



Ghost of Christmas Present - original by John Leech 1843

Sunday, December 23, 2018

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.’”

Luke 2:8-14 (NIV)

- *CONNECTING YOU WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY* -

Greeters:

Betsey, Grant, Dean, and Quinn Schonour
Barb & John Kurtz
Sue & Dick McCarty
Glenda Burross

Ushers:

Roland Shugarts & Johnny Wood
Don & Ann Garee
Donna Kinsey
Bob & Vickie Kutz
Linda Keener

The Chancel Flowers are Presented By:

Christmas Poinsettias

Gathering in God's Name

Chimes & Welcome		Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey
Prelude	<i>"What Child is This"</i>	M. Hayes
Lighting of Advent Wreath		The Knouse Family
* Opening Hymn #28	<i>"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"</i>	

Proclaiming God's Word

Prayer of Confession (Silent & Corporate) Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

God of grace and love, we give you thanks for the babe born in a broken world.

We give you thanks for the miracle of Bethlehem, born into the Jerusalem heritage.

We pray for the coming of your kingdom on earth as it is around your heavenly throne.

Forgive us for not believing in you as we should.

**Grant that this Christmas we may be renewed and strengthen
so that we can begin a new life.**

**We celebrate your coming in your vulnerable baby,
in whom all things are made new.**

In the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior we pray. Amen

Kyrie Eleison 572

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*During the Gloria Patri, we invite the K-3rd graders to walk back to the **Prayground** where they can listen to the Scripture and the sermon. We invite the 4th/5th graders to walk back and pick up a Sermon activity sheet and take it back to their seats. If a preschooler would like to join us in the **Prayground**, we ask that a parent accompany them.*

* Gloria Patri 579

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen

Scripture

Luke 2:8-14 (NIV)

Message

**“The Gifts of Christmas Present”
3rd in Advent Series**

Rev. Dr. Roger Rabey

Hymn of Response #56

“The First Nowell” (Verses 1 and 6)

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they
lay; In fields where they lay a keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood our life hath bought. Nowell,
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Responding to God’s Word

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Presentation of Offering & Christmas Joy Offering

Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

Offertory

“E’en so, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Paul Manz

Please sign and pass the “Friendship Pad” during the Offering and pass it down the pew. At the end of the row, pass it back so that we can greet one another by name after the service.

* Doxology 592 (inclusive)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Going in God’s Name

Ministry Highlights & Greeting

Rev. Dr. Noé Juárez

* Closing Hymn #29

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”

* Benediction and Advent Choral Response

Rev. Dr. Ann Osborne

**Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
his name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, reveal’d in us,
his name is called Emmanuel.**

Postlude

**MUSIC: HIGHLAND CHANCEL CHOIR, SETH WICKENHEISER, ORGAN SCHOLAR
DR. PAUL THORLAKSON, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST
A/V: JONATHAN LEFEVER**

* PLEASE STAND IF ABLE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, December 24

4:00PM - Family Christmas Eve Worship

“Celebrating a Christ-Centered Christmas”

8:00PM - Christmas Eve Worship with Candles

10:00PM - Christmas Eve Worship with Candles & Communion

4th in Series: “The Gifts of Christmas Future”

December 30 | One Service Fellowship Hall | 10:00am

“Provoked to Love”

CHRISTMAS AT HIGHLAND

4:00PM - Family friendly, candlelight, casual. No nursery provided, all children and babies are welcome in the service.

8:00PM - More formal, candlelight, choir, nursery provided for children ages birth-pre-k

10:00PM - Formal, candlelight, choir, communion offered, no nursery provided



***A description of the stained Chancel window can be found in the front of the hymnal
FM sound devices are available. Please ask an usher for your own personal receiver.***

Cell phones should be silenced during the worship service.

Nursery is available during all worship services

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