



PRINCE OF PEACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday School
Christmas Program



Saturday, December 16, 2023

5:30 PM

WELCOME TO PRINCE OF PEACE



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church has been serving the Dublin, Ohio community for 38 years, ministering to its members and friends and supporting local ministries such as the Dublin Food Pantry, Lutheran Social Services, the Faith Mission, and Habitat for Humanity.

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Please visit our website, princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information about Prince of Peace.

Joining Prince of Peace

If you are interested in becoming a member of Prince of Peace, please email the church office, office@princeofpeacedublin.org, for more information.

Please note that this worship service may be broadcast live on YouTube, recorded and made publicly available. If you have any questions about the recording or broadcast of our worship services, please contact the church office at office@princeofpeacedublin.org.

*Proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ
and welcoming all to grow with us in God's love through
worship, learning, service, and fellowship.*

GATHERING

Bolded text indicates Congregational response. This symbol ✠ invites you to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism. All hymns can be found in ELW (red) hymnal in the pew.

PRELUDE

Prelude, Fugue, and Toccata on Adeste Fideles arr. David Lowe

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 242

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

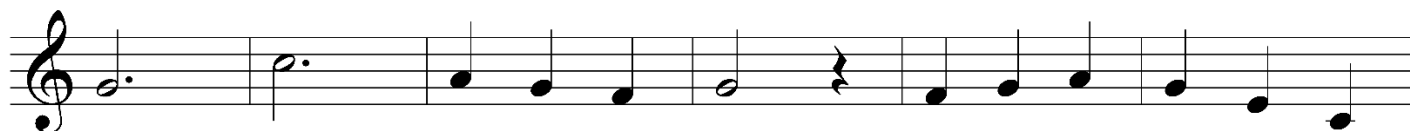
APOSTOLIC GREETING

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN



1. Hope, hope! Hear the good news: Je - sus our Sav - ior brings
2. Peace, peace! Hear the good news: Je - sus our Sav - ior brings
3. Joy, joy! Hear the good news: Je - sus our Sav - ior brings



hope ___ to you. Hope, hope! Hear the good
peace ___ to you. Peace, peace! Hear the good
joy ___ to you. Joy, joy! Hear the good



news: Je - sus our Sav - ior brings hope ___ to you.
news: Je - sus our Sav - ior brings peace ___ to you.
news: Je - sus our Sav - ior brings joy ___ to you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Presider: Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

POEM

Christmas Bells

Pre-K Class

A CHRISTMAS STORY POEM

by Dave Trenholm



Introduction

Five Little Candles

Kindergarten Class

Our Journey to Bethlehem

3rd Grade Class

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Sunday School Choir

Jesus is Born

1st and 2nd Grade Classes

HYMN

ELW 277

Away in a Manger

AWAY IN A MANGER

Stanza 1: Sunday School Choir; 2: All

1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

The Angels

4th Grade Class

HYMN

ELW 270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

Stanza 1: Sunday School Choir; 3: All

1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

The Shepherds

5th Grade Class

HYMN

ELW 283

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

Stanza 1: Sunday School Choir; 4: All

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!

The Wisemen

VOLUNTARY

We Three Kings

Sophie Wrenn, Owen Hensel, Nick Zanjani, chimes

Conclusion

1st – 5th Grade Classes

HYMN

ELW 267

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

Stanza 1: Sunday School Choir; 4: All

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
heav'n and na - ture sing,

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting

Minister: In expectation of Jesus' arrival with joy and peace, let us pray for the world, the church, and all of those who are in need and to be heard.

Gracious God, bring your peace and joy around your people and world. Help us find ways to see your love and joy all around us, especially in ordinary moments. Hear the cries of all those who are calling out to you and for your comfort. Bring your peace and joy to them in this season and every day.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, send your love and joy to your church and people as we gather to celebrate you in many ways around the world. Remind us to focus on you and the hope of your coming down and being with us. Inspire the peacemakers and advocates who are speaking out for those whose voices are ignored or marginalized.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, surround this community as we come together to listen and wait in hope for you. Motivate us to care for and be with those who are on the outskirts of our communities and those who need help but are not being heard. Hear their cries and bring your people to care for them and love them in you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, give us strength to pray to you endlessly all that is on our hearts and minds. Hear us as we cry to you and lift all that we have, in words and in silence, as we bring them to you now, either silently or aloud. We trust in your promises that you are here with us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your promises of love and eternal life, we pray to you now and every day.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEAL

OFFERING

At Prince of Peace, we rely on our members to support the financial needs of our congregation. As a visitor, please know that your offerings will go to support a variety of local missions that help people in need.

Today's flowers are given by Jeffery and Gail Keller, in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary; by Bob and Kay Crosby, in memory of their daughter Shelley K Purks' birthday; by Cheri and Mike Slinger, in celebration of their daughter Lindy Noel, and in memory of Cherri and Mike's parents and daughter Jacqueline; and by Dave and Joyce Miller, in celebration of their grandson Colin's 8th birthday.

MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

What Feast of Love

GREENSLEEVES



What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Presider: Holy God, the Beginning and the End,
our Salvation and our Hope,
we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair,
you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages your Son Jesus came to bring us your love
and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection, we await his
coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share: strengthen
our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth the justice and joy of
your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the
Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request from one of the servers.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting

Minister: Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

All: Amen.

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

Presider: The God of peace bless you, the love of Christ sustain you in hope, and the anointing of the Spirit ✠ remain upon you now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

ELW 289

Angels We Have Heard on High

GLORIA

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

DISMISSAL

Assisting

Minister: Go in peace. Keep awake.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. John Innes

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and our Sunday school teachers,

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Celebrate Christmas

at Prince of Peace



Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24

Family Services
2:30 pm and 4 pm

Festival Candlelight Services
Brass & Full Choir
6 and 8 pm*

Candlelight Christ Mass
Strings & Chamber Choir
10 pm

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25
10:30 am

Holy Communion celebrated at ALL worship services

Please note:

NO Sunday School or Confirmation classes.

Nursery is open for parents to stay with their children at all services.

*8 pm Christmas Eve worship service will be live-streamed.

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent Sunday School Program

Saturday, December 16, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Front Door Greeter	Jane Greenwald
Back Door Greeter	Barb Lake
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