



December 24, 2021 | Nativity of Our Lord: Christmas Eve

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JOY *To the* WORLD

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

7p.m.
Candle light Worship

Welcome! Prince of Peace is more than a place on a map. We are a beautiful mosaic of dedicated and diverse people who love Jesus and our neighbors. We care deeply about each other, our community and our world. We are a church on the move with Jesus as our inspiration. Thanks for adding your voice to God's song of love this morning. Once again, welcome!

Guidelines for Holy Communion: *Today we move forward with community distribution of Holy Communion. At the appropriate time, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread from communion servers. The wine/grape juice is available in individual cups at tables on either side of the communion servers. Please deposit your empty cups in the designated baskets. Individual communion kits are available for those who choose to remain seated during distribution.*





Prelude

Dr. Allen Quie

Welcome and Prayer

Carol

Joy to the World

ELW# 267

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, 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, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sin and sorrow 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, far as the curse is found.

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, wonders of his love.

Christmas Litany *(Based on Isaiah 9:2-7)*

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

C: those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined!

L: To us a child is born!

C: To us a son is given!

L: Authority rests on his shoulders. And his name shall be called...

C: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Carol**O Come, All Ye Faithful**

ELW# 283 v. 1-3

1.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:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2.The highest, most holy,
light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father
now in flesh appearing! **Refrain**

3.Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
in the highest: **Refrain**

Video Presentation**The Story of Mary and Joseph:** Luke 2: 1-7

¹In 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.

Carol**What Child is This**

ELW# 296

1.What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

2.Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you;
hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

3.So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

The Story of the Angels: Luke 2: 8-14

⁸In 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!"

Carol

Angels We Have Heard on High

ELW# 289

1. 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.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king. *Refrain*

The Story of the Shepherds: Luke 2: 15-20

¹⁵When 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." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.



Merry
& Bright
Christmas

Carol

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

ELW# 282, V. 1, 3, 4

1. It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth
to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heav'n's all-gracious king."
The world in solemn stillness lay
to hear the angels sing.

3. And you, beneath life's crushing load,
whose forms are bending low,
who toil along the climbing way
with painful steps and slow:
look now, for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing;
oh, rest beside the weary road
and hear the angels sing!

4. For lo! The days are hast'ning on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and all the world give back the song
which now the angels sing.

Christmas Message

"The Best Celebration"

Pastor Rick Sherrill

Carol

Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW# 279 v. 1, 2, 4

1. O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2. For Christ is born of Mary,
and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the king,
and peace to all the earth!

4. O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
oh, come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Immanuel!



Prayers for the World

The Celebration of Holy Communion

Lighting of the Candles

Carol

Silent Night, Holy Night!

ELW# 281

1. 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.

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born!
Christ, the Savior, is born!

3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

Benediction

Postlude

Tonight's offering will support the ongoing ministries of Prince of Peace as we work together to bring Jesus' light to our world.



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!



Come back and Join us for Worship on Sunday at 9:30am



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POP Announcements | Christmas Eve Weekend

Mark your calendars:

- **December 26** POP Foundation will be awarding the scholarships at worship
- **January 2** Worship service join for a special family blessing to begin the new year at the. All are welcome.
- **January 9** Worship: GCS Bishop Deborah Hutterer will be preaching and presiding at Holy Communion also the installation of Chad Diegle as the Director of Youth and Family Ministries (reception and Youth lunch to follow).
- **Saturday, January 15 Worship and Community Dinner at 5pm**
 - *No worship or Children's ministry on Sunday 1/16 due to road closures*
- **Sunday, January 16th** 7am-12:30 pm POP water station for the marathon
- **Sunday, February 27 Congregational meeting after Worship**

Ongoing Ministries | Christmas Eve Weekend

Ch.I.L.L. Sunday Mornings at 9am-9:30am in the conference room.

Every Sunday 6th-12th Grades meet for check-in time, prayer and of course...donuts

Join us for **fellowship every Sunday** after worship-stop by for some coffee and cookies and say hi to our hosts Dena Welch-Rowland and Jan Beebe!

Volunteers Needed on Sunday, January 16th, 7am-12:30p, as POP hosts a Rock'N'Roll Marathon water station at 52nd st/Indian School Rd. Contact Steve Edgar at sledgar@gmail.com/602-618-3364 to sign up. For full course map and closures visit <https://www.runrocknroll.com/arizona-courses>

Bible Study with Pastor Rick -every Wednesday Morning at 10:00am in the office conference room. Join Pastor Rick as we look at the assigned scripture readings for the following Sunday. This is your opportunity to help create a sermon! The coffee is hot, the discussion is faith-affirming and the laughter will warm your heart. All are welcome.

Women's Bible Study -Tuesday's at 9:30am- 11:00 am in the Church office conference room. Welcoming women of all ages. Paula Sturgeon 480.236.6278

Theology Pub every 2nd Tuesday in person at Fate, and every 4th Tuesday will be on zoom. Join with your bible, beer (or other beverage) for lively discussions with great people. This is a time for free discussion and the sharing of idea and is open to all, including your friends who aren't members of POP. Please send Pastor Rick an e-mail (pastorrick@popphoenix.org) or a text (408-472-0529) if you plan to be there.

Stewardship for 2022 promise cards are due back. Please drop yours off in the offering plate, church office or mail it back. If you need to update your address or have any questions please call Kriscina at the Church office 480.945.9537 or office@popphoenix.org

Offerings: Thank you for continuing to support Prince of Peace. You can mail offerings to the church office or sign up for online giving. You can also use our Text to Give system –text the amount you want to give to 833-441-0048.

January Outreach is a clothing drive benefitting The Andre House. We are collecting donations January 1-28. Please drop items off in the preschool, church office or the narthex!



Items Needed:

Family Size:

Blankets (New/Used)

Deodorant (New/Used)

Conditioner (New)

Body Wash (New)

Men:

Socks (Regular/XL sizes/New)

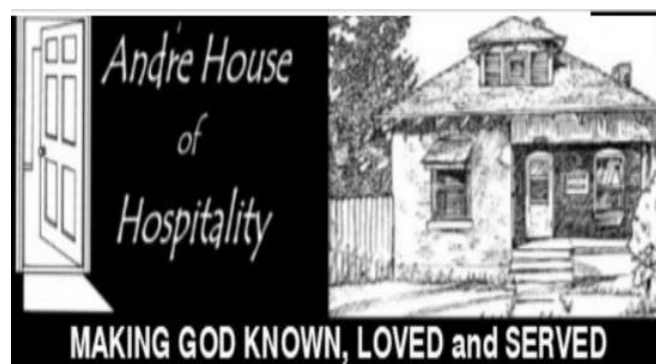
Underwear (All sizes/New)

Shoes (size 8-16/New & Used)

Pants (sizes 32, 34, 36 New/Used)

Women Shorts

all sizes (New/Used)



Andre House of Arizona is a non profit that helps serve the homeless and their needs. They run a clothing closet, Laundry service, Showers, Legal services, blanket closet, and they serve meals to the homeless 6 days a week.

Church office hours: Church office staff is available to take your calls and emails Monday – Thursday from 9am-4pm.

In Person Worship: Every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Holy Communion is celebrated at the 9:30am service. If you'd like communion delivery please schedule through the church office.

Please pray for the end of the pandemic and the end of any dividing lines that keep us from recognizing the Spirit of God within each of us. While COVID-19 continues to be a part of our lives, you are invited to observe the following guidelines:

- Face masks are not required for those who are fully vaccinated.
- Face masks are highly recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated.
- Those who make a personal choice to wear face masks are welcome and encouraged to do so.



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