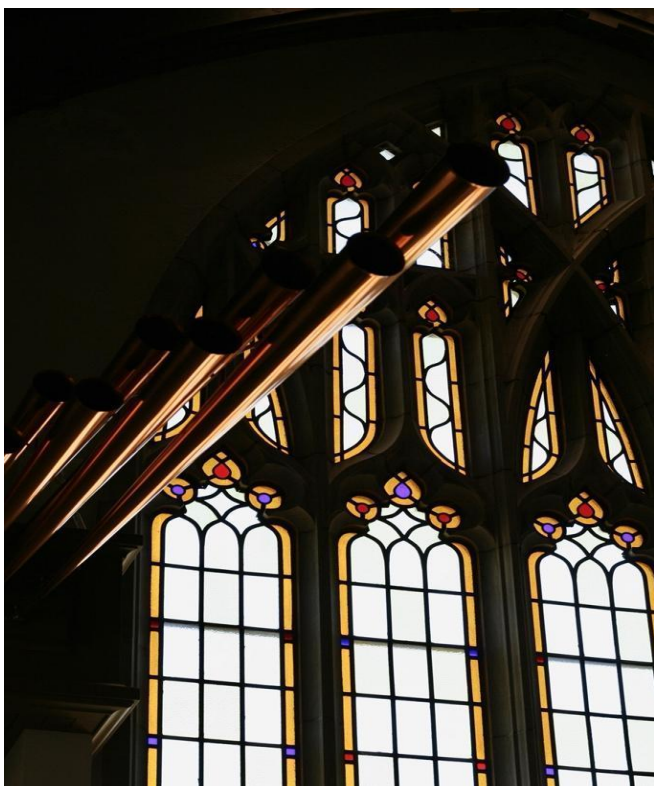


December 11, 2022 7pm

Night Church

"Yours is the day, yours also the night."
Psalm 74:16



Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Leading: The Rev. Brian Suggs

Welcome

The Greeting:

Leader: The kingdom of God is at hand:

All: **O come, let us worship.**

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.

A candle is lit.

Leader: Let your light scatter the darkness:

All: **and fill your church with your glory.**

Opening Prayer:

Leader: Let us pray.
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord..

All: **Amen.**

Song of Praise:
My Soul Magnifies the Lord
Chris Tomlin

Verse 1:

Good news of great joy, for every woman every man
This will be a sign to you a baby born in Bethlehem
Come and worship do not be afraid

Verse 2:

A company of angels, glory in the highest
And on the earth peace among, those on whom His favor
rests
Come and worship do not be afraid

Chorus:

My soul my soul magnifies the Lord
My soul magnifies the Lord
He has done great things for me, great things for me

Verse 3:

Unto you a child is born, unto us a Son is given
Let every heart prepare His throne let every nation under
Heaven
Come and worship do not be afraid

Chorus**Bridge:**

Of His government there will be no end
He'll establish it with His righteousness
And He shall reign on David's throne
And His name shall be from this day on
Wonderful Counselor
Everlasting Father
Wonderful Counselor and His name shall be
Everlasting Father

Chorus

Bible Reading:
Luke 1:26-44

Reader: A reading from Luke's gospel.

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David. Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail."

Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.

A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting,

Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Bible Reading:
The Song of Mary
Luke 1:46-55

Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord.
How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior!
For he took notice of his lowly servant girl,
and from now on all generations will call me blessed.

For the Mighty One is holy,
and he has done great things for me.
He shows mercy from generation to generation
to all who fear him.

His mighty arm has done tremendous things!
He has scattered the proud and haughty ones.
He has brought down princes from their thrones
and exalted the humble.

He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away with empty hands.
He has helped his servant Israel
and remembered to be merciful.

For he made this promise to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children forever.”

**Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Talk:
The Rev. Brian Suggs

Response to God's Word:
*After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during
'the talk', we respond with our beliefs about who God is.*

Let us declare our faith in God.

***All:* We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Song of Praise:
All the Poor and Powerless
All Sons and Daughters

Verse 1:

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
And all the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

Chorus:

And all will sing out
Hallelujah
And we will cry out
Hallelujah

Verse 2:

And all the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothing left
Will know that You are holy

Chorus x2

Bridge:

Shout it
Go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God
[repeat]

Chorus

Prayer:

This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.

Father in Heaven, thank you for your great love, for your never ending mercy and your lavish grace. You have made us your own by sending your Son, Jesus Christ. Now we hear you calling us to lives of faith that honour you. Help us to faithfully follow you, we pray.

You have called us into the family of those who are the children of God. **May our love for our brothers and sisters be strengthened by your grace.**

You have called us to be a temple where the Holy Spirit can dwell. **Give us clean hands and pure hearts, so that our lives will reflect your holiness.**

You have called us to be a light to the world, so that those in darkness come to you. **May our lives shine as a witness to the saving grace you have given for all.**

You have called us as members of your body, so that when one suffers, all suffer together. **We ask for your comfort and healing power to bring hope to those who are sick and in distress.**

You have called us to be the Bride, where you, Lord, are the Bridegroom. **Prepare us for the wedding feast, where we will be united with you for ever.**

Jesus, Lord of the Church, **hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.**
Amen.

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust we pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

During confession we all say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness for the wrong things (called sin) we've done and for the things we've thought in our minds that aren't pleasing to God. We also say sorry and ask forgiveness for the things we haven't done but should have done. We don't always mean to do wrong (sin), but we do. We all need God's forgiveness, so we ask for it. God has promised to always forgive us and never to remember our sin again.

Leader: We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

All: God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have
thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to
do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution:
The priest now confirms God's forgiveness of us all.

Leader: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise:
Noel
Chris Tomlin

Verse 1:
Love incarnate, love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The Savior of humanity
Unto us a Child is born
He shall reign forevermore

Chorus:

Noel, Noel

Come and see what God has done

Noel, Noel

The story of amazing love!

The light of the world, given for us

Noel

Verse 2:

Son of God and Son of man

There before the world began

Born to suffer, born to save

Born to raise us from the grave

Christ the everlasting Lord

He shall reign forevermore

Chorus x2

Closing Prayer:

All: **God, you are everything to us,
giving us life,
filling us with love,
and setting us free from sin
that we might live in you.
Accept the work of our hands this day,
take our lives,
give us your peace
and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing (sung):

***All:* Go now in peace; go now in peace.
 May the love of God surround you
 everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

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