



Galena United Methodist Church

December 24, 2021 7 PM

The Inn Christmas Eve

Liturgist: Liturgist: Emma Blaum, Zoe Blaum, Chaise Dittmar,
Brooke Dittmar, Maya Dickerson, Ruby Dickerson,
Luke Holcomb, & Owen Holcomb
Greeters: Families
Pianist/Organist: Cody Clayton

*Please stand as possible, body &/or Spirit

We Gather in the Spirit

Prelude

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

UMH #240

Music: Felix Mendelssohn/*Words: Charles Wesley*

Welcoming

Pastor Catiana

As part of our worship, we will celebrate Holy Communion. If you are streaming or viewing at a separate time, we invite you to bring to your own table something to eat and something to drink. It can be as simple as water and a cracker or feel free to eat your meal with us. All are welcome to the table of God.

We Open the Door (*Threshold Moment*)

Gift of Music

What Child is This Words: William Chatterton Dix, 1865/Music: "Greensleeves,"
16th Century English melody ; Arrag. Marth Lynn Thompson

Galena Ecumenical Bell Choir, Meg Gibbs, Director

Bell Choir Members: Jenni Ackerman, Vicki Barclay, Joan Brown, Kris Chapman, Mairi Douglas,
Lynn Giles, Sarah Hesselbacher, Deb Hyland, Ruth Jackson, Myra Linton, Mary Jo Losey, Sarah Newton,
Denise Stadel, Mary Vincent. And Colleen Yonda

Candle lighting

"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.

Candle Lighting

Tonight we offer the Lights of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love to illumine the Door of Welcome.

And we add the brightest light of all... the Light of the Newborn Jesus.

It shines bright like the star that rose over Bethlehem.

May this light also shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.

May this 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 Light of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Carol:

Joy to the World *UMH #246* *Words: Isaac Watts, 1719/Music: Arr. from G. Handel, 1741*

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

The Prophecy *Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSV)*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined... For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Hymn: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (vs. 1 & 2) UMH#211 15th C French Melody/9th c Latin Trans UM Pub.
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.

The Story *Luke 2: 1-7 (NRSV)*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Reflection on the Word *The Inn* *Pastor Catiana*

Prayers of the People

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

(singing after each section of prayer)

**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....

[Repeat] Make of my life a stable,

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....

[Repeat] Make of our church a stable,

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,...
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 God has many names. You are invited to address God in your native language or*
**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

The Story Continues **Song, scripture and Communion**

Carol *The First Noel* UMH #245 Words/Music: Trad English Carol, 1871

**The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!**

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Luke 2: 8-20 (NRSV)

(Luke 2: 8-20) Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified. The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people. Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, "Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

Carol: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* UMH #240 Words: Charles Wesley/Music: Felix Mendelssohn

**Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth, and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful, all ye nations, rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With th' angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark, the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King**

When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.

Carol: *Away in a Manger* UMH #217 Word: Anon/Music: James R. Murray, 1887

**1. Away in a manger No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus Laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay**

**2. The cattle are lowing The Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus No crying He makes
I love You, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh**

When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.

Offering Our Gifts

Do we believe that we are capable of birthing something life-changing for the people in our community?
As the Body of Christ, could we live with more expectation of what is possible?
Could we look more closely at what is right in front of us?

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

Joining First Presbyterian & Grace Episcopal Church in fund raising for RIP Medical Debt Relief Program/Fundraising Campaign \$1 equals \$100 in Debt Relief for the poorest.

Thank you to all who dedicated CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS for our sanctuary. (Heifer Project)

...*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.

We Celebrate the Great Thanksgiving

The living Christ invites to this Holy Table Fellowship all who love God and desire to live in peace with one another and the world. Communion in the United Methodist Church is open to all. Because of COVID, our communion is served through a cup/wafer combination that will be brought to you. I will describe the process of opening once you receive the cup. Hold your communion elements and we will take them together when indicated.

Christmas Carol Communion Liturgy unknown origin/ Rev. Daniel Benedict & Dean McIntyre

Great Thanksgiving (tune: Good King Wenceslas):

**All: We the church on earth do sing, with the hosts of heaven.
Glory to the one who died, for he has arisen.
Jesus born at Bethlehem, gift of love you're sending
And we praise your blessed name with the song unending.**

The Song of Praise: (tune: Angels We Have Heard on High):

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts, all praise be given!
All your glory fills the earth; all your power fills the heavens.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

**All: Blessed is the One who came, bringing love and light divine.
Blessed is the One who comes, in the bread and in the wine.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!**

Words of Institution (tune: Good Christian Friends Rejoice):

All: Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice.

**One: On the night he was betrayed, Jesus to God he prayed: Bless this bread we are to eat,
let it bring forgiveness sweet. My body dwells there in, My body dwells there in.**

All: Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice.

One: Then he took the blessed cup, praying as he raised it up: In the wine forever more is the way to Heavens door. My blood poured out for you, My blood poured out for you.

All: Good Christian friends rejoice with heart and soul and voice.

One: Eat his body drink his blood, share the peace that's from above. Angels sing of heaven's bliss, as we share this Eucharist. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this.

Prayer of Consecration (*tune: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*) 15th century French

One: O send your Spirit now upon these gifts; make them to be Christ's body and Christ's blood.
Make real in us his life and show that we are one with him in ministry.

All: Now by your Spirit make us one with Christ, until he comes in love's great mystery.

One: Through Jesus, your Emmanuel, and with the Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory are yours, for now and forevermore.

**All: Amen! Amen! To God the glory be.
Amen! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!**

Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Cup

God's communion table is open to all who wish to share in this feast of God's grace.

Prayer After Communion

All: Your Word is made flesh and dwells among us, O God, full of grace and truth. For these gifts of bread and cup and all you bestow, we say "Alleluia and Amen!" Filled with the promise of your incarnate love, we commit ourselves to your work. Make us the Body of Christ and dwell in us by your Spirit for the sake of the world that you love. Amen.

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Closing Carol

"Silent Night" UMH 239 Words: Joseph Mohr, 1818/Music: Franz Gruber, 1818

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
 Glories stream from heaven afar
 Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,
 Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light.
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face
 With dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

Silent night, Holy night,; Wondrous star, lend thy light
 With the angels let us sing,
 Alleluia to our King;
 Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Benediction

Postludes Cody Clayton, Pianist
O Holy Night Song by Adolphe Adam 1847 Public Domain

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light UMH #206
 by Kathleen Thomerson, 1966 ©1970, 1975 Celebration

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SUNSHINE BOX: Items are replenished as needed by the youth and their families.

Here are some ideas you may collect for the Sunshine Box: *mouthwash, dental floss, razors, shaving cream, tooth paste, body wash, feminine products, baby wipes, body lotion face wash, granola bars, crackers, juice boxes, canned fruit, Clorox wipes, kitchen sponges, dish detergent, garbage bags, ziplock bags, glass cleaner.*

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

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 family

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; 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; **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.

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

Join us for 10:30 am Sunday Worship in our church
OR livestream the service on our website

by clicking on the "Worship with Us" tab, on our Youtube
at Galena UMC, and on our Facebook page at Galena UMC.



Galena United Methodist Church

Core Values: Do no harm. Do Good. Love God.

Our Vision: With open hearts, open minds and open doors, we make disciples.

**Our Mission: We will honor our long history by nurturing
and expanding a community of disciples who love God and neighbor,
fulfilling the gospel of peace, justice, mercy, and servant ministry.**

Affiliated with the Reconciling Ministries Network

"We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more. We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed."



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