



Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – December 25, 2020
Christmas Day – 10:30 am
Join us on You Tube!

Opening Music

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Glory to God, #133

Greeting

Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Candle *[responsive]*

Let us go, in heart and mind,
to see what has come to pass.
Let us go with the shepherds:
Let us go to find the Savior!
Let us go with the wise ones:
Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!
Let us go with the poor and humble:
Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.
Let us go with all the world,
with all the peoples of the nations.
Come, let us worship;
come, let us adore him:
Christ the Lord!

This Christmas morning, we rejoice in all that God has done.

Opening Prayer

Carol

“What Child is This?”

Glory to God, #145

We Listen to God's Word

Scripture

Luke 2:1-7

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Luke 2:8-14

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

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

Leader: This is the Witness to God's Word. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

In the Manger

Rev. Mary Austin

We Respond to God's Grace

Sacrament of Baptism

Presentation by Elder Laurie Gira

Questions: For the parents, Joshua and Lindsey Waitt.

For the congregation (*if able, please stand wherever you are.*)

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Patrick Warren Waitt and Gabriel Joshua Waitt by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his church? **We will.**

The Apostles' Creed [*together*]

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Baptism of Patrick Warren Waitt and Gabriel Joshua Waitt

Prayer

Musical Reflection

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"
Elen Gira, cello

arr. Ellen Gira.

Invitation to Generosity

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer [*together*]

**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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors;**

and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Depart for Service

Announcements

Passing the Peace

Greeting: "The peace of Christ be with you."

Response: "And also with you."

Commission & Benediction

Closing Music

"He Came Down"

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Participating in the service:

The Fofuh / Pokam Family: Peter, Joelle, David, Darryl and William
Elder Laurie Gira
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence
Rev. Mary Austin