



Galena United Methodist Church
December 26, 2021 10:30 am
“Dwelling”
First Sunday After Christmas

Liturgist: Pat Bull
Greeter: Lonna McDermott

We Gather in the Spirit

Prelude

Love Came Down at Christmas UMH #242 Words: Christina G. Rossetti, 1885/ Music: Trad Irish melody ; harm.by David Evens, 1927 The St Michael's Singers · The Coventry Singers
<https://youtu.be/IvHSE6WiQJ0>

Hark the Herald Angels Sing UMH #240 Words: Charles Wesley/Music: Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy
The last verse harmonization is by David Willcocks. Performed by Matthieu Latreille Recorded on November 18th, 2019 at St. Peter's Presbyterian Church in Madoc, ON The organ was built by the Lye Organ Co.

Welcoming and Announcements Julie Eggleston, Lay Speaker

We Open the Door (*Threshold Moment*)

“Love Comes to Us at Christmas” Original song by Amanda Udis-Kessler

Love comes to us at Christmas
Love comes to heal our souls.
Love brings an invitation
that our hearts might be made whole.
As we gather at the stable
in the darkness, glad and grateful
for the sacred in our midst,
for wonder and delight,
Christ is born in us this night.

Lighting the Advent & Christ Candle

Today we light the Christ Candle once again that illumines the Door of Welcome.
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.
May Christ's Light awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.
There *IS* room in this Inn, a House for the Holy.

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The Peace

The Love of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

Opening Hymn

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH 251 *Words/Music: Afro-American Spiritual*

Refrain: **Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born**

<https://youtu.be/RWupgH6pRVg>

- 1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a Holy light Refrain**
- 2. The shepherds feared and trembled
When, lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth Refrain**
- 3. Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And brought us all salvation
That blessed Christmas morn Refrain**

First Reading

Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to [Abba God] through him.

Song

“There's a Spirit of Love in This Place” Worship & Song 3148

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**1. There's a spirit of love in the place
There's a spirit of love in this place
You can't see it but it's there
Just a precious as the air
There's a Spirit of Love in this place**

**There's a space for grace in our hearts
There's a space for grace in our hearts
It's in learning to forgive that our spirits truly live
There's a space for grace in our hearts**

Second Reading

Luke 2:41-52 (CEB)

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. When he was 12 years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to their custom. After the festival was over, they were returning home, but the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem... After three days they found him in the temple. He was sitting among the teachers, listening to them and putting questions to them. Everyone who heard him was amazed by his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were shocked.

His mother said, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Listen! Your father and I have been worried. We've been looking for you!" Jesus replied, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that it was necessary for me to be in my Father's house?" But they didn't understand what he said to them. Jesus went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. His mother cherished every word in her heart. Jesus matured in wisdom and years, and in favor with God and with people.

Witness to the Word

Dwelling

Julie Eggleston

Prayers of the People

"Make of My Heart a Stable" Original song by Amanda Udis-Kessler

**[Sung] Make of my heart a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for [hope] to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of our hearts to honesty before God about what we've done and left undone that created less hope in a hurting world.

Let us breathe out this regret... *[pause to breathe out]*
and breathe in the life-giving, for-giving Spirit of God... *[pause to breath in]*
and out again with the Peace of Christ... *[another breath out].*

**[Sung] Make of my life a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for [hope] to live and grow.**

In this moment we open the doors of our lives to the call of the Spirit, inviting us to become more than we can ask or imagine.

**[Sung] Make of our church a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for [hope] to live and grow.
*[music concludes]***

In this moment we open the doors of this church, filling it with the compassion of Christ for all those who are struggling.
We remember and pray for...
May the Advent of Compassion be born in us,
reside within us,
move outward from us,
to meet the needs of the world,
making a house for the Holy that is each and every child of God.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

Prayer of Jesus

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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. Amen. FROM THE RITUAL OF THE FORMER METHODIST CHURCH

[Sung] **Make of our church a stable,
a house for the holy,
a warm and sturdy place
for [peace] to live and grow.**

Offering and Giving Thanks

Because of COVID we are not passing the offering plate but there are many ways you might support the ministries of this “INN of God” There is a wooden box at the back of the sanctuary provided for your giving or you may donate by mail or electronic giving through your bank. Together, we spread the gospel of peace and encourage cooperation locally, in the United States and globally.

Our “Change for the Better throughout December is UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE
(if added to your tithe check, please indicate amount of donation to ministry on MEMO)

RIP Medical Debt Relief Program/Fundraising Campaign
\$1 equals \$100 in Debt Relief for the poorest.

***Singing our Thanksgiving** *Doxology (What Child Is This)*
**We bring our gifts to celebrate your gift of incarnation:
The Word made flesh in Jesus Christ, the Lord of all creation.
Praise, praise to you, O God and to your Son forever be;
Praise, Holy Spirit, praise the blessed Trinity.**

...*Prayer of Dedication

To a world full of pain and broken relationships, we offer these gifts and the openness of our hearts, to be a compassionate community for all. Amen.

Closing Carol

Let us remember that the joy of our hearts lies in the simplest of mangers.
May our church be a “lap of the mother” for those who need it most.

Words:14th cent. Latin/German melody;
harm by Gary Alan Smith1988 Harm. © The United Methodist Publishing House

**1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say. News! News!¹
Jesus Christ was born to-day:
Ox and ass before Him bow,
And He is in the manger now.
Christ is born today! Christ is born today.**

**2. Good Christian friends, rejoice,
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy!
Jesus Christ was born for this!**

**He hath ope'd² the heav'nly door,
And all are blessed evermore.³
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace! Peace!
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one, and calls you all,
To gain His everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

Benediction

Postlude

Angels from the Realm of Glory *UMH #220*
Words: James Montgomery, 1816/Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867

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DATE	LITURGIST	GREETERS	COFFEE HOST
January 2	Elisa Streeter	Lonna McDormott	
January 9	Dale Henze	Elisa Skeeter	
January 16	Sarah Newton	The Lieb Family	

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

24 Lisa Prindle
28 Joe Lieb
30 Teresa Richards

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**2 Pat Bull
3 Terry Carroll
3 Darcy Muehleip
8 Meg Gibbs
8 Samantha Anderson**

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA DONATIONS



In memory of **Anne Wyss**, Annie's mom, from David and Annie Silaggi
In memory of **Wayne Turner** from Mary Turner and family
In memory of **Ben Allen-Stewart** from Patricia Allen-Stewart
In memory of **Bob Price** from Charlene Buran Price & family
In memory of **Wayne McDermott Family** from Lonna McDermott
In memory of **Loved Ones** from Lonna McDermott
In memory of **Breeze Bohnsock** from Dan, B' Ann, Chase & Brooke Dittmar
In memory of **Earl Bader** from the Janette Bader
In memory of **Smiley (Irwin) NejdI** from Pat Bull
In memory of **Our Parents, Ricki and Bill Franz and Lill and Irv NejdI** from Pat Bull



In memory of **Bill Wilmarth** by Donna, David, Heidi and Ben
In memory of **Joe and Marieta Pope** by Donna, David, Heidi and Ben
In memory of **Eck DeBord and Elsie DeBord Virtue** from Bevery DeBord and familyI

In Memory of **Carol and Ron Ericson** from their sons: Steve (Susan), Brent (Veronique) and Mark
In memory of **Jaxson John Murphy, our grandson** from Pat and John Willy
In memory of **Keith and Grace Clayton, our parents** from Pat and John Willy
In memory of **Family Members** from Karen and Justin Hughes and Ruth Langas.
In memory of **Jim and Mary Jane Vincent** from Mary, Ruth, Sarah, Bill and Martha and families
In memory of **Paul and Jim Newton** from Carter, Sarah, Paul, Jane and Vincent Newton
In memory of **nephew, parents, and brothers** from Terry and Ginny Carroll
In memory of **Bob DeBord** from Beverly DeBord and family
In memory of **Ben and Elisa Thorward, Sr.** from Elisa Skeeter
In memory of **Betty and Harold Stephens** from Lynn and Mike Sisler
In memory of **Vivian and Clyde Sisler, Cheri Sisler** from Lynn and Mike Sisler
In memory of **Orville and Devorah Rodden** from Jim and Suzanne Sproule
In memory of **Marion and Willard Henze** from Dale and Judy Henze
In memory of **Pearl and Harold Miller** from Dale and Judy Henze
In honor /memory of **The Muehleips:** and families from Ingrid Muehleip
In honor/memory of **the Glanmans and families** from Darcy Muehleip
In celebration of **our families** from Dennis and Mildren Irwin
In honor of **my sister, Janet Eggleston** by Julie
In honor of **my great grandchildren, Jude Robin & Lizbeth Shade** by Julie Eggleston
In memory of **loved ones** from Bill & Phyllis Ortman
In memory of **Serena and Ernest Powell** from Pastor Catiana
In memory of **Aunt Maxine Bates** from Pastor Catiana



GUMC members not noted above passing in 2020 & 2021

In memory of **Betty Schalk** 2021, **Michella Brotheridge** 2021, **Wayne Shepherd** 2020, **Anita Chamberlain** 2020, **Kenneth Schubert** 2020, **Charles Primrose** 2020-

PRAYERS: Joys & Concerns

Prayers for peace and reconciliation within our country and within our world; prayers for an awareness of the senseless violence and gun obsession in our country and prayers that we take action through common sense gun legislation and open hearts. Prayers for healing from the sins of racism. May our awareness turn into healing action. Prayers for pandemic awareness.... vaccinations for the health and well-being of all and what we do or don't do effects the health of others.

Prayers for Celia Hartman, a pre-school teacher at River Ridge, who is battling COVID;

Ben Allen-Stewart - Ben died peacefully with Patricia and Nick by his side. He had been ill for several weeks with a reoccurrence of encephalitis which he had a few years ago. Please continue to hold Patricia and the family in your prayers. Patricia's address is 1008 Third St., Galena; Prayers for the family & friends of former Lord of Love pastor, **Rev. Dennis Hill**. He passed away late Nov..

Ruth, friend of Pat Bull, lost her husband last week. He had been ill for some time. Prayers please.

Karen Hughes' brother, Elmer John Phillips passed away mid-November. Hold the family in prayer

Janette Bader is now recovering at home. Janette's address is 6481 N. Bowden Dr., Scales Mound, IL 61075

Janette's daughter, Karen, fell, breaking her hip. Please hold Karen in prayer.

Ginny Carroll has been diagnosed with Acute Leukemia. Prayers as she continues her treatment in Madison. Cards- 1399 S. Irish Hollow Road, Galena; Please keep **Jorene Lieb** in your prayers-health- 2586 N. Windy Lane, Galena; Prayers for **Julie Eggleston's grandson, Jonah and Brooke and her great grandchildren, Jude and Lizbeth; Lonna's daughter-in-law, Cathy McDermott**, is undergoing Chemo treatment. Hold her & the family in prayer; **Ingrid's brother, John**, died as a result if a car accident near St. Cloud. **His wife, Cora** is recovering. Prayers for **the Muehleip family**; Prayers for **Ingrid's health concerns** and for **Darcy's friends, Atron Regan**-prayers for remission and for **Debbie Furlong's family on her passing.**

Pastor Catiana's sister, Patty Thomas, begins chemo this week; **Dave & Judy's friend, Courtney Evenode**, last of family- prayers for job and home and son, Luke and daughter, Ella;

Continue prayers for Mary Turner and the Turner family for the passing of Wayne, whose service was held Monday, Oct. 11.; **Beverly DeBord's brother, Donald Renner**, died the end of Sept.. Please remember the **DeBord -Renner family** at this time; **Pam McKinsey's mother, Ruth Eileen Henrichs**, passed away. Please keep Pam and her family in your prayers, and prayers for **Pam's sister, Melanie**;

Annie Silaggi's mother, Alice Wyss from Monroe Wisconsin passed away recently. Prayers Appreciated.

Continue prayers for **Carolyn and Tom Grey**. Address: Carolyn Grey 130 W 28th Ave. Spokane, WA 99203; prayers for **Roberta Turner's great grandson, new-born, Khyson Turner**; **Judy's niece, Wendy** in prayer for depression, **Judy's cousin, Dean & Dave's sister, Judy Lopez**, with extreme pain from osteoporosis and is awaiting surgery and prayers for the **Biegon's friend, Nancy H.**

Hold **Charlene Price in prayer for healing** (compression-fracture) following a fall; prayers for **Elisa Skeeter, her family and neighbors**; hold **Lonna and her daughter, Joni** in prayer for health concerns; **Betty Kabara's** health; **Daniel Saben**, continued prayers; **Cheryl and Jim White**; Please hold **Sarah and Carter** in prayer as Sarah continues her process of healing; Pray for **Sarah's brother, Bill**, who has cancer. Prayers for the **Brotheridge family** as Michelle has passed away; **Larry Cook and his family**; **Curtis Cook, Larry's grandson**; **Lisa and Terry Prindle.**

Continued prayers for all Immigrants; victims of gun violence & all experiencing PTSD; all responders to tragedies in our country & around the world; prayers for the people of the United Methodist Church as we find a new expression of more fully living into the grace-filled ministry of our faith; Prayers for peaceful solutions to world issues that are too often addressed with violence; Prayers for the world and its leaders facing difficult decisions every day. May decisions be made with wisdom and care for the benefit of all.

