



"Make the Nations Prove: Peaceful Joy"

DR. TIM BRUSTER

Isaiah 52:7-10, Matthew 1:18-25

Sanctuary Service

11:00 am

December 22, 2019

## Welcome

DR. TIM BRUSTER, SENIOR PASTOR

## Prelude: Variations on a French Bell Carol (Ding Dong! Merrily on High)

I. Introduction-Carol, V. Flute Clock

JERRY WESTENKUEHLER, ARRANGER

PEGGY GRAFF, ORGANIST

## Choral Call to Worship: Veni, Veni Emmanuel

MICHAEL JOHN TROTTA, ARRANGER

ADORAMUS CHAMBER CHOIR, ROBERT STOVALL, DIRECTOR

## \*Call to Worship

REV. LINDA MCDERMOTT, ASSOCIATE PASTOR

One: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**All: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

One: Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody!

**All: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the Ruler, the LORD!**

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it!

**All: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord!**

One: Let us rejoice in the truth and grace of Jesus that brings peace!

## \*Hymn 238: Angels We Have Heard on High

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

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song?

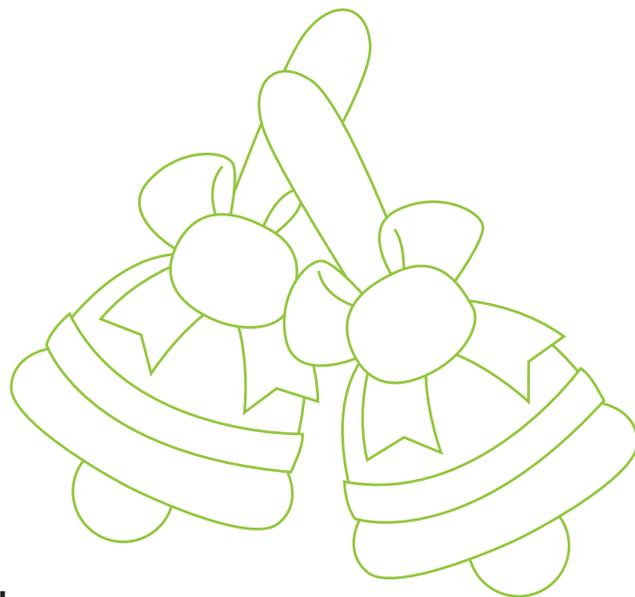
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Come to Bethlehem and see Christ whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

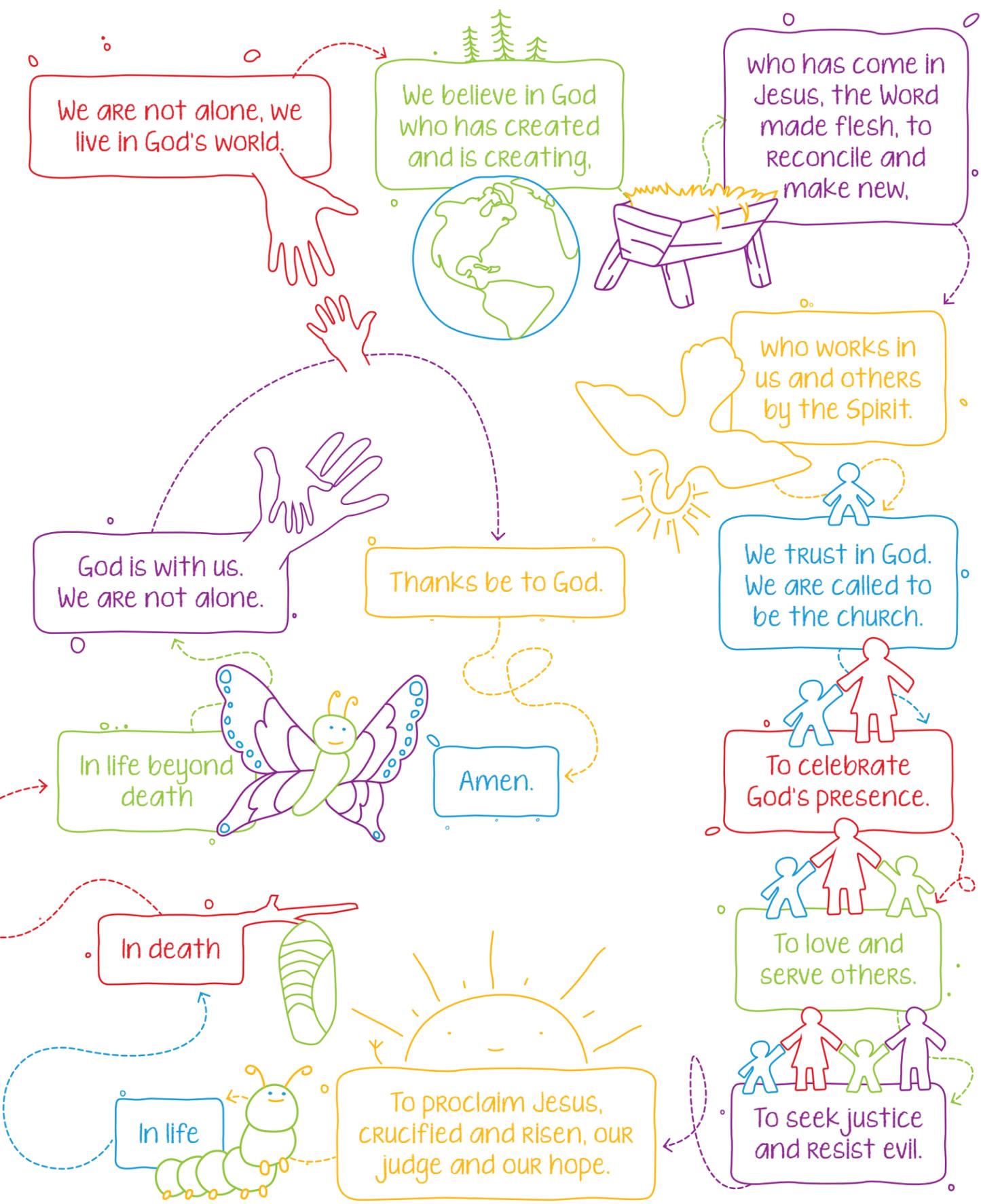
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See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

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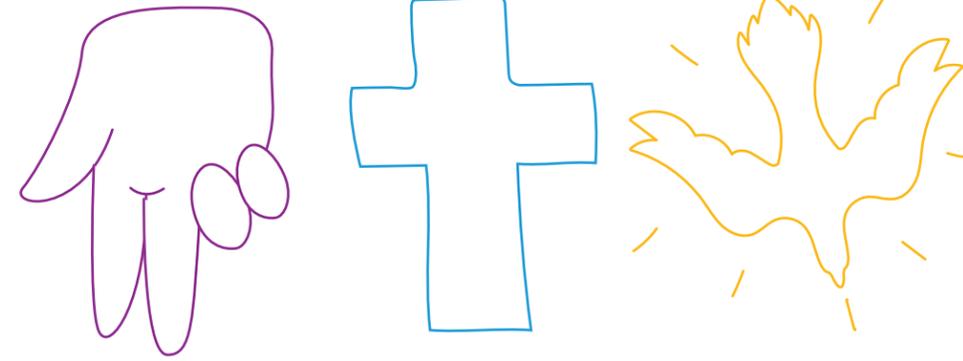


# \*Affirmation of Faith



## \*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;



Gloria Patri means "Glory to the Father." This short hymn of praise has been sung by Christians for many centuries.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Please be seated. Ushers will assist in seating at this time.

Anthem: Run, Ye Shepherds, to the Light

Michael Haydn, composer  
Alison Haygood, soprano solo

Scripture: Isaiah 52:7-10, Matthew 1:18-25

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Faith Like a Child

Mister Mark, Emma Bury, helper

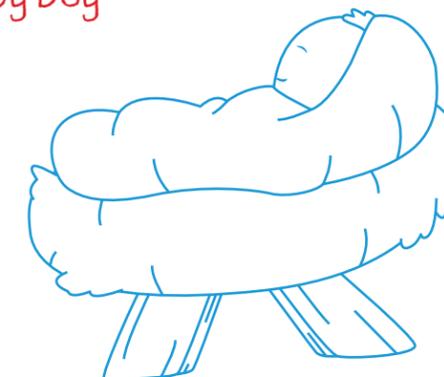
Announcements

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

## \*Passing the Peace

Special Music: Sweet Little Baby Boy

Barry Talley, composer  
Robert Stovall, soloist



Scripture: Each week we read from the Bible — the book of God's love. Its words can inspire you, comfort you, teach you, and challenge you to be your best self — a true servant of God.

You can listen as the scripture is read, or... Find a Bible nearby, look up the scripture, and follow along.

Sermon Snips:  
You don't have to "just sit there." Choose one of the sermon snips and let it guide you as you take your relationship with God to the next level.



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Peaceful Joy



Illustrate a line from your favorite Christmas carol.

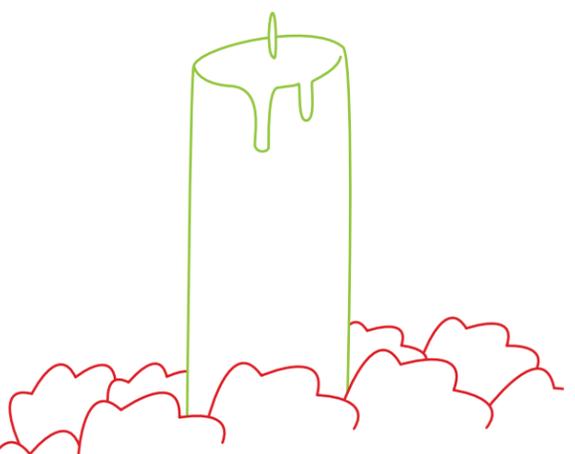
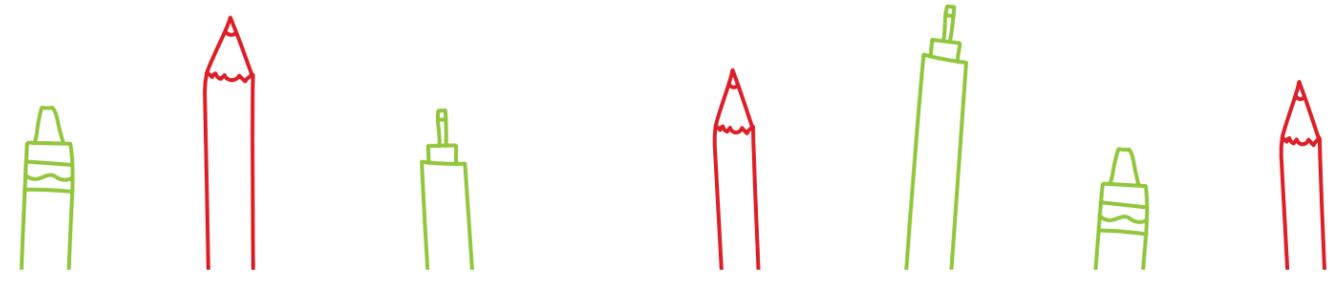


What is your favorite gift you ever gave someone else for Christmas. Write about it, or draw a picture?



This is an Advent wreath without its candles. Find the Advent wreath in our worship space. How many candles does it have? Add the same number of candles to your wreath.

This is the season of Advent — a time of preparing for the coming of Jesus. What are some of the ways your family is preparing your home for Christmas? What are some ways you are preparing your heart for Jesus?



Draw a light on this candle as you think about one of the following: Peace, Hope, Love, Joy, The Light of Jesus (pick a different one each week).

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Many years after Jesus went to heaven, the early church added this part of the prayer. Hold the prayer cross close to your heart as you say this part.

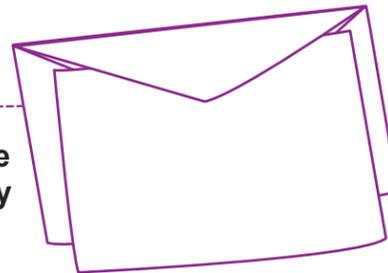


A Time of Giving

Offertory: Ave Maria

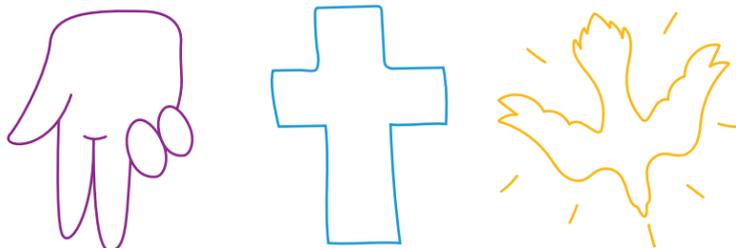
J.S. Bach, composer/Charles Gounod, arranger  
Rebecca Pope, harp

Find the offering envelope in your worship kit. Write your first and last name on the envelope, then put in the money you plan to give to the church. Place the envelope in the offering plate. Every dollar makes a difference!



\*Doxology 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.



\*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Hymn 246: Joy to the World (verses 1-3)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found.

\*Benediction

Our gathering will soon be ended, where will we go, and what will we do? We will go out to be God's people in the world. May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

\*Congregational Benediction: Joy to the World (verse 4)

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

\*Postlude: Variations on a French Bell Carol (Ding Dong! Merrily on High)

VII. Toccata  
Jerry Westenkuehler, arranger

How are you going to be one of God's people in the world this week?



# WORSHIP KIT

↪ INSIDE YOU WILL FIND ↪

## TREASURES OF NATURE BOX

One of the best ways we can experience God's power and love is by cherishing God's handiwork in the wonders of nature. Carefully open the box and discover what treasures wait inside.

## BLANK CARD

You can use the pencil and crayons to make a *Thank You* note for someone in the Sanctuary who helped make worship feel special to you. It could be a parent, a minister, a choir member, an usher, or someone in the next pew who gave you a friendly wave. After the service, ask your parents to take you to hand-deliver the card.

## ANOINTING BALM

Use the anointing balm to bless a friend or family member sitting next to you. Rub a tiny bit of the balm on your thumb and trace the sign of the cross on your neighbor's forehead or back of the hand (whichever they prefer). As you do this, say a simple blessing, such as "God bless you." (It's not just for sneezes.) Or, for a longer blessing, you could say:

*You are a special person.  
God loves you, and so do I.  
Bless you.*

And don't forget to allow your neighbor the privilege of getting to bless you.

## PIPE STEMS

There are so many things you can do with pipe stems. You could:

- Listen to the sermon and sculpt an object you hear mentioned.
- Shape them in the initials of someone you'd like to pray for.
- Look around the Sanctuary and sculpt something you see.
- Sculpt a flower and give it to a family member.
- Make a friendship bracelet and give it to a friend, or to a new member.

## PRAYER CROSS

The cross is such a powerful symbol of God's love and hope. Anytime is a good time to hold on to the cross. See inside the bulletin for how to use the prayer cross during the Lord's Prayer.

## TANGLE

Listen to a piece of music or a Bible story and mold the tangle to show how it makes you feel.

Does it make you feel:

- Open and ready for God's presence?
- Tangled and confused?
- Wrapped snugly and securely?
- Calm like a gentle stream?
- Not sure?

## PENCIL AND CRAYONS

Use these to write notes in your bulletin, draw a prayer, illustrate a story you hear in the sermon, or even ask hard questions.

## CLOTH FIGURE

Here are just a few things you can do with the cloth figure:

- Have it act out the events in the Bible story.
- Help it read the bulletin.
- Gently hold it the way God is holding you right now.

## EYE SPY CARD AND TELESCOPE

Use the Eye Spy card to identify some of the many meaningful objects and symbols in our Sanctuary. Use the telescope to help you explore.

