



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD  
CHRISTMAS EVE  
December 24, 2009 at 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.

**PRELUDE**

*Medley of Carols*

**WELCOME**

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRISTMAS**

*For unto 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 Lord, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

**GATHERING SONG** *Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful*

(please stand)

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:

**Refrain**

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

2. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest: (Refrain)

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)

(please be seated)

**ANTHEM** *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* / arr. Hopson  
*A Christmas Prayer* / Malotte

**3:00 p.m.**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

(please stand)

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *Angels We Have Heard on High*

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.

**Refrain**

Gloria in excelsis Deo,  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song? (Refrain)

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

(please be seated)

**THE LESSON**

Isaiah 9:2-7

**HYMN**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* (sing twice)

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!

**GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1-20

(please stand)

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**

**THE SERMON** "Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room" (please be seated)

## HYMN *Joy to the World*

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive its King;  
Let every 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.
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.
3. 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.

## THE NICENE CREED

**Congregation:** 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human. 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Wonderful Counselor, in the fullness of time you became one of us and your wisdom from on high came down to make a home among us. On this holy night, establish and uphold our world with your justice and righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, when all was in readiness, you became flesh and blood to heal and redeem the world. On this holy night, may the light of Christ banish the darkness of war and global strife, that the nations may rejoice in your light. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

God with us, in every time and place the voices of saints and angels together proclaim the good news of great joy which is for all people. Blend our voices with theirs, and at the last day assemble us all around your heavenly throne to forever sing a joyful song to you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

Come down to us, O God, and make your home with us, in us, and through us, for the sake of the one whose birth the angels sang and the shepherds proclaimed, Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Congregation: Hear our prayer.**

## THE PEACE

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

(please be seated)

## OFFERING

*Carol of the Bells/Artman*  
*Do You Hear What I Hear?*

**3:00 p.m.**  
**5:00 p.m.**

## OFFERTORY *What Child is This* (vs. 3)

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.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

(please stand)

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God,

**Congregation: We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus, as we celebrate his human birth. Accept our gifts of ourselves, our time, and our possessions, and empower us to live each day in the light of Christ's presence. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**Congregation: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor:

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory; that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Congregation: 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**

## DISTRIBUTION

(please be seated)

### COMMUNION INVITATION

*Bethany welcomes all baptized Christians who have celebrated their first communion to join in receiving the body and blood of Christ. Communion will be by station. You will receive the bread in your hand and dip it in the wine cup. Gluten and alcohol free stations are located at the center aisle. Communion is served continuously. You will receive the Sacrament from a server at the head of your section. You may return by the opposite aisle of your section. Those who do not commune may ask the server for a blessing.*

## ANTHEM

*Who Is This Child/What Child Is This?*/arr. Donnelly & Srid

3:00 p.m.

## CAROLS

### *The First Noel*

1. The first Noel the angel 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)

### *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.

### *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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, tiding 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!

## ***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King!”
2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King!”
3. Hail, the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris’n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth,  
Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
“Glory to the newborn King!”

### ***It Came Upon a Midnight Clear***

1. It came upon a midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
From Heav’n’s all gracious King.”  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.
2. Still through the cloven skies they come  
With peaceful wings unfurled,  
And still their heav’nly music floats  
O’er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains

They bend on hov’ring wing,  
And ever o’er its babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**Pastor:**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in his grace.

**(please stand)**

## **SENDING SONG**

### ***Silent Night***

*Please tip the unlighted candle to the lighted candle. \**

1. Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heavenly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face,  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord at your birth, Jesus, Lord at your birth.

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God**

## **POSTLUDE**

### ***Silent Night***

Wilbur Held

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## CHRISTMAS PARTICIPANTS

### 3:00 p.m. SERVICE

Preacher	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
Celebrant	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
Celebrant	Intern, Caitlin Trussell
Organist	Sheree Weverstad
Carolers/Jubilation Singers	Pat Guittar, Director
Acolytes	Nikki Giesen & Scott Schubert
Communion Assistants	Brenda Greenwald, William Moeller Jeanette Arps Manos, Mary Ann Sine
Altar Guild	Gladys Fischer & Gwen Smith
Sound Technicians	Corey Okes & Laura Romig
Sacristan	Dave Malucky & Beth Nixon

### 5:00 p.m. SERVICE

Preacher	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
Celebrant	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
Celebrant	Intern, Caitlin Trussell
Organist	Sheree Weverstad
Musicians	Carillons, Director: Lisa Lewis
Soloist	Brenda Greenwald
Trumpet	Alan Hood
Communion Assistants	Laurie Jeddleloh, Bill Moeller Laura Weber-Meyers, Marie Friedemann Mary Ann Sine
Acolytes	Lindsey Koch & Mikaela Eppard
Altar Guild	Kathy Good & Cindy Tingle
Sound Technician	Corey Okes & Laura Romig
Sacristans	Dave Malucky & Beth Nixon

## BETHANY STAFF & LAY LEADERSHIP

### Pastors

Ron Glusenkamp	Senior Pastor
Ruth Ann Loughry	Associate Pastor
Paul Gilbertson	Visitation Pastor
Caitlin Trussell	Pastoral Intern

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Wedding Consultant  
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### Programmatic Staff

Rit Vogel	Faith Formation Minister of Youth & Christian Ed
Joni Grundman	Faith Formation Minister of Family Ministry
Kevin Dragseth	Faith Formation Minister with Youth

### Music Staff

Sheree Weverstad	Interim Organist
Dan Grace	Choral Director
Pat Guittar	Children's Music Director
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LeEtta Choi	Cherub/Confirmation Choir Director
Forrest Guittar	Festival of Faith & the Arts Director
Zach Rodasti	Youth Choir Director

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Mary Lloyd	Director
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**Christmas Morning Julotta Service 6:30 a.m.**

**Christmas Day Worship 10:30 a.m.**

**Regular Sunday Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.**

**Worship on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (resumes Jan. 6, 2010)**

### Service of Remembrance

**December 27, 2009 at 12:00 noon.** Join us for a reflective worship service where we remember those who have passed on but whose memories still linger.

Call 303-758-2820 or [www.bethany-denver.org](http://www.bethany-denver.org)



*Bethany is grateful to all those that purchased poinsettias this year.*

Dennis & Barbara Ahlman in honor/memory of friends and family  
Rick Ambrose in honor of family, Kathy, Casey, Bret, Rebecca and Dan  
Jim & Elly Andersen in honor/memory of Carol Andersen  
Bayles/McLean family in memory of Jeff McLean  
Barbara Bell in honor of Faye Watkins, Barbara's mother  
Cheryl Bone in loving memory of Bob & LaVonne Vereshack, Harold Bone, Christi Ann, Babes  
Rosiland Brooks in memory of Evelyn Brooks  
Richard & Linda Bryant in memory of Alfred Bryant, Richard's father  
Mark & Ginny Burgess blessed with Megan & Stephanie  
John & Jan Carpenter in honor/memory of Judith S. Davidson, Jan's mother  
Ryan, Michael, Kris & Tim Carr in memory of James Richard Carr and Patrick James Frensley  
Peri Gore Clithero in honor/memory of David Clithero  
Rich & Rebecca Collins in honor/memory of family past, present, near, far, all connected by the glorious birth and love of the Christ child  
Tricia Curley in memory of her grandparents  
Scott Daniel family in honor/memory of their grandparents  
Jim and Joyce Deutsch in memory of their parents, sisters, brothers, and niece  
The Englund family in memory of Clete Distler and Garth Englund, Sr.  
The Engelbart family in honor/memory of Kay Engelbart  
The Farley family in memory of Ken and Kevin Farley and Mildred Sward  
Lee & Karen Frey in honor and memory of their loved ones  
David & Peggy Furgason in honor and memory of loved ones  
David & Kathy Gies in honor of their children and their families, Brian, Jennifer, James, Bryn & Reese  
Pastor Ron & Sue Ann Glusenkamp in memory of their parents and in honor of their children  
Rich and Kathy Good in honor of the birth of Brooks Arthur Good  
Angel Goodman and Brian Matthews in memory of Nathan Buckridge, Virginia Nigro, Beatrice Lucas, Bob Boyer, Carl Alwire, Frank & Susie Longenecker  
Carol Haller and Meaghan Shaha in memory of Bryan Shaha  
Bill & Diane Herrmann in memory of Rex Roberts  
Joayne & Don Hogoboom in thanks for their many blessings  
Steve & Elizabeth Holtze in honor of their granddaughters  
Brian & Shelley Hook in honor/memory of their parents: Marlene & LeRoy Bingham and Mickey & Marvin Kofoot  
Duane & Judy Houchens in memory of their parents: William & Mary Ann Robinson and Charles & Ruby Houchens  
Terry, Laurie & Katie Jeddelloh in memory of Mary Lou Jeddelloh, Richard Peterson, and in thanks for family, friends & faith  
Tyson & Allison Jones in memory of Jan Jones, mother of Tyson  
Nancy Johnson in honor/memory of her mother, Doris Schroeder

Elaine & Ron Kaminen in honor and memory of Anna Kaminen  
Tom and Debbie Klein in memory of loved ones  
Art, Michelle, Lauren & Joel Kraus in memory of John & Mildred Kraus and Arline Stone, their dear parents and grandparents  
Sharon, Tim & Jacob Lambdin in honor/memory of Art & Norma Klute and John Lambdin  
John & Dianna Lanpher in memory of son, Brad Lanpher; mother and father, Bud & Ruby Larson  
Carol Leise in honor/memory of loved ones  
Bradd & Susan Markusch in honor/memory of Major Clint Markusch  
Deb Maruyama in honor of her nephew and niece Eric and Emily, and in memory of their grandparents, Bob and Helen  
Patrick & Catherine McCarter  
Warren and Ginny Miller in memory of our parents Alan & Evelyn Gordon and Jacob and Ethel MillerLynnette Morrison in memory of W. Douglas Morrison  
Robert & Judi Newman in memory of Charles & Vilma Prokop, Robert & Irene Newman  
Bill and Jennifer Ogden in honor of Marilyn Ogden  
Bruce, Debbie & Chris Payne in honor/memory of Jack Payne  
Lois Peterson in loving memory of Rev. James Peterson  
Beverly Radi in honor/memory of loved ones  
Bruce, Debbie, Kyle & Morgan Rewerts in memory of their father Gene Rewerts and daughter, Kalyn  
Katherine Romano in memory of Edward & Katherine Strobo  
Karl, Diana, Kurt & Mike Rosenthal in honor/memory of loved ones  
Gary and Suzan Schlatter in honor/memory of J.D. Schlatter, Nicole, Gary Jr., and Amanda  
Jean & David Scott in honor of their grandson, Fletcher Scott  
Celia Sheneman and Nick Sweeney in memory of Joe & Doris Sheneman  
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Shepperly in honor/memory of their parents  
Jane Soderberg in memory of Albert Gravenhorst  
Dan & Susan Spancers in honor of children and grandchildren  
Ronald Swanson in memory of Helen & Earl Swanson  
Jeff, Julia and Johnny Swinehart in memory of their grandparents, Leonard & Celeste McClimon, Ralph & Elma Swinehart  
Deborah Urban in honor/memory of husband and father Eric Urban  
Tim & Cheryl Whitecotton in honor of Jane Whitecotton; Lt. Col. Randy Whitecotton, USAF; Michelle Ratcliff; Charles Mickelson  
The Whittlesey family in honor/memory of their mothers and grandmothers  
Roy & Nancy Wittebort in memory of Helen and Hazel Church