Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
December 29, 2024 First Sunday of Christmastide

Prelude "Sleep, Holy Child" *by Franklin Ritter*
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

Introit "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" *by Theodore Baker*
Jenny Romey, Soloist

Welcome & Passing of the Peace *Rev. Eva Thai-Erwin*

*Call To Worship *Leanne Baroldi, Lay Reader*

Leader: People of God, Jesus Christ is born!
People: On us a light has shined!
Leader: For a child has been born for us, a son given to us.
People: He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Leader: His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless hope, peace, joy, and love for the world.
People: Come, let us sing of His glory to all the world. Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn "O Come, All Ye Faithful" vs.1-3 Red Hymnal #234

The Children's Message *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

Special Music "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas" *by Martin & Blane*
Ethan Flores, Soloist

THE PROMISED COMING

Reading: "We Greet Your Coming" *by Caryl Micklem*

Prayer Response: Advent UMH #201 (Unison):
Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may celebrate aright the commemoration of the nativity, and may await with joy the coming in glory of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1-3 Red Hymnal #211
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" vs.1,2,4 Red Hymnal #218

THE BIRTH

*Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7 *Leanne Baroldi, Lay Reader*
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Thanks be to God

*Congregation to rise as they are able

*Hymns:	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" vs.1,2,4	Red Hymnal #230
	"Silent Night, Holy Night" vs. 1-3	Red Hymnal #239

THE INVITATION

Reading "Joy of Discovery" *by John Birch*

Christmas Prayer UMH #231 (Unison):

Eternal God, by the birth of Jesus Christ you gave yourself to the world. Grant that, being born in our hearts, he may save us from all our sins, and restore within us the image and likeness of our Creator, to whom be everlasting praise and glory, world without end. Amen.

Special Music "Some Children See Him" *by Alfred Burt*
Leanne Baroldi, Soloist

THE ADORATION

Prayer "In This Holy Season" *by Author Unknown*

Lord's Prayer (Unison):

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.

Hymns:	"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"	Red Hymnal #240
(rise for 2nd Hymn)	*"Joy to the World" vs. 1,2,4	Red Hymnal #246

*Benediction *Rev. Thai-Erwin*

*Benediction Response Red Hymnal #431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our Creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow; to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Postlude Rejoice! Our Redeemer is Born! *by Gerald Petersen*
Stephen Cook, Director of Music

*Congregation to rise as they are able

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! We hope you will join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments. The Offering Box is located in the Sanctuary entryway. Visit the church website www.cgsum.org to learn more about our church!