

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA

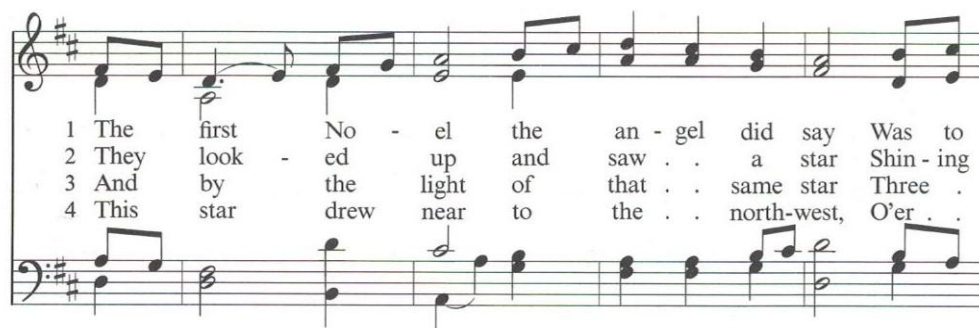


Baptism of Our Lord
January 10, 2020

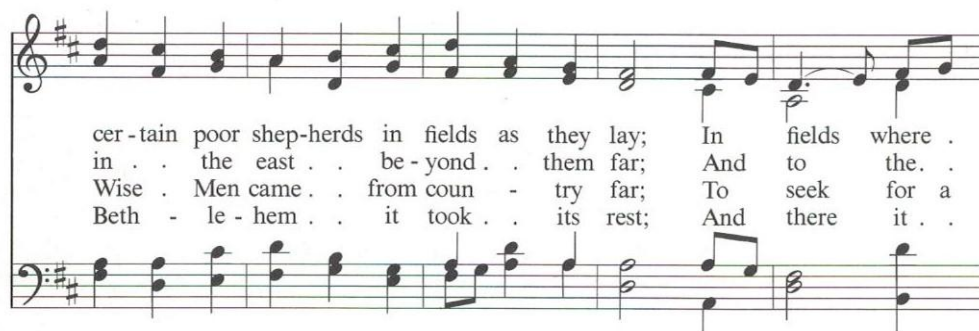
PRELUDE
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
***HYMN**

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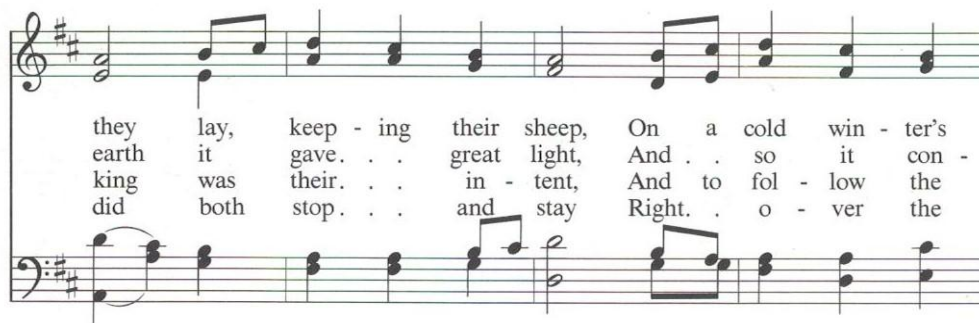
The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say Was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star Shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star Three .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north-west, O'er . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where .
 in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; And to the . .
 Wise . Men came . . from coun - try far; To seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; And there it . .



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . great light, And . . so it con -
 king was their . . in - tent, And to fol - low the
 did both stop . . and stay Right. . o - ver the



Refrain
 night . that was . . so deep.
 tin - ued both day . . and night. No - el, No - el, No -
 star . . wher - ev - er it went.
 place . where Je - sus lay.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

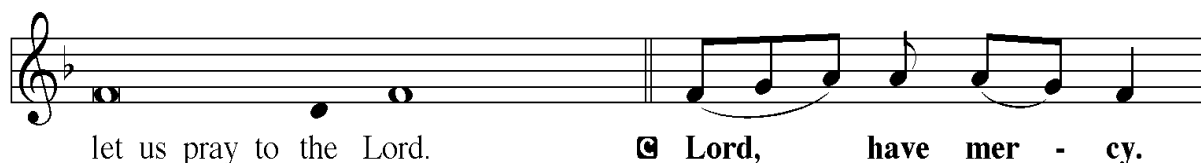
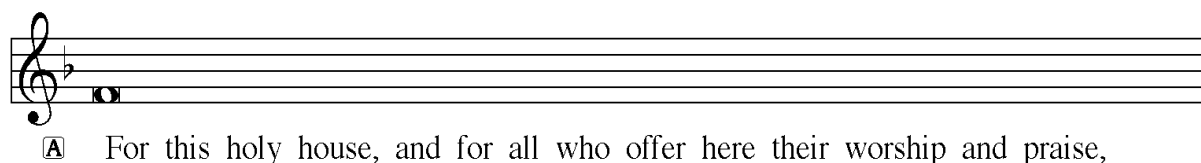
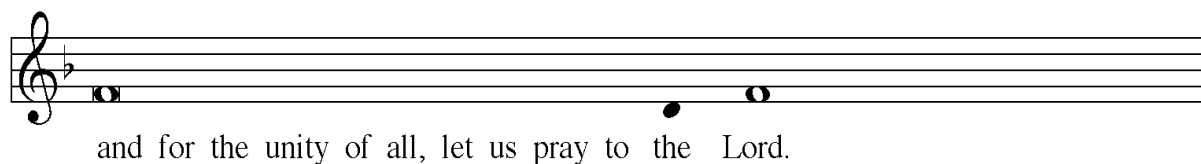
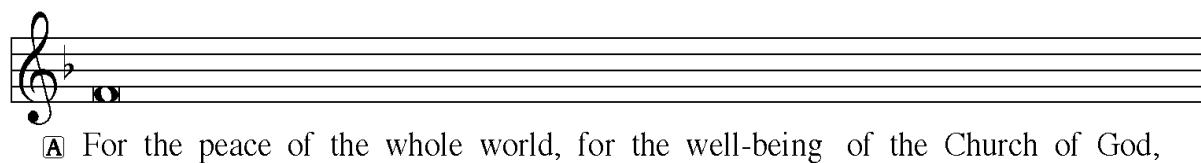
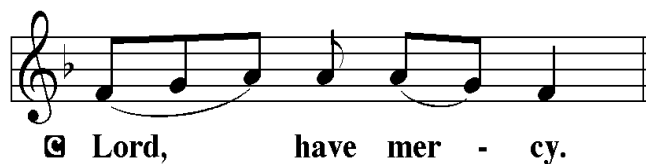
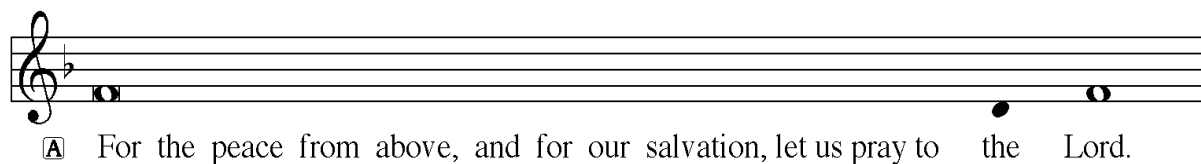
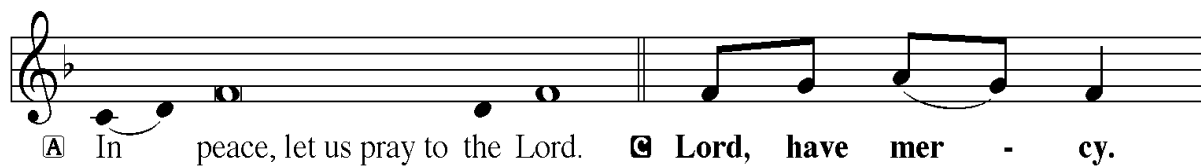
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**



HYMN of PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

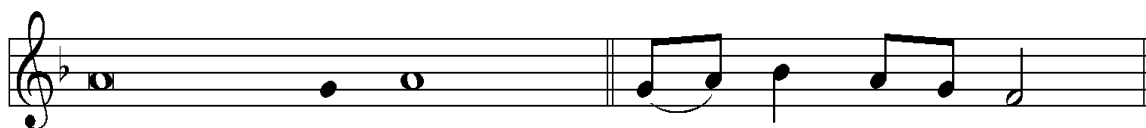


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison) found in Celebrate**



P The Lord be with you.

© And al - so with you.

LESSONS

*First Lesson ~ A reading from Genesis 1:1-5

R The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 29 ~ *with response*

*Second Lesson ~ A reading from Acts 19:1-7

after the reading

R The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☩ Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 1st chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord



Q Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

REMEMBERING our BAPTISM

As led you may take the cup of spring water with anointing oil provided for you and dab it on your head and/or in a cross on your forehead.

*HYMN

God, Whose Almighty Word

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1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and
2 Lord, who once came to bring, On your re -
3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, Glo - ri - ous

dark - ness heard And took their flight:
deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight,
ho - ly dove, Speed forth your flight;
Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might!

Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day
Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:
Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace,
Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,

Sheds not its glo - rious ray,
Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!
And in earth's dark - est place
Through the earth, far and wide,

***NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God of God, Light of Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, of one being with the Father, through him all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; and He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING ~ (please leave your gifts in one of the offering plates **at the end of the front and back pews** (Mechanic St. side) on your way out)

***OFFERTORY**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir -
it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ See Celebrate**

***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

***THE BLESSING**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C Amen

HYMN

WITNESS

677 This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

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this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
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Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Pastor: Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

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Congregational Song Leader: Reba Harmon

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St. John's Christian Day Care: 935-2959

Our Mission Statement

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

Our Vision Statement

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

Today

Greeter: Sue Lynch; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

Next Sunday, January 17

Greeters: Jay and Joy Byler; **Lay Reader:** Joe Kanagy

Please remember in prayer ~ Vivian Plank, Fred Hagemeyer, Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz) and Carol Yoder (VVH).

Notes from the Pastor

Currently we are maintaining a schedule of communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays. On Jan 10, Baptism of the Lord, we remember our baptism. If you would like to receive at home the wafer or cup for communion and/or the cups of spring water and anointing oil distributed for Jan 10 please call pastor Ela or the church office.

As we look forward to a broad distribution of the new vaccine we also face months more of spread of perhaps a more contagious spread of virus along with seasonal flu's and colds.

Sometimes we are not even aware of the underlying level of stress this creates. Continue to practice safety precautions. Take more opportunities to offer even brief prayers during the day to hand over our cares to God and to pray for those with multiple health concerns. Give a call to a friend or your pastor. Continue to lean on and reach out to others.

Announcements

Even though we are once again meeting in the sanctuary, some of you may wish to continue worshipping in the parking lot. **PLEASE remember to now park in the back of the church.** The greeter(s) will come out with a bulletin and collect your offering.

Thank you to those persons who helped provide desserts for Meals on Wheels this week and last. We could still use monetary donations to purchase pies for Thursday. If you can help in this way, please contact Sue Lynch or the church office.

There are still dates available to place altar flowers. Please sign-up in the narthex or contact the church office if you are interested. We **will not** have flowers on the Sundays no one has sponsored them and during Lent.

Available dates ~ January 31, February 7 and 14, June 6 and 20, August 8, 15 and 29, October 31, November 7 and 21, and December 12 and 19.

The Meat Canning project is scheduled for February 1 through the 4th at the Chief Logan Fire Company (formally East Derry Fire Co.) in Lewistown. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jesse Diem 717-348-9577, Henry Stoltzfus 814-625-2424 or Jonathan Coldren 717-250-6840. Monetary donations are also needed, and can be sent to ~ Central Pa World Hunger Assoc. P.O. Box 76, Belleville

For the month of January, the council and a few other members have agreed to handle the Sunday morning duties, along with bulletin delivery and altar care. For the time being, we will be scheduling volunteers one month at a time. PLEASE contact your Good Shepherd or the church office if you are willing to help in February. **Needed are ~ Greeters, Lay Readers, Altar care (includes preparing communion the 1st and 3rd Sundays), Flower Delivery (if needed) and Bulletin/CD delivery.**

January thru December 31, 2020
Parking lot attendance on 12/27/20~ 15 Offering for 12/27/20 ~ \$ 965.00
January 3 worship service cancelled

St. John's ~ Income \$ 522,699.03 Expense \$ 230,166.86
Net Income \$ 292,532.17

Daycare ~ Income \$ 277,442.21 Expense \$ 249,846.51
Net Income \$ 27,595.70