Worship

Christmastide

December 29, 2024

9:30am (EST)



About our Worship Setting for Christmastide: White and gold are the festival colors of the church year, their use reserved only for the celebrations of Christmas and Easter. The simple pulpit paraments, bursting with golden rays, lead the eye to the place where God's word is read and preached. The paraments were designed by the late Chris Stoffel Overvoorde and appliquéd by Mrs. Ellie van Harn. The communion table star covering and baptismal cap were created by Jean Engle, Pastor Engle's mother, and gifted to North Hills Church in 2010. The pastor's stole, gifted to him by Jerry and Mary Van Wyke, was made in Bethlehem and depicts scenes of Christ's ministry.

Leading us in worship today:

Allie Born, Deacon Ray Rowell, Elder David Baker, Liturgist The Rev. Dr. Randall Engle, Minister Mary Baker, Organist Kellan Dunlap, Soloist Willie Yuhas, Technician Mike VanAmberg, Usher

Gathering Music

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night Was born the child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light The angels sang the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced And at His blessed birth the stars their exaltation voiced O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light
Let every voice acclaim His name
The grateful chorus dwell
From paradise to earth He came that we with Him might dwell
O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord

*Our Opening Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	Hymnal 80
*God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings	
*Songs of Praise: Ere zij God / Glory to God	Hymnal 84
Go, Tell It on the Mountain	Hymnal 93
We Speak to God	
Our Morning Prayers	
Our Morning Offerings God Speaks to Us	
*The Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:41–52	The Bible, page
One: This is the Word of the Lord! All: Thanks be to God!	
The Anthem: The Gift of Love	Placido Domingo, Jr.
The Father gave His Son to fill the world with glory He sent His only one to bring us peace The shepherds on the hill were startled by the angels The earth around them stilled at news of joy Praise the Son of God and thank His Father His gift of love fulfilled His light for all to see Glory to God, praise Him forever Share His good news with all who wait in hope Praise the Child who came to save the world He's our gift from God, our Lord	*:
-Mary Katherin Reilly	
The Sermon: Ost	
The Sermon Prayer	
*God's Blessing	
*The Closing Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful	Hymnal 76

Please sign and pass the blue Friendship Register located at the end of your pew.

*The Organ Postlude

Join us for refreshments and fellowship in the church Fellowship Hall.



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Ere zij God/Glory to God

LUKE 2:14



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Go, Tell It on the Mountain



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