

**Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day
December 25, 2018
9:00 A.M.**



WELCOME TO GRACE
A blessed Christmas to all.

Prelude

Word of Welcome

stand as you are able

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.
silence for reflection and self-examination

P God, wonderful counselor,

C we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen

P God's loving kindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through

the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

C Amen

Gathering Hymn

'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'

270

Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The Son of God sent from heaven above, be with you all.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray

Incarnate God, on this Christmas Day we give you thanks for sending your Son to bring light to our darkness. Grant that we, like the angels over Bethlehem, may sing your praises in our hearts and lives.

C Amen

please be seated

Call to Worship (Psalm 98)

A Sing to God something brand new!

C God has done wonderful things!

A God has not forgotten to love us all!

C Even the ends of the earth have heard!

A Make a joyful noise!

C Break forth in song!

A With strings and horns,

C sing praise to the Holy One.

A The rivers clap their hands.

C The hills sing for joy.

A Thank God! God is coming to set everything right:

C Justice for everyone, everything fair.

A Sing to God something brand new!

C God has done wonderful things!

Lessons and Carols

Who Are these Angels Who Come to Earth?

Reading Luke 2:8-14

L Glory to God in highest heaven,

C who unto us the Son has given.

Hymn 'The First Noel' vs 1 & 2 **300**

Who Are These Shepherds Who Run to See?

Reading Luke 2:15-20

L Glory to God in highest heaven,

C who unto us the Son has given.

Hymn 'Go Tell It on the Mountain' vs 1 & 2 **290**

Who Is This Child, So Small, So Slight?

Reading Hebrews 1:1-4

L Glory to God in highest heaven,

C who unto us the Son has given.

Hymn 'Let Our Gladness Have No End' **291**

Who Is This King, a Manger His Throne?

Reading Isaiah 9:2-7

L Glory to God in highest heaven,

C who unto us the Son has given.

Hymn

'Angels, from the Realms of Glory' vs 1, 2 & 4 **275**

Who Is This God, Who Sends a Son?

Reading John 1:1-14

P Glory to God in highest heaven,
C who unto us the Son has given.

Meditation

Hymn of the Day

'O Come, All Ye Faithful' vs. 1, 2 & 4 **283**

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Christmas Creed

C We believe in one God, who is Creator, Ruler of the universe, Maker of all we see and all we don't see: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from light, true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation! Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Petitions end:

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

Peace *The people greet one another saying: 'Peace be with you'.*

please be seated

Offering

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Offertory 'Joy to the World' vs 1 **267**

Offering Prayer

A Holy God,

C your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

P Wonderful Counselor!

C Mighty God!

P Everlasting Father!

C Prince of Peace!

P We bless your Name forever!

C Light of Light!

P Lord of Lords!

C King of Kings!

P Emmanuel, God with us!

C We bless your Name forever!

P True God, Giver of Life, Word of our Creator, Spirit of Counsel and Might; God of our essence, be with us now as we join in the celebration of your love.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Distribution of Holy Communion

Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins

Hymns at the Distribution

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'Infant Holy, Infant Lowly'		276

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Table Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

A God of wonder,
C **in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. Amen**

Benediction

P May Christ, who by his incarnation has filled us with grace and truth, give you peace this Christmas and always. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

Sending Hymn

'Good Christian Friends, Rejoice' **288**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Portals of Prayer and Christ in Our Home

devotional booklets for 1st quarter 2019 are available on the table in the narthex.

Please pick up your **2019 Offering envelopes today** in the narthex. Do **NOT** start using them until Jan 6th 2019 as the envelope numbers change. We must have your offering for 2018, no later than December 30, 2018 for it to be recorded for this year.

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Welcome to Grace

Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.

There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.

*If you are looking for a church home,
you are welcome here.*

