

Armstrong Chapel — December 24, 2022 — 8pm



Christmas Eve Worship

PROCESSIONAL

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

#211

John Woll, soloist vs 1

SPECIAL MUSIC

Fum, Fum, Fum!

-arr. Wilberg

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. 19th cent French Carol

Music: 18th century French Carol; harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1988
Harmony (C) 1989 The United Methodist Church

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

John, Megan, Trey, Hattie and Imogene Schneider

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

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had
said through the prophet: ²³ "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 2:1-20 (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.

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 among all
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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen
-arr. Willcocks

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

Christ the Appletree
-arr. Scriven



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SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:1-5 (NIV)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him we received grace and apostleship to call all the peoples to the obedience that comes from faith for His name's sake.

#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!

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

OFFERING

Sing We Now of Christmas

-arr. Zgodava

MESSAGE

Prophets & Promises

Rev. David W. Brown

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Christmas Daybreak

Text: Rossetti -arr. Convery

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)

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.

Traditional French carol; trans. Crown of Jesus, 1852, alt.
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Silent Night, Holy Night

#239

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;

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.

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)

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!

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

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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: Charlene Pfingstag Lewis, and Martha and Gary Steier
Pastors: Rev. David Brown and Rev. Elizabeth Brown
Organist: Stacy Haney
Choral Director: Ben Basone



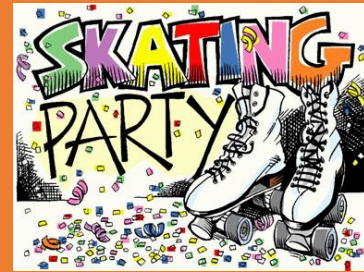
Armstrong **MEN**
Disciples! Bold. Brave. Fearless.

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!

INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS

Sponsored by Children & Family Ministries

ATTENDANCE



GIVING



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Poinsettias

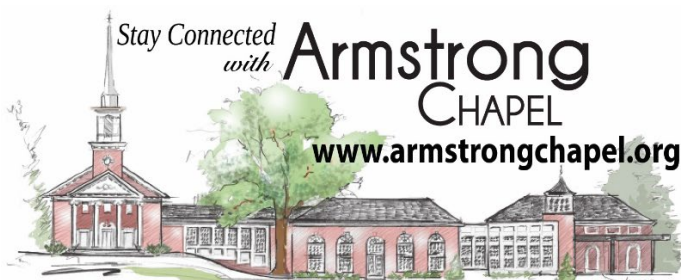
IN MEMORY OF...

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 Iola 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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