



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2008 at 3:00 & 5:00 p.m.

PRELUDE

*Medley of Carols
The First Noel/O Holy Night*

WELCOME

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!

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

*Away in a Manger / Reeves
The First Noel*

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

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

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Luke 2:1-20

(please stand)

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THE SERMON “Heavenly Stimulus Package”

(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

Pastor: Rejoicing that the grace of God has been revealed in the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of the world, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Pastor: God of grace, bless your church that it may faithfully proclaim the good news of Jesus' birth and declare his glory among the nations. May this congregation welcome all who enter our doors. Gracious God,
Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of glory, the heavens are glad and the earth rejoices on this holy night. The seas roar and the forests sing for joy. Move us to respond in loving care for all of creation. Gracious God,
Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of counsel and might, grant your wisdom to all world leaders, that they may serve in the name of justice and righteousness and all may live in peace. Gracious God,
Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of light, illumine the lives of all who walk in the darkness of oppression, homelessness, poverty, or sickness (especially). Lift the yoke of their burden and give them rest from their weariness. Gracious God,
Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of life, we give you thanks for all the saints who have gone before us and now sing a new song with you. Keep us faithful until that last day when we join them in the brightness of your glory. Gracious God,
Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Congregation: Amen.

THE PEACE

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

Congregation: And also with you.

(please be seated)

OFFERING

*He is Born/Artman
Love was Born*

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. 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*Still, Still, Still/ Wexler***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, 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!

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

Pastorale on Silent Night

Wilbur Held

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- VISITORS MAY PICK UP A COPY OF THE MONTHLY *BEACON* AT THE HOSPITALITY CENTER ▪
 - HEARING AID DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE SEE YOUR USHER ▪
 - A NURSERY IS AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK YOUR USHER FOR DIRECTIONS ▪
 - USHERS WILL COLLECT CANDLES & BULLETINS AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH SERVICE ▪
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CHRISTMAS PARTICIPANTS

3:00 p.m. SERVICE

Preacher	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
Celebrant	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
Celebrant	Pastor Patrice Von Stroh
Organist	Sheree Weverstad
Piano	Jane Jones
Trumpet	Alan Hood
Carolers/Jubilations Choir	Pat Guittar, Director
Acolytes	Devin McLean & Scott Schubert
Altar Guild	Gwen Smith & Linda Sather
Sound Technicians	Jake Newell, Corey Okes Laura Romig, David Sather

5:00 p.m. SERVICE

Preacher	Pastor Ron Glusenkamp
Celebrant	Pastor Ruth Ann Loughry
Celebrant	Pastor Patrice Von Stroh
Organist	Sheree Weverstad
Musicians	Carillons, Director: Lisa Lewis
Trumpet	Alan Hood
Communion Assistants	Pastor Laurie & Terry Jeddeloh Mary & Tom Brook
Acolytes	Lindsey Koch & Katie Jeddeloh
Altar Guild	Nancy Andersen, Mona Palmquist Gwen Smith
Sound Technician	Jake Newell, Corey Okes, Laura Romig Mark Lacy, David Sather

BETHANY STAFF & LAY LEADERSHIP

Pastors

Ron Glusenkamp	Senior Pastor
Ruth Ann Loughry	Associate Pastor
Patrice Von Stroh	Associate Pastor
Kirsten Nelson Roenfeldt	Interim Coordinator Coach of Faith Formation & Faith Formation Minister of Adult Education

Administrative Staff

Joel Halvorson	Director of Administration & Finance
Audrey Phillips	Communications Supervisor
Shelley Hook	Accounting Supervisor
Lil Filegar	Counting Team Leader
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Rhonda Merritt	Office Manager
Gayle Newell	Office Assistant
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Sandy Galyath	Senior Director/Wedding Consultant
Donna Skultety	Wedding Consultant
Chris Charron	Kitchen Supervisor

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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

Kathy Eggleston	Minister of Music / Organist
Dan Grace	Choral Director
Pat Guittar	Children's Music Director
Lisa Lewis	Bell Choir
Paula Wills	WOW Coordinator
LeEtta Choi	Cherub/Confirmation Choir Director
Forrest Guittar	Festival of Faith & the Arts Director
Zach Rodasti	Youth Choir Director

BECC Staff

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. 14, 2009)

Service of Remembrance

December 28, 2008 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 our friends and family

Tom Ammentorp

Jim & Elly Andersen in memory of Carol

Bayles/McLean family in honor/memory of Jeff McLean

Harvey & Margine Benson in honor/memory of Harold Benson, Esther and Herb Schoeneck

Dora & Mary Boyd in memory of Pearl, Roscoe, Francis, Doris & Norman Boyd

Richard & Linda Bryant in memory of Alfred Bryant, Richard's father

Megan & Stephanie Burgess in honor of our grandmothers

Tim, Kris, Michael & Ryan Carr in memory of James Richard Carr, dad and granddad

JoBeth Clark in honor/memory of Jesalyn Gale

Debbie Colussy in memory of my mother, Kay Raiter

Scott & Melissa Daniel in memory of our grandparents

The Engelbart family in honor/memory of Kay Engelbart

The Englund family in memory of Clete Distler and Dr. Garth Englund

The Eversole family in honor/memory of Edwin M. Eversole, Dorothea Eversole & Susan Eversole

The Farley family in memory of Ken & Kevin Farley, Mildred Sward

Wilber & Marilyn Flachman in honor/memory of Bill & Lila Brudi and Ralph & Georgia Flachman

The Floyd family in honor of a wonderful Christmas season

John & Nancy Fluss in honor/memory of our parents Mr. & Mrs. Roger Fruin and Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Fluss

Lee & Karen Frey in honor of our children, family and friends and in memory of our loved ones

Sandy & Greg Galyath in honor of Ally, Tory, Connor, Cody and Haley

The Ganzar Family in loving memory of Jill's godparents, Marilyn Olin and Col. (Ret.) Donald M. Dexter

The Gebhard family in honor/memory of Leo & Viola Gebhard and Wayne & Dorothy Brown

David & Kathy Gies in honor/memory of Bob & Connie Searles and Peggy Gies

Pr. Ron & Sue Ann Glusenkamp in memory of Frank & Levera Glusenkamp and the Rev. & Mrs. William Friederichs

Rich & Kathy Good in honor/memory of our parents Arthur Nickoley and Glen & Adeline Good

The Grundman family in memory of Jay W. Bertelsen and Lucille Grundman

The Hackworth family

The Halvorson family in memory of Grandma Johnson and Grandma Halvorson

Janine & Bryan Haugen in memory of loved ones

Mary Ann Henry in loving memory of my parents, Nora & Douglas Leitch

Donald K. Hogoboom in thanksgiving for our family and friends

Steve & Elizabeth Holtze in memory of our parents and grandparents

Shelley & Brian Hook in honor of our parents

The Janicek family in thankfulness for the gift of Jesus

Janet & Darin Jerde in honor of the Jerde family: Darin, Janet, Hanna, Elsa and Snuggles (the cat)

Nancy Johnson in honor/memory of Doris Schroeder

Tyson & Allison Jones in memory of Jan Jones, mother of Tyson Jones

Elaine & Ron Kaminen in honor/memory of loved ones

Mark, Lynn & Parker Lacy in honor/memory of Avarrell Lacy, Ruth Pace and Nadine Mueller

Sharon, Tim & Jacob Lambdin in honor/memory of Norma & Art Klute and John Lambdin

Jean & Jack Lindsey

Pam Machol in honor and memory of the Johnson and Rempet Families

Helen Marquardt in memory of Phyllis Olson and Richard Bellinger

Bill & Karen Martin in honor/memory of our parents and in memory of Nancy Martin

Deb Maruyama in memory of Bob & Helen Maruyama, my wonderful Mom & Dad

Irene K. McLean & Jennifer Brooks in memory of Jeffrey McLean, Baby Hope, and other beloved family members

John & Gail Mullin in honor/memory of loved ones

The Myers family in honor/memory of Robert Myers III

Bob & Judi Newman in loving memory of our parents

Dennis O'Hara in honor/memory of Mrs. Bernice O'Hara

David & Joyce Pampu in honor of our new grandson, Landon Vadim Snyder

Guy Risley in honor/memory of Jeanne Risley

Jim & Virginia Prochnow in memory of Ray & Evelyn Prochnow and Ivan Hurt

Beverly Radi in memory of loved ones.

Katherine Romano in memory of Edward & Katherine Strobo, my mother and father

Karl, Diana, Kurt and Mike Rosenthal in honor/memory of loved ones

Gary & Suzan Schlatter in honor of Nicole, Gary, Jr. and Amanda

David & Jean Scott in memory of loved ones

Carol Haller and Meaghan Shaha in memory of Bryan Shaha

Paul & Ruth Sletten in honor/memory of Dr. & Mrs. M.O. Sletten and Mr. & Mrs. Birdeen Johnson

Gary, Jolynn, Jamie & Jenna Snyder in memory of Darrell Snyder

Dan & Susan Spancers in honor of Willard & Doris Finney, Susan's parents

Jeff, Julie and Johnny Swinehart in memory of our grandparents, Leonard & Celeste McClimon and Ralph & Elma Swinehart

Paul & Beth Walker in honor/memory of our fathers, John DePuyt and James Walker

The Whittlesey family in honor of our parents

David & Hedy Witte in honor of Dylan & Emma Powers and Thomas & Georgia Mendola

Elaine Woodworth in memory of Carroll & Muriel Sack