



Christmas Eve, 2020

(4:00, 6:00, 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 PM)

Merry Christmas! ***“Unto you is born this day a Savior – Christ the Lord!”*** ***The Christmas Story is no mere fantasy tale that distracts us from “real” life. When everyday life takes all our focus, God breaks in and is born among us as a real live baby. This baby Jesus grows up not only to teach and lead, but to heal and die for you. Truly the Savior – Christ the Lord. May our celebration today be more than a distraction for you. May God encourage you through Word, song, and meal – His real presence – that He truly is “Immanuel” (God with us) today and every day all throughout the year. Merry Christmas!***

(Words for songs will be projected this evening.)

THE PRESERVICE

THE PASTORAL WELCOME

THE OPENING SONG: O Come, All Ye Faithful

THE INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN!

Pastor: Tonight, we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

**ALL: HE IS THE PROMISED MESSIAH,
THE SAVIOR OF ALL PEOPLE!**

Pastor: We know we are all in need of the Savior.

ALL: ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY (Is 53:6)

Pastor: “A virgin will be with child and will give birth to a Son,

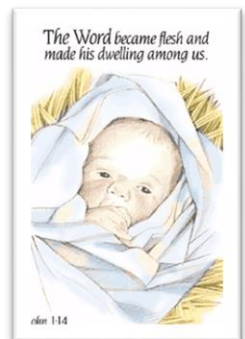
ALL: AND HE WILL BE CALLED IMMANUEL.” (Is 7:14)

Pastor: “To us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders...

**ALL: AND HIS NAME WILL BE CALLED
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD,
EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE.” (Is 9:6)**

Pastor: And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.
(Jn 1:14)

ALL: HE IS OUR SAVIOR, CHRIST THE LORD!



The Service of Carols and Lessons



The Introduction

Prayer for Christmas Eve

The Song: O Come O Come, Emmanuel

The First Reading: Luke 2:1-7

The Song: What Child Is This?

The Second Reading: Luke 2:8-15

4, 6, 9pm: Once in Royal David's City
7:30 and 11pm: He Shall Reign Forevermore

The Third Reading: Luke 2:16-20

The Song: Angels We Have Heard on High

THE CHRISTMAS CREED

KID'S TALK

THE HOMILY

THE PRAYERS





The Service of Holy Communion

THE PREFACE AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Sing to the melody of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel")

Pastor: The Lord, Emmanuel, God is with you all.

ALL: HE'S HERE AMONG US, GIVING US HIS PEACE.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts with joy and with thanks!

ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO WORSHIP JESUS CHRIST!

REJOICE! REJOICE!

EMMA -- NUEL SHALL COME TO YOU, O ISRAEL!

The Lord's Prayer (continue to sing)

**ALL: O GOD OUR FATHER, WHO'S IN HEAVEN ABOVE,
YOUR NAME IS HOLY AND YOUR KINGDOM COMES,
YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN,
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD
FORGIVE OUR SINS! AND HELP US SIN NO MORE,
DELIVER US, WE PRAY IN JESUS' NAME.**

The Words of Institution (continue to sing)

Pastor: Our Lord Christ on the night He was betrayed,
Took bread, gave thanks, broke bread
and gave to them,

"Take eat, this is My Body for you.

Do this remembering what I've done for you."

ALL: REJOICE! REJOICE! EMMA--NUEL

IS HERE WITH US IN THIS, HIS HOLY MEAL.

Pastor: He took the cup, gave thanks and gave to all,
"Take drink, this is My Blood outpoured for you.
This is my trust of love for you.

Do this remembering what I've done for you."

ALL: REJOICE! REJOICE! EMM--ANUEL

IS HERE WITH US IN THIS HIS HOLY MEAL

THE GREETING OF PEACE (spoken)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you!

ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

THE DISTRIBUTION

We believe that the Lord's Supper is a sacred action of God, instituted by Christ Himself, based on His Promise, conveying, offering, giving, and sealing the gift of forgiveness of sins to all those who have received Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

We believe that we receive not only the bread and wine, but also the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus, as He announced, "This is My Body...This is My Blood." We share this Sacrament this evening, knowing it is for Christians who share like faith and understanding in Jesus Christ and in this Holy meal. If you are a guest and share in the same Faith as described, you are welcome to commune with us.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONGS

Away in a Manger

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

THE FINAL COMMUNION SONG: O Come Let Us Adore Him

THE PRAYER OF THANKS





The Candlelight Service

THE CANDLELIGHTING

Please be sure to tip the UNLIT candle when lighting from your neighbor, and be careful of the hot wax!

THE SONG: Silent Night



*Silent Night,
Holy Night*

THE BLESSING

*Please extinguish the candles after the benediction.
You may deposit the used candles in the boxes at the rear of the church as you leave this evening.*

THE CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World



Merry Christmas!

Thanks!

- to our Lord Jesus Christ, Who came to be our Savior
- to the many who purchased poinsettias to decorate the Chancel this weekend
- to those who have volunteered to be involved in many different ways this evening for our celebration
- to our many musicians for their extra effort in preparing for our service this evening!

**Thank You for worshipping with us
this evening!**

**Please join us every weekend to worship the Lord:
Saturdays at 5:30 PM
Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 AM**



Our special thanks to those who have contributed poinsettias to decorate the Chancel for the birthday of Christ this year!



Don and Carolyn Weiss in memory of their Daughter, Kimberly Jo Weiss

Don and Carolyn Weiss in honor of their family

Pastor Ger and Deb Hartke in honor of their family

Pastor Ger and Deb Hartke in memory of Pastor's Parents and Deb's Father

Pastor Ger and Deb Hartke in honor of their family

Don and Jodi Halka in memory of their Grandparents

Pastor John and Amy Genszler and Family in memory of Nancy Maki and Barbara Genszler, Amy and John's Mothers

Dave and Jackie Reynolds in honor of Samantha, Andrew and Kenny English, Vonda Lemon, and Sue and Chuck Reynolds

Dave and Jackie Reynolds in memory of Jack Lemon

Christopher and Samantha Hoover in memory of Janette Robinson (brought us to PoP!)

Christopher and Samantha Hoover in honor of Dave Robinson (brought us to PoP!)

Michael Wells in honor of our Lord and Savior and in memory of Karen Wells

Jim and Judy Brower in honor of their Grandsons, Wyatt and Wilkes

Tom and Joyce Smith in memory of their family members in heaven

Pam Downour in memory of her Dad, Richard Weirich

Jim and Debbie Bragg

Vicki Melms

Karen Coffey in memory of her parents, Vincent and Florence Merritt

Jim and Cindy Fennewald in memory of her Dad, brother, and his Parents

Bob and Judy Young in memory of their Parents



Thank you for your contribution to the decorating of the Lord's house for His birthday! Plants may be taken home after the 11:00 PM, Christmas Eve service.

Bible Studies beginning in January at Prince of Peace:

Sunday mornings – beginning January 10: Freedom in the One Gospel – the Book of Galatians

Tuesday mornings at 9am – weekly readings

A look at the Scriptures for the next weekend

Thursday evenings:

1st and 3rd Thursday of each month

Zoe – Romans II

2nd and 4th Thursday of each month:

Men's Bible Study: TBD

Women's Bible Study: Love Rules

1st Saturday of each month – Men's Breakfast

Good News Class

For anyone asking "What does it mean to be Christian, Lutheran, member of Prince of Peace?"

A new class will begin in January. Interested?

Sign up at the bulletin board by the office window or call 419-691-9407.





At
Christmas,
more than any
other time of the
year, we celebrate
the love that brings us
together here at Prince
of Peace. We thank the
Lord for the honor of serving
Him, and thank you for the joy
of serving Him among you! May
your Christmas be filled with the
joy and peace of knowing Jesus alive
in your hearts, and know that we give
thanks to the Lord for each one of you!
Merry Christmas!

From
Your
Staff

Wendy

Pastor
John

Emily

Sherrice

Julie

Marianne

Jamie

Pam

Kelli

Jon
Pastor Her