

**A CHRISTMAS DAY
“CAROLS AND COMMUNION”
WORSHIP SERVICE
December 25th, 2022
10:00 a.m.**



We are grateful for the worship leadership of Pastor Jimmy Collins today. As Pastor Jimmy Collins is not an ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the ELCA or in one of the ELCA’s full-communion partner denominations, he has received temporary authorization from Bishop Bill Gafkjen of the IN-KY Synod to preside at Holy Communion.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: “Angels We Have Heard On High” – Charles Ore

CONFESSION: *(repeat after the worship leader)*

OPENING CAROL: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

ELW 288

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Dear God, we praise your birth in human flesh. We stand in awe before your cradle. Lord Jesus, be born in us today. Amen.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Jimmy Collins

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

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CAROL: “Away in a Manger”

ELW 277

GOSPEL LESSON: John 1:1-14

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SERMON:

Rev. Jimmy Collins

CAROL: “It Came Upon a Midnight Clear”

ELW 282

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

A. Dear God, you give so many gifts we cannot number them. Help us respond, with our hands as well as our voices, to the gift of life in Jesus.

C. Amen.

COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 and ever. Amen.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
 C: Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

A. God of abundance, from cradle, to cross, and empty tomb you have blessed us. Let our lives reflect the new life born in us today.
 C. Amen.

BENEDICTION

P. May the tune of grace continue to play in your hearts. Share the bread of life with a hungry world. Whatever you do, do it in the name of Jesus.
 C. Amen.

SENDING CAROL: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

ELW 290

DISMISSAL:

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
 C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" – M Burkhardt

Today's altar flowers are given by Bill & Ann Haas in honor of the birth of our Savior.