



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Carol Service of Holy Communion
December 24, 2009 at 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 p.m.

PRELUDE	<i>Noels and Carols</i>	Brass & Organ
WELCOME		
SOLO	<i>O Holy Night</i>	Adam
PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST		

Many ages after God created the heavens and the earth,
when man and woman were formed in God's own image;
long after the great flood, when God set the rainbow
in the clouds as a sign of the covenant;
twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah;
thirteen centuries after Moses led God's people to freedom;
eleven centuries from the time of Ruth and the judges;
a thousand years from the anointing of David as king;
in the sixty-fifth week as Daniel's prophecy takes note;
in the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad;
the seven hundred and fifty-second year
from the founding of the city of Rome;
the forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus;
in the sixth age of the world, all earth being at peace,
Jesus Christ, eternal God, Son of the eternal Father,
willing to hallow the world by his coming in mercy,
was born of the virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judea.
Today is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ,
God made flesh.

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!

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

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: (Refrain)

(please be seated)

ANTHEM	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i> / Niles	7:00 p.m.
	<i>I Wonder as I Wander</i> / Niles	9:00 p.m.
	<i>A Child is Born in Bethlehem</i> / arr. Giardiniero	11:00 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***

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 PROCESSIONAL**GOSPEL**

Luke 2:1-20

(please stand)

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THE SERMON "The Glory of the Lord" (7:00 & 9:00 p.m.) (please be seated)
"And Heaven and Nature Sing" (11:00 p.m.)

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.
4. 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

<i>Jesu Bambino</i> / Yon	7:00 p.m.
<i>Jesu Bambino</i> / Yon	9:00 p.m.
<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i> / Cochran	11:00 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. 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.

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!
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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.

THE BENEDICTION

*The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace
and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

MUSIC

Hallelujah Chorus

11:00 p.m.

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

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 - A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK YOUR USHER FOR DIRECTIONS ▪
 - USHERS WILL COLLECT CANDLES & BULLETINS AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH SERVICE ▪

CHRISTMAS PARTICIPANTS

7:00 p.m. SERVICE

Preacher Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
Celebrant Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
Organist/Piano Kathy Eggleston
Soloists Judith Glenn, Larry Glenn
Elizabeth Murphy
Musicians Denver Brass Five
Trumpet: Alan Hood, Kerry Webb
French Horn: Susan McCullough
Trombone: Joseph Martin; Tuba: Deborah Vander Stoep
Acolytes Lindsey Romig & Joe Schroer
Communion Assistants Morris Hack, Gretchen Hack
John Brayton, Beth Walker, Paul Walker
Altar Guild Gail Hipke & Kendra Brayton
Sound Technicians Laura Romig & Corey Okes

9:00 p.m. SERVICE

Preacher Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
Celebrant Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
Organist Kathy Eggleston
Piano Sheree Weverstad
Soloists Cyrissa Anderson & Matt Weissenbuehler
Musicians Denver Brass Five
Trumpet: Alan Hood, Kerry Webb
French Horn: Susan McCullough
Trombone: Joseph Martin; Tuba: Deborah Vander Stoep
Acolytes Liam Myers & Andy Dolan
Communion Assistants Diane Herrmann, Brenda Greenwald
Brian Tennien, Karen Tennien, Sherman Lambert
Altar Guild Carol Rankin
Sound Technicians Laura Romig & Corey Okes

11:00 p.m. SERVICE

Preacher Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
Celebrant Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
Organist Kathy Eggleston
Piano Sheree Weverstad
Percussionist Billie Grace
Soloist Diane Paulsen & Scott Stauffer
Musicians Chancel Choir, Director: Daniel Grace
Denver Brass Five
Trumpet: Alan Hood, Kerry Webb
French Horn: Susan McCullough
Trombone: Joseph Martin; Tuba: Deborah Vander Stoep
Acolytes Lauren Tew & Tatiana Goderstad
Communion Assistants Peggy Furgason, Jean Lindsey
Brenda Greenwald, Carole Cameron
Altar Guild Catherine & Doug Jones
Sound Technician Laura Romig & Corey Okes

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Pastors

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

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Kevin Dragseth	Faith Formation Minister with Youth

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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.

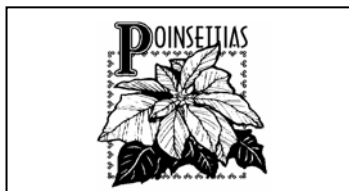
Regular Sunday Worship Services at 8:00, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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



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
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
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
Lynnette 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 Stobo
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

Emmanuel
God with Us



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