

POSTLUDE

O Holy Night

** Those who are able, please stand*

The **Chancel Flowers** are given by Pamela Galgani in memory of her husband, Mark Galgani.

Liturgist for today's worship is Alison Saksena.

Prayer Concerns: Alice Gilman and family, on the passing of Alice's brother, Charles Lowe; the Flath and Swank families, on the passing of Charles Swank; the Drobny and Saslaw families, on the passing of Joan Drobny Saslaw; Bill Vetter, as he recovers from the flu; Hope Saladino; Hui Cha Guszczka, healing from injuries; all those in need of comfort; those facing healthcare challenges, hunger, or housing insecurity; and for us to see your spirit around us.

Poinsettias are given by Marjory & Nick Bradshaw; Connie Fayen; the Fristensky family; the Haggerty family; the Hoydich family; the Kersey family; Sara & Greg Meissner; Gwyn & Saxony Nielsen; Kim Ott; the Saksena family; and Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Thomas. Thank you all for beautifying our sanctuary for Christmas!

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, January 1, 10:30am: Sunday Worship
- *Please note:* The CPC office is closed Mondays December 26 and January 2.

Ushers needed for upcoming worship services, sign-up in the Narthex.

Gifts for those at home! Are you, or someone you know, homebound? We would love to drop of a little gift to bring you Christmas joy. Please call Roxann Haggerty at (908) 654-3905, and provide name and address.

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Rev. Marcus C. Lambright, *Pastor*
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December 25, 2022

Service for the Lord's Day

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

OPENING PRAYER

INTROIT *Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light* J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

The words and promises of God are all true!

God has given us the best gift of all!

Rejoice! God is with us!

Praise be to God! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN # 363 *Rejoice! The Lord Is King!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

Gracious God, you have sent your Son to us to show us the way. Even when we have turned our backs, followed our own paths, you offer us light. Forgive us when we are so willful and stubborn. Forgive us when we think more about ourselves and our comforts than we think of reaching out to others. Remind us again that Jesus witnessed to us the light of love that serves, guides and heals. Thank you for loving us so much that you would give us this most precious gift. And when we again falter and fail, lift us again with your gentle touch.

Pour the light into our lives once more, that finally, we will fully understand the power and depth of your love for us. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI Henry W. Greatorex

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 52:7-10

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 1:1-14

SERMON "Unknown Caller" Marcus C. Lambright

*RESPONSIVE HYMN # 108 *Of the Father's Love Begotten*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Rocking* arr. David Willcocks, OBE

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN # 606) Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN # 145 *What Child is This*

*BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr. David Willcocks, OBE