

Lessons & Carols for the 2nd Sunday of Christmas, Jan. 4, 2026

✧ Gathering

PRELUDE #282, 1 & 4; #288, 1 & 3; #279, 1 & 4;

GATHERING DIALOG AND PRAYER

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Glory to God in the highest **And peace to all people on earth**

CAROL ELW #283, O COME ALFAITHFULL



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Eternal God, Father of all: Your gift of Jesus brightens our hearts with peace. Shine in our hearts so we live in the light of your love, and in this new year empower us to proclaim the Holy Name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

please be seated

Word 

THE GIFT OF THE PROMISE  Micah 5:2-5

A reading from the prophet Micah.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth;

then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great

to the ends of the earth; ⁵and he shall be the one of peace. The reading ends here.

Silence for reflection

CAROL: ELW #284, TWAS IN THE MOON OF WINTERTIME (NEXT PAGE)



1 'Twas in the moon of win-ter-time when all the birds had fled, that
2 With-in a lodge of bro-ken bark the ten-der babe was found; a
3 The ear-liest moon of win-ter-time is not so round and fair as
4 O chil-dren of the for-est free, the an-gel-song is true; the



*God the Lord of all the earth sent an-gel choirs in- stead; be-
rag-ged robe of rab-bit skin en-wrapped his beau-ty round; but
was the ring of glo-ry on the help-less in-fant there. The
ho-ly child of earth and heav'n is born to-day for you. Come,



fore their light the stars grew dim, and wan-d'ring hunt-ers heard the hymn:
as the hunt-er braves drew nigh, the an-gel song rang loud and high:
chiefs from far be-fore him knelt with gifts of fox and bea-ver pelt.
kneel be-fore the ra-diant boy, who brings you beau-ty, peace, and joy.



Je-sus your king is born! Je-sus is born, in ex-cel-sis glo-ri-a!

Come, Gift so long promised: **Emmanuel, be born into our hearts!**

Silence for reflection

THE GIFT OF GOOD NEWS 📖 Luke 1:26-33, 38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her. The reading ends here.

Hear the good news! Unto us a child is born!

Light, love and salvation are the gifts of God for all people.

CAROL: #267, 1 & 4 JOY TO THE WORLD

- 1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry 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.
- 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.

Silence for reflection

THE FOREVER GIFT ✨ Luke 2: 8-14

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.’ ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!’ The reading ends here.

Carol: ELW #289, vs 1&3 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.

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

We hear the angels' song echo through the ages, O God
**May we live and love, go sharing your gift of saving Love,
Jesus, our Savior and Lord.**

THE GIFT OF SALVATION: ✠ Luke 2:15-21

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

²¹ After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.
The reading ends here.

He shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Prince of Peace.
May we treasure these words and glorify the newborn King!

THE GIFT OF HOPE ✠ MATTHEW 2:13-15; 19-23

...an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." The reading ends here.

CAROL: #281, SILENT NIGHT



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

THE PRAYERS

As we celebrate the gift of Jesus to the world, let us pray together in thanksgiving and joy for healing and new life for us and all people.

- Silence -

Jesus, our Emmanuel, you bring the gift of peace with God. Bring peace to our hearts and love to our homes. Guide the nations; let there be justice; let there be hope. Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, **hear us, we pray.**

You were born far from the place Mary and Joseph called home, and they took you further away to keep you safe. Be with those far from home, be with those without shelter, and bring them safely to a place of welcome. Lord Jesus, almighty God: **hear us, we pray.**

You experienced joy and sorrow, need and blessing: Be with us and all we love. Comfort those who are suffering, sick, lonely or afraid, whom we name now in our hearts... *Silence...* Lord Jesus, wonderful, Counsellor: **hear us, we pray.**

You are the babe in the manger; you are the Christ of the cross and empty tomb. Bring comfort to hearts laden with grief. Give comfort to the dying and those who wait with them, that hope enlighten weary hearts. Lord Jesus, Emmanuel: **hear us, we pray.**

Holy God, you have placed us in a world of space and time,
and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love.
Grant that in the new year we may know your presence,
see your love at work, and live in the light of the event which gives us joy
forever: the coming of your Son, Jesus, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Be with us as we journey through life,
and join our voices with the angels and all your people,
and fill us with hope and joy as we give thanks for the gift of Jesus,
our Savior and Lord, **Amen!**

THE PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in peace saying, "Peace be with you" or similar words.
Please feel free to step out of your pew. Following the peace, please be seated.*

OFFERING/ANTHEM/OFFERTORY *We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies. In house the offering is gathered and presented at the altar. Joining us online tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at christpipersville.org or using the QR code. The anthem plays while the offering is collected.*



At Pastor's invitation we stand and sing the OFFERTORY

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

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

For hearts that are thankful today and all days, we pray:

**At the right time you have fulfilled your promises to your people,
and we thank you for the gift of Jesus.**

Bless all we bring to you this day:

**our lives, our time, our talents, and our possessions,
that through us your light may grow
and shine for all in want and need.**

In Christ, we give thanks and pray, Amen

Sending

Emmanuel you come to us, the Word clothed in human flesh,
so we would know the light of Your justice and joy.

You come to us, Shepherd of God's people, feeding us with your peace,
so we might go like the shepherds, and proclaim joy to the nations.

You come to us, welcoming us into the kingdom,
where righteousness is our friend, and peace is the gift to all God's people.

Christ is the Light no darkness may overcome! **Glory to God in the highest!**

Let your light shine, that the world may shine with the light of Christ.
May we carry the Light into the world!

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels and the peace of the Christ Child.
Amen

Carol ELW #290, GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN ON THE NEXT PAGE

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

In the Light of God, dwell in peace, Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



A warm welcome in these Twelve Days of Christmas whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.

*Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book, and are numbered at the top of each hymn. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!*

Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email (christpipersville@gmail.com) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the Parsonage at 267-362-8129.

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