain seated)

The End of Worship  
The Beginning of Service

\*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

**Prayers of the Congregation**

**Prayer Family this week: Dick & Debbie Sindall**

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Loving Memory of my sister Anna Kathryn  
Given by John Shenk**

### Announcements

Today is the last day for the **Christmas Joy Offering**. The envelopes are in the pews for your use or feel free to use a plain white envelope and mark it "Christmas Joy" and just place it in the offering plate. This offering helps retired and present church workers and also Christian students attending Presbyterian Colleges. Please remember these people and maybe include them in your Christmas giving.

The **Chancel Choir** will rehearse briefly this morning following worship.

# Leacock Presbyterian Church

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