

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2023 10:00am

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Welcome

-The Congregation is invited to stand

Opening Hymn

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem Come and behold Him Born the King of angels

O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

Yea Lord we greet Thee Born this happy morning Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing (Chorus)

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The Acclamation

Celebrant: For unto us a child is born.

People: To us a son is given.

Isaiah 9:6

The Collect for Purity

-The Celebrant and the People pray together

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

-The Celebrant continues

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew* 22:37-40

The Kyrie

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christmas Carol

The First Noel

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

Noel Noel Noel Born is the King of Israel

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 (Chorus)

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

-The Celebrant offers the Collect of the Day

-The congregation may be seated

The Lessons

A Reading from Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.

³ You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

⁴ For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

-All stand

Christmas Carol

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King

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 man no more may die Born to raise the sons of earth Born to give them second birth Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

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-The congregation may be seated

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Lesson from Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

-Enter Joseph and Mary with baby Jesus

⁸ And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.

-Enter Shepherds and Sheep (Standing at the altar rail)

¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

-Enter Angels (Standing with Shepherds)

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger.

¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. **People:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Children's Sermon – The Rev. David Ball

-All stand

The Apostles' Creed

-Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty. creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

The Reader Prays:

Almighty and ever living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

^{*}universal

⁻The Congregation may remain standing, kneel or be seated

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People:** Hear our prayer.

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially our President, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People:** Hear our prayer.

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants Foley our Archbishop, Alex our Bishop, David our Sr. Pastor, Chuck our Assistant Pastor, and Jim and Bruce our Assisting Pastors, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. We lift up all church in our Diocese and allt he busiops that are in resident in our diocese. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People:** Hear our prayer.

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded. We especially pray for Julie Engeman in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and David Sandifer and his family serving with SAMS.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel. We pray for our One Initiative. That the Lord will use us to reach those who are walking in darkness. We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

-The Congregation is invited to offer up their own prayers and petitions

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People: Hear our prayer.**

We remember and give thanks to you Almighty God for all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we ask you to give us grace, that through faith in Christ alone, we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Lord, in your mercy: **People:** Hear our prayer.

-The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

-All pray together

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

-Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Comfortable Words

-The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Celebrant: Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1. John 2:1-2

The Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

-The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord

-The congregation may be seated.

Announcements

Offering

Ways to give on Sunday morning

- -Online at church-savior.org/give
- -Text offering amt to (904) 606-1165 & follow prompts
- -Place offering in the basket as it is passed

THE HOLY COMMUNION

- The offerings are collected and the holy table is prepared

Christmas Carol

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem
How still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary And gathered all above While mortals sleep
The angels keep their watch of wondering love
O morning stars together
Proclaim the holy birth
And praises sing to God the King
And peace to men on earth

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-All Stand

The Doxology

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

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The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

-The Celebrant continues

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

⁻The Celebrant may pray the proper preface

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

-Celebrant and People

Holy Holy Holy Lord

Holy holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest

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The Prayer of Consecration

-The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

-Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**.

The Lord's Prayer

-The Celebrant then says

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

-Officiant and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been

sacrificed, once for all upon the Cross.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Ministration of Communion

-Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

- -The Celebrant will receive the Lord's Supper on behalf of those who are unable to receive themselves at this time
- -The Lord's Supper will be distributed as congregants come forward by row, when released by the usher
- -All who have made the decision to put their faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are invited to come and receive this Holy Communion
- -Gluten Free wafers are available. Please ask the Celebrant

Communion Hymn

O Holy Night

O holy night the stars are brightly shining It is the night of the dear Savior's birth Long lay the world in sin and error pining Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn

Fall on your knees
O hear the angel voices
O night divine
O night when Christ was born
O night O holy night
O night divine

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming Here came the wise men from Orient land The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger In all our trials born to be our Friend

He knows our need
To our weakness is no stranger
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend
Behold your King
Before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us to love one another His law is love and His gospel is peace Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother And in His name all oppression shall cease Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we Let all within us praise His holy name

Christ is the Lord
O praise His name forever
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim
His power and glory
Evermore proclaim

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Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria In excelsis Deo Gloria In excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song (Chorus)

Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn King (Chorus)

See Him in a manger laid Whom the choirs of angels praise Mary Joseph lend your aid While our hearts in love we raise (Chorus)

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The Post Communion Prayer

-After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

-Celebrant and People together say the following

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Candles

John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people^[] did not receive him. ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son[[] from the Father, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who

comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."") ¹⁶ For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

Silent Night Holy Night

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round you virgin mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

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The Blessing

-The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing

May Christ, who by His incarnation gathered into one thing earthly and heavenly, fill you with all joy and peace this night and forever more. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn

Joy To The World

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

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

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace rejoicing in the newborn King.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Recurring Events

Events are held at COOS unless otherwise noted and are subject to change.

Check with the office to confirm!

Worship God

Sunday Worship Services 9:00* & 11:00am *Livestream

Nursery: Polka-Dot Playhouse: Loving care in a clean, safe play-

house. Infants thru 4yrs @ both services.

Kid's Program: Splash Kids: Dive in - Get Soaked! 5yrs thru 5th

grade. Exclusively at 9:00am Service

Tuesday Intercessory Prayer: 9:30am-11:30am Sanctuary

Love One Another

Fellowship

Enjoy "Snacks & Chats" after service.

Fellowship Groups - House Parties resume in January.

Men

Breakfast Bible Study: **Monday:** eat at Panera Nocatee at 7:30am, then head over to Starling Assisted Living for study from 8-9am. **Tuesday** @ IHOP Hodges Blvd. 7:15-8:15 am

<u>Women</u>

Friday Bible Study- Resumes in January

Youth

Youth Group: 6-12th grade - TBD

Trail Life USA & American Heritage Girls, Tuesday, 6:30pm

Share Christ

Mission House: Serve a meal at a local homeless shelter, 5th Fridays

Avante Nursing Home: Monday, 2:00pm. Communion Service

with the residents and staff

Beaches Rescue & Recovery Mission: Serving the homeless throughout the year. Next opportunity is Christmas Day.

Prayer requests & Praise reports - Share via Connect Cards, online at church-savior.org or, emailed to church@church-savior.org.

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Glad you are here for Christmas Eve Service!

Please come back for Sunday worship!

Next Sunday, Dec 31
New Years' Eve @ 10am
Lessons & Carols
A morning prayer service full of scripture & Christmas
Hymns & Songs. (There is no service at 9am or 11am.)

Regular Sunday Services
9am with Children's Program & nursery
11am with nursery

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| Serving Christmas Eve | | |
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| Service Time | 10:00am | 7:00pm |
| Welcoming | Jane A | Needed |
| 1st Reading | Needed | Art |
| Prayers | Hayes | Susan |
| Ushers | Charlie & Camilia | Pam P & Mike P |
| Altar: Set: M.A. Reset for 7: Sandy B Take Down: Michelle M | | |

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