

Christmas Eve "Celebration" Worship

God Gathers Us in Prayer and Praise

Musical Prelude and Silent Prayer

Announcements

*Opening Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Prayer of the Day

See Celebrate

We Hear God's Word

God Promises to Save Us: Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol #267 "Joy to the World"

God Comes to Save Us: Luke 2:1-20

Music by the Jingle Elves

Sunny Sermon with Miss Laurie

Carol #270 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

Sermon

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We Respond to All That God Gives

*A New Creed:

***We are not alone,
we live in God's world.***

***We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.***

We trust in God.

***We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.***

***In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.***

***We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.***

-The United Church of Canada, 1968

See Celebrate

*Prayers

*Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory Music by Caroline DeSoto

We Share in God's Supper

*Words of Institution

*Our Lord's Prayer – traditional version on right

We Receive the Bread and Wine

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*Blessing after the Meal:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **AMEN.**

*Carol #281 "Silent Night, Holy Night!"

God Sends Us to Share the Good News

*Benediction:

P: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: **AMEN.**

*Dismissal:

P: Go tell it on the mountain,

C: **THAT JESUS CHRIST IS BORN!**

*Closing Carol "The First Noel"

*Postlude and Silent Prayer

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* Please stand, if able to do so.

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us this day. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book in the foyer and feel free to join in our events and activities. As we celebrate our Lord's Supper, we welcome to our table all baptized Christians who have received the sacrament in their home congregations. All persons who do not yet commune are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please visit and worship with us again!

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Our Mission

St. John congregation, responding to the call of the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, unites together to preach and teach the Word, administer the sacraments, and carry out God's mission. With God's guidance and grace, we strive to boldly proclaim by word and action the reconciling Gospel of Jesus: Working together for justice and peace, and caring for those in need in our community and world. We invite everyone to join us wherever you are on your faith journey.

Adopted December 8, 2013

Serving Today

The Rev. Thomas G. Bruner, Jr.

Laurie Little

Louise Baumgardner

Delmar & Ginny Enders

Roy Henry

Pastor

Young Christians Minister

Pianist

Altar Guild Preparation

Council President

For the month of December, our **Celebrate** lectionary bulletin inserts, our support of **Tree 4 Hope**, and our support of one pastor for one month in the **Konde Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania** are all sponsored by Pastor Tom and Ann with love and gratitude to God and to our St. John Congregational Family for another year of faithful ministry accomplished in Jesus' name.

THANK YOU to the members of the Decorating Committee for beautifying our church during this holiday season!

As we near the end of the year, please be sure that, if you are a communing member of St. John, you have turned in **at least one communion record card** this year. Also, if you are a contributing member of the congregation, please be sure that **you have used your offering envelopes at least once** this year, so that you are on record as having made a contribution. Please help to make sure that our parish records are as accurate as possible!

2023 offering envelopes are available in the foyer. Please take yours, your family's, your neighbor's. Thank you for your help!

Poinsettia Sponsors

The Henninger Family

In loving memory of Henry and Lorraine Henninger

Clint and Amy Gehring

In thankfulness for our children, Gracie and Gabe, and for the gift of
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In memory of nephew, Mason Miller

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In celebration of the birth of Jesus and in honor of all the dedicated &
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In memory of John & Mary Ellen Hoover by daughter, Bonnie Erb
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In memory of Sheila's parents, Marie & Jim Casner

Heidi & Jeff Lehman

In honor of our grandchildren, Harper, Robyn and Ollivander
In memory of our dad, Bruce Lehman

Bob and Faye Weaver

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In loving memory of our loved ones, Ellen & "Pete" Custer and Winnie
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