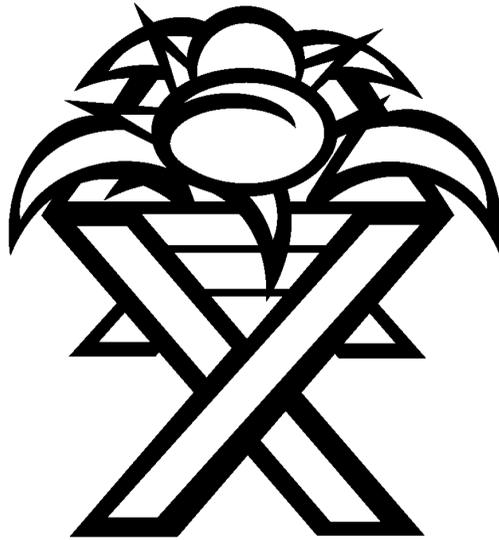


# **Nativity of Our Lord**



**December 25, 2022**  
**10:00 am**

# Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to Grace to worship in God's house.

To our guests — We invite you to worship with us often and consider our family of faith yours.

Everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin. Large Print Bulletins and Quiet Books (for our very young worshipers) are available from the ushers.

Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician for a receiver.

Please turn off or silence your personal communication device.  
We also ask that you not bring food or drink into our worship space.

We are a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). The NALC embraces four core values: Christ Centered, Mission Driven, Traditionally Grounded and Congregationally Focused. The NALC is focused on living out Christ's Great Commission to go and make disciples in North America and around the globe. We invite you to learn more about our congregation and the NALC.

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## Christmas Day

*Christmas worship focuses on the Word who became flesh and lived among us. In him was light and life, and nothing came into being without him. In worship we encounter the very presence of the Lord, who pitched his tent and lived among us. As we gather around the written Word and the Holy Table, we are given the grace to go forward and bear Christ's light to all the world.*

### PRELUDE

**Jeff Daubenmire and Linda Hoch - piano duet**

"Gesu Bambino" - Pietro Yan/ arr. Cindy Berry

"Carol of the Bells" - Mykola Leontovych/ arr. Heather Sorenson

### Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand as you are able.*

### HYMN

**"Prepare the Royal Highway"**

*Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near!*

*Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!*

*Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:*

*Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!*

*God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!*

*Palm branches strew before him! Spread garments! Shout and sing!*

*God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you!  
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!*

*Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too may bring.  
All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing:  
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!*

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **HYMN "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"**

*Wake, awake, for the night is flying,  
the watchmen on the heights are crying;  
awake, Jerusalem, at the last.  
Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
and at the thrilling cry rejoices;  
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is Past.  
The Bridegroom comes! Awake;  
Your lamps with gladness take!"  
Alleluia! Rise and prepare the feast to share;  
Go, meet the bridegroom, who draws near.*

### **READING: Isaiah 9:2-7**

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

<sup>5</sup> For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.



## READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup>But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup>He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup>Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup>The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>38</sup>Then 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.

## HYMN

### "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

*Silent night, Holy night! All is calm, All is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

## READING: Luke 2:1-7

<sup>1</sup>In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. <sup>2</sup>This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. <sup>3</sup>All went to their own towns to be registered. <sup>4</sup>Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. <sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

## HYMN

### "Away In A Manger"

*Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
T he stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear Children in your tender care  
And fit us for heaven, to live with you there.*

## HYMN

## “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.*

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

## READING: Luke 2:21-38

<sup>21</sup>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.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel."

<sup>33</sup>And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

## HYMN

### "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"

*O Lord, now let your servant depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory of your redeeming grace;  
A light to lead the nations unto your holy hill,  
He glory of your people, your chosen Israel.*

## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

## HYMN

### "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

*We three kings of Orient  
are Bearing gifts we traverse afar.  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.*

*O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to thy perfect Light.*

## READING: Matthew 2:13-18

<sup>13</sup>Now after they had left, 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." <sup>14</sup>Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, <sup>15</sup>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."

<sup>16</sup>When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup>"A voice was heard in Ramah,  
wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

## **HYMN**

### **"The First Noel"**

*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.*

*Noel, Noel, Noel Noel!  
Born is the King of Israel.*

## **READING: John 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

## **HYMN**

### **"Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming"**

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
as seers of old have sung,  
It came, a flow'r so bright.  
Amid the cold of winter,  
when halfspent was the night.*

*Isaiah had foretold it,  
The rose I have in mind”  
With Mary we be hold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God’s love a right,  
She bore to us a Savior,  
when halfspent was the night.*

## SERMON

Pastor Matt Cox

## HYMN

### "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

*O Come, O come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.*

*Please stand.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A     Waiting for the fulfillment of our hope in Christ's promised coming, we pray  
for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.  
*A brief silence*

*After each petition:*

A     Lord, in your mercy,  
C     **Hear our prayer.**

A     Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
your mercy; through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
C     **Amen.**

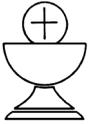
A     Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:  
C     **Our Father,**  
      **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**  
      **Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**  
      **on earth as it is in heaven.**  
      **Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us 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,**  
      **forever and ever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P     Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples and said, "Take, eat,  
this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he also took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and said, "Take and drink it all of you. This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

*Please be seated.*



All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation.

*Children who do not commune are invited forward to receive a blessing.*

*You may receive the Communion Wine by taking a communion glass from the tray as it is offered to you.*

*As always, the common cup is offered for those who desire to use it, everyone is also welcome to use the individual cups. If you desire the common cup, please point to it as the individual cups pass by you.*

*Grape juice is available in the center of the communion tray.*

***After you have received, please place the empty communion glass in the basket provided***

*(Gluten-free hosts are available by telling the person giving the host)*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

**Jeff Daubenmire and Linda Hoch - piano duet**

*"I Saw Three Ships" - arr. Heather Sorenson*

*After communion is finished, please stand.*

## **BLESSING**

**A** The holy One, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and grant you peace.

**C** **Amen**

## **HYMN**

### **"Go Tell It On the Mountain"**

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, through-out the heavens there shone a holy light.*

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.*

*Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!*

*Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.  
Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!*

## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Emmanuel is with us.  
**C** **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

**Jeff Daubenmire - piano, Linda Hoch - organ**

"O Come All Ye Faithful" – *arr. Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard*

**Offering:** A basket will be placed by the baptismal font for offering. Offerings can be placed in the basket before or after the service.

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**Flowers are given by...**

*Denise Reynard in Loving memory of Tom Polzin.*

**Remember in our prayers...** *Call Committee, future senior pastor, Tyler Edgell, Bob Bower, Billie Bower, Stephanie Foos, Eloise Collier, Barbara Muller, John Moffett, Will Stoll, Shawn Turnbull, Mary Ross, Judi Milligan, Will Stoll, Clarence Clapham, Janice Hardick, Joan Hassler*

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## **New Year's Day Service:**

Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023 at 10:00am

(NOTE: one service)

## **Baptism of Our Lord:**

Sunday, Jan. 8 at 8:30am & 11:00am

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## **Notes & News**

**WELCOME, GUESTS!** *We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and sign the Pew Pad to let us know you were worshipping with us today.*

**WELCOME**

**Service Recording:** The recorded service will be available at [www.grace43081.org](http://www.grace43081.org).



**The Church Office will be closed Monday, Dec. 26; Tuesday, Dec. 27; and Monday, Jan. 2.**

**The Call Committee Update:** Thanks to everyone for your support and input as we continue our journey to call a senior pastor for Grace. As we now work together to write Grace's profile for a senior pastor, we will have little to communicate until it is completed.

We ask that you support us in prayer and to pray for the pastor who God is preparing for Grace. Our progress will be documented on our tri-fold poster of the NALC's "36 steps" in calling a pastor and is available for your viewing in the Gathering Space. Grace Call Committee members are: Karen Bale, Chris Hoch, Regina Place, Gregg Rearick, Abby Reynolds, and Vanessa Stewart.

**Flowers for 2023: Dates for 2023 have been added to the binder.** Flowers at Grace can honor a special event, remember a loved one or simply give glory to God. You may sign up at the welcome center, on-line or call the office. The actual cost of flowers has increased to \$75.00 a Sunday. The suggested donation will now be \$30. Since that does not cover the cost, this donation is not to purchase flowers for your own, but contribute for the enjoyment of all. After the service, the arrangement is moved to the welcome center for the following week to enhance our space even longer.



**NURSERY is closed and will reopen January 8, 2023.**

## **YOUTH & FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**Vision Statement:** To nurture Youth and Family in Christ through Bible based teaching, music, activities and community outreach.

**In 2023, Secret Sisters will begin in January and end in January 2024.** In the Secret Sister program at Grace, you will be matched up with another woman in the congregation. You are to pray, give little gifts, and send notes of encouragement and/or surprises to her once a month January through December. Each woman doesn't know who their "sister" is because, shhh...it's a secret!!



In January 2024 there will be a Secret Sister Reveal Celebration!! Not only is it great to see who your encourager was throughout the year, but there is usually a special bond formed between the two of you. It's such a blessed experience to know your "sister" is lifting you up in prayer or remembering you with a little "gift", but even more of a blessing that you are the encourager to a member of Grace.

You may get to know someone you wouldn't normally get to know at all! This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to form new friendships.

Guidelines and an "All About Me" sheets are available at the Welcome Center. To sign up, complete the "All About Me" sheet and turn it to the box at the Welcome Center. Deadline to turn in your sheet is January 8. A kick-off event is being planned for January 15 following the second service.

For more information contact Martha Crist, Lisa Kuhar or the Grace Office.



**OWL Ministry:** Don't forget to check the OWL cart when you are here on Sunday.

## **REACHING OUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY**

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**FIRST FRUITS SUNDAYS** *Let all that you do be done in love". (1 Corinthians 16:14)*

## December Grocery List:

*Artichoke Hearts • Canned Asparagus • BBQ Sauce • Canned Beets • Coffee - Reg and Decaf • Cream of Wheat/Grits/Oatmeal • Yams/Sweet Potatoes • Helper Meals (Hamburger, Tuna, etc) • Juices - (Apple, Cranberry, Grape, Orange, Pineapple, Tomato) . • Mayonnaise • Olives • Raisins • Salad Dressings - Vinaigrette based • Sugar - Granulated, Brown, and Powdered • Dish Soap • Fabric Softener • Laundry Detergent • Paper Towels • Tissues • Feminine Products - Tampons*



*We cannot accept food that has reached its expiration date. Any fresh produce, baked goods and dairy products take directly to WARM. Make Checks Payable to: Grace Lutheran Church, memo notation for WARM. Blessings to all who are making this a part of your regular tithes and offerings.*

**Blood Drive SAVE the DATE: Our next Blood Drive is Tuesday, January 10, noon-6pm.** To schedule an appointment call 1800-RED CROSS or visit



RedCrossBlood.org, sponsor code: GraceLuthWesterville See the Red Cross website for donor eligibility information. Direct any questions/concerns to Vanessa Stewart.

## **MUSIC MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Grace Singers Chancel Choir upcoming schedule:**

December 25 - No Chancel Choir

December 28 - No rehearsal

January 1 - No Chancel Choir; Happy New Year

January 4 - Chancel Choir resumes at 7:00 PM

Contact Jeff Daubenmire, Director of Music Ministries

## **TEACHING THE FAITH... ENCOURAGING DISCIPLESHIP**

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**ADULT EDUCATION – “That the World May Know”:** Adult Education will resume January 8, 2023

**Women’s Bible Study—** The Women's Bible Study will resume Wednesday, January

## **MUSIC NOTES**

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### **“Gesú Bambino” – Pietro Yon/ arr. Cindy Berry**

In 1907, 21-year-old virtuoso Pietro Yon (1886–1943) immigrated to the US to take the position of organist in Manhattan’s St. Francis Xavier Church. Ten years later, he wrote “Gesú Bambino,” with its chorus derived from “Adeste Fideles” (O Come All Ye Faithful). It’s the most well-known work of the prolific composer, who wrote extensively for organ, piano, orchestra, and solo instruments. His long and distinguished career included appointments as Organist at the Vatican and Music Director of St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. In 1943, six months after suffering a stroke, Pietro Yon died at the age of 57. The date was November 22—the feast day of St. Cecilia, patron saint of musicians.

### **“Carol of the Bells” – Mykola Leontovych/ arr. Heather Sorenson**

Although “Carol of the Bells” has become a popular tune during the holidays, the original lyrics had nothing to do with Christmas. Written in 1916 by Ukrainian composer Mykola Leontovich and titled “Shchedryk”, Leontovich used the four notes and original folk lyrics of a well-wishing song he found in an anthology of Ukrainian folk melodies. The song tells the tale of a swallow flying into a household to proclaim the plentiful year that the family will have (the Ukrainian word “shchedryj,” means “bountiful”). When American choir director and arranger Peter Wilhousky heard Leontovich’s choral work, it reminded him of bells, so he wrote new lyrics to convey that imagery for his choir. He copyrighted the new lyrics in 1936 and also published the song. Now called “Carol of the Bells,” the song has become associated with Christmas because of its new lyrics, which include references to silver bells, caroling and the line “merry, merry, merry, merry Christmas.”

### **“I Saw Three Ships” – arr. Heather Sorenson**

There are several interpretations of the three ships mentioned in this carol. Since the music was published for the first time in 1666, less than two centuries after Columbus’s voyages had opened up the seas, some believe the three ships, like Columbus’s, were entering a New World – that of the Spirit. Others feel that the number refers to the journeying Wise Men, or to the virtues of faith, hope and charity, or to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, or to the Trinity of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **“O Come, All Ye Faithful” – arr. Mark Hayes/Marvin Gaspard**

This hymn by John Francis Wade (c. 1710-1786), often used as the opening procession at Christmas, is one of the best-known Christmas hymns. The first stanza is often even known in its original Latin. The hymn greets the Word made flesh with adoration and in the second stanza reflects the Nicene Creed at “light of light eternal.”

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**Financial Update:** If you would like a copy of the full monthly Treasurer’s report as presented to Council, please reach out to the Treasurer, Melissa Hodek, at [melissa.hodek@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.hodek@gmail.com) and it will be emailed to you.

### **Weekly Worship Attendance:**

4th Sunday of Advent: 8:30am: 64, 11:00am: 131

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## Serving Today

OFFICIATING/ PREACHER	Pastor Matt Cox
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC	Jeff Daubenmire
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
LECTOR	Bill Kulju
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## This Week at Grace: December 25, 2022– January 1, 2023

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Dec. 25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> PASTOR MATT COX 10:00 am Worship Service
MON	-Office Closed-
TUES	-Office Closed- 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
WED.	
THURS	
FRI.	8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
SAT	9:30 am AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Jan. 1	<b>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS</b> PASTOR MATT COX 10:00 am Worship Service

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