

# Armstrong Chapel — December 24, 2022 — 5pm



## Christmas Eve Worship

### PRELUDE

*Love Came Down at Christmas*  
Jane Florer, Barbara Bell, Nancy Leslie,  
Lynne Miller, bells

### CALL TO WORSHIP

written by Rev. Thom Shuman

Leader: On this holiest of nights,  
we come, joining the shepherds  
who are stunned by wonder.

**People: Behold the newborn king.**

Leader: On this most silent night,  
we come, our hopes and dreams  
joining those of Mary and Joseph.

**People: We bow in humble prayer.**

Leader: On this night of carols and candlelight,  
we come, our glad songs joining  
with the choirs of angels over us.

**People: Glory to God in the Highest.**

### HYMN

*He is Born*  
#228

Refrain:

*He is born, the holy Child,  
play the oboe and bagpipes merrily!  
He is born, the holy Child,  
sing we all of the Savior mild.*

Thru long ages of the past,  
prophets have foretold his coming;  
thru long ages of the past,  
now the time has come at last! (Refrain)

O how lovely, O how pure  
is this perfect child of heaven;  
O how lovely, O how pure  
gracious gift to humankind! (Refrain)

Jesus, Lord of all the world,  
coming as a child among us,  
Jesus, Lord of all the world,  
grant to us thy heavenly peace. (Refrain)

Words: Trad. 19<sup>th</sup> cent French Carol  
Music: 18<sup>th</sup> century French Carol; harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1988  
Harmony (C) 1989 The United Methodist Church

### LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*Jane Florer and granddaughter, Adie*

Tonight, the promise of prophets and Christmas  
is fulfilled. God's promise of a Redeemer is  
complete. Christ Jesus is born.

<sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had  
said through the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "The virgin will  
conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call  
him Immanuel" which means "God with us."

Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV)

Receive with us the lighting of the Advent wreath  
and its Christmas message:

**the candle of joyous Hope,  
the candle of proclaimed Peace,  
the candle of deep everlasting Joy,  
the candle of presence that speaks of Love.  
Tonight behold the center candle,  
the light of Christ!**

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## SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-7 (RSV)

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

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Issay, Issay*

Jeremy Williams, Grace Wynn, Lynne Miller

## SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

The Word of God for the People of God

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

## HYMN

*Away in a Manger*

#217

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

*Words: Anonymous & Music: James R. Murray, 1887*



## CHRISTMAS PRAYER

written by Kathleen Norris

O God, who spoke all creation into being:  
When you created human flesh,  
we betrayed you by our disobedience.  
When you led us out of slavery in Egypt,  
we doubted and defied you.  
Even when we were released from exile,  
our hearts continued to wonder after false  
promises and rejected your prophet's words.

Yet you chose to come among us through your  
Son, Jesus Christ, who suffered death, putting an  
end to the power of sin and death. For this great  
gift of your steadfast hope, we give you thanks.

Help us, O Lord, to keep vigil this night.  
Help us to watch for the signs of your coming into  
our midst, not in the splendid palaces of power,  
but in hearts humbled by need.

Help us to believe that the darkness of cruelty  
and sin will never overcome the light, and the  
mercy, of Christ. Help us to endure, knowing that  
the evil and injustice of this world cannot prevail  
against your Son. We ask this in the name of your  
Word made flesh, our Savior, Jesus Christ who  
taught us to pray:

**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. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*Two French Carols*

Ryan Donohue, cello

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**SCRIPTURE** Romans 1:1-4 (NIV)  
...the gospel God promised beforehand through the prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding God's Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David... Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *Mary, Did You Know?*  
John Woll

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:8-20 (RSV)  
And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

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

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." And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

**OFFERING** *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*  
John Woll, Jeremy Williams,  
Grace Wynn, Roger Miller

**MEDITATION** *What Gifts Would You Bring?*  
Rev. David W. Brown

### CHILDREN OFFER THEIR GIFTS TO JESUS

**PASSING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**  
*The ushers will share the light from the Christ Candle. Allow the person with the lit candle to hold theirs upright. Tip the unlit candle and receive the light. Following the last verse please extinguish the candles. Please assist children that are participating.*

**HYMNS** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
#234

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;

Refrain: *O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;  
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; (Refrain)

See how the shepherds, summoned to his cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;  
(Refrain)

*Words & Music: John F. Wade 1743*

*Angels We Have Heard on High*  
#238

Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain: *Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*  
*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

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Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
which inspire your heavenly songs? (Refrain)

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. (Refrain)

See him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise. (refrain)

Traditional French carol; trans. Crown of Jesus, 1852, alt.  
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## *Night of Silence*

Jeremy Williams, Lynne Miller

## *Silent Night, Holy Night* #239

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.

Silent night, holy night,  
shepherds quake at the sight;  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

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.

Silent night, holy night,  
wondrous star, lend thy light;  
with the angels let us sing,  
Alleluia to our King;  
Christ the Savior is born,  
Christ the Savior is born!

Words: Joseph Mohr, 1818  
Music: Franz Gruber, 1818

## **BENEDICTION**

*from Miracle in the Manger*

Alleluia! Our God is now here!  
In the name of our God,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,  
we cry out with the angels in the heavens  
and the shepherds in the fields:  
Alleluia! Our God is now here! Amen.



Greeters: Shannon and Galen Mills, Carol and Jim Pearce  
Lead Pastor: Rev. David Brown  
Congregational Care: Rev. Elizabeth Brown  
Pianist: Lynne Miller

## **ATTENDANCE**



## **GIVING**



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## *Poinsettias*

### IN MEMORY OF...

**Mike Albl** given by Amy Kurtz  
**Our Parents** given by Barbara Bell and Victor Rodriguez  
**Loved Ones** given by Jay and Jackie DeWitt  
**Our Parents, Walter and Lillian Eberle and Charles Benishek** given by Jim and Beth Eberle  
**Wayne Fischer** given by Leigh Fischer  
**Avis Woodward, and George and Muriel Balz** given by Leigh Fischer  
**Bryan, Mollie, and Jennifer** given by Jon and Jane Florer  
**Our Mothers and Fathers, and their Mothers and Fathers** given by Jon and Jane Florer  
**Harold "Pop" Gibson** given by Sean and Julia Gibson  
**Loved Ones** given by Elizabeth Hackman  
**Corey Hamilton, Son; and George and Gladys Nickles, Parents** given by Ann Hamilton  
**Mary Blair Hamm** given by James, Vicki, Jim and Vera Hamm  
**Gary's Parents, Charlie and June Hartman** given by Gary and Janice Hartman  
**Barb's Parents, Jerry Rose and Susan Rose** given by Andy and Barb Hauck  
**Andy's Parents, Geraldine and Andy Hauck, Jr.** given by Andy and Barb Hauck  
**Janice's Parents, Al and Marion Jorgensen** given by Gary and Janice Hartman  
**Richard L. Hildbold, Husband** given by Norvita Hildbold  
**David R. Hildbold, Son** given by Norvita Hildbold  
**Our Son, Don Horton** given by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Horton  
**Our grandchildren, Hannah Asbury Krehbiel and Penelope Claire Krehbiel** given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson  
**Our Parents, Bob and Marjorie Jackson, Fred and Barbara Pummill, and Walton V. Doench** given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson  
**My Parents** given by Greg Johnson  
**Our Parents, Frank and Emma Santin and Donald and Dorothy Kilday** given by Gary and Eileen Kilday  
**My Wife, Coleen Lowe** given by Franklin Lowe  
**Our Parents, Si and BJ Nielsen; and Agnes Lucien** given by Ted and Molly Lucien  
**Our Parents and Grandparents** given by Chip and Robin Nielsen  
**My Parents, Wayne and Lola White** given by Becky Patterson

**Nelle and Bob Quisno** given by Jim and Carol Pearce  
**Louise and Jim Pearce** given by Jim and Carol Pearce  
**Ralph F. Lewis, Husband** given by Charlene Pfingstag Lewis  
**Father and Mother, Dr. Charles W. Simons DDS and Helen Simons** given by Charlene Pfingstag Lewis  
**Our Parents, Joe and Barbara Eveland, Eppa Rixey III, and Jack Gottschalk; and Our Grandparents** given by Eppa and Buffie Rixey  
**Jim Sauter** given by Jill Sauter and Family  
**Irv Scharfenberger, Husband** given by Shirley Scharfenberger  
**Our Son, Brian Keith Selk** given by Keith and Paula Selk  
**Bob and Lorma Ferrell and John and Betty Troller** given by David and Sue Ferrell Troller  
**Sue's Bother, William Ferrell** given by David and Sue Ferrell Troller  
**Ronald F. Walker** given by Brenda Walker and Family  
**Karl and Lois Brown, Jane Warden, Tom and Rose Topping, and Drew Barnes** given by Jon and Karol Warden

### IN HONOR OF...

**Our Pastors** given by Barbara Bell and Victor Rodriguez  
**Our New Granddaughter, Maggie Eberle** given by Jim and Beth Eberle  
**Our Parents: Ann and Scott Hamilton and William and Trina Hunt** given by Chris and Jenn Hamilton  
**James L. Hamm** given by Vicki, Jim and Vera Hamm  
**Friends and Family** given by Andy and Barb Hauck  
**Our Children and Grandchildren** given by Dr. and Mrs. Richard L. Jackson  
**Ella Brown Jordan** given by Jon and Karol Warden  
**Our Children, Mike and Janet, Scott, Courtney, and Jay Lucien** given by Ted and Molly Lucien  
**Our Children and Grandchildren** given by Chip and Robin Nielsen  
**Our Children, their Spouses and Children** given by Jim and Sue Porter  
**Our Armstrong Chapel Family** given by Jim and Sue Porter  
**Our Family and Loved Ones; ; Carol Rixey, Ellie and Jack Sullivan, Paul McGuiness, Sarah, JP, Caroline and Molly Pharr, Quint and Maggie Rixey, and Nancy Gottschalk** given by Eppa and Buffie Rixey  
**Our Growing Family** given by Gary and Martha Steier



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Armstrong **MEN**  
Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.

**Ally Breakfast**  
Saturday, January 14  
from 8-10am  
in the Fellowship Hall

**For the men of Armstrong who have a heart for discipleship!**

Start off the new year by getting to know each other better at this 2-hour pancake breakfast event. Bring ideas to help plan 2023 activities and ministry. Come pray together, laugh together, and share!

Breakfast is free—RSVPs appreciated <https://bit.ly/3HfplwT>.



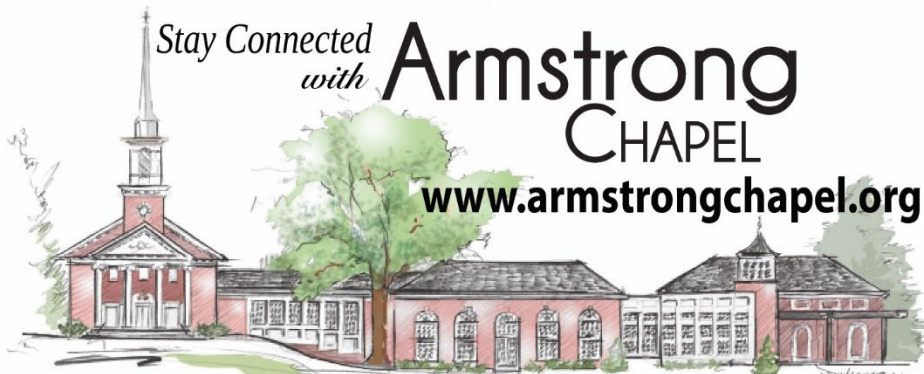
**Sunday, January 29 – 4:30-6:30pm**  
**Castle Skateland in Loveland**

\$10 donation per family for Admission, Pizza & Drinks  
\$3 per person for skate rental

Dress as your favorite cartoon character!

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