

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.”

Sermon

“Fear Not, There's Good News!”

Pastor Claude

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter
Chapel Choir

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Now we light the Christ Candle, we rejoice that the promise of God has been fulfilled in the coming of the Baby born to save us all in a manger.

Candle Lighting Service and the Ringing in of Christmas

Silent Night, Holy Night & Joy to the World

arr. Anne Christopherson

Diane Hires and Pattie Barnes, piano duet

Benediction

Christmas Prayer

All Loving and compassionate God, we celebrate your goodness to us as we join the triumph and joy of Christmas. As your love has been revealed in all of its fullness, we pray that your care and kindness may overflow in our hearts and minds during this special day. Grant us the Spirit of Christ that we may live in the fullness of his character every day. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assisting in Today's Worship

Claude King, Senior Pastor

Andi Voinovich, Associate Pastor

Wesley Dorr, Pastor of Youth Ministries

Maria Penrod, Seminary Intern

Thank you to the many musicians and families who blessed our worship today!

Bold text indicates congregational response at home.