

Christmas #1

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Announcements: Christmas Eve

- You may still contribute to the World Hunger Appeal and the Church's operational; expenses until the end of the year. On-line link: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291
- The Nativity Village will be open for next couple of weeks – Sundays 1:00-4:00.

Celebrate (Introduction)

“The psalmist calls on the natural world, celestial’ bodies, fire an earth, creatures, and all humanity, to praise God. The voices of Simeon and 84-year-old Anna join the chorus today, recognizing what God is doing in Jesus. Simeon’s song is often sung after communion, for we have seen God’s salvation in the assembled community and held Jesus in our hands in bread. Then, like the prophet Anna, we tell of Jesus to all who look for the healing of the world”

We come together in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Opening Hymn: [“Angels from the Realms of Glory”](#)

Psalm: 147: 1-6

“ Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is seemly.

²The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted,
and binds up their wounds.

⁴He determines the number of the stars,
he gives to all of them their names.

⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶The Lord lifts up the downtrodden,
he casts the wicked to the ground..”

Hymn of Praise: [“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”](#)

Prayer of the Day

“Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”

1st Reading: [Isaiah 61:10-62:3](#)

2nd Reading: [Galatians 4:4-7](#)

The Gospel: [Luke 2:22-40](#)

Hymn of the Day: [“Lo, How a Rose E’re Blooming”](#)

The Angel Tree: This week we add two Angels to the Angel Tree. This year our World Hunger Appeal ends this Thursday, Dec. 31, 2020. **

The Message is through music and song: Agne G’s Christmas Concert “Merry Christmas From My Heart” November, 2018, Epiphany Lutheran Church. Guest performers: Mariano Lennon, Samantha Turner, and Trenton Shook. Audio/Visual production by Ed Hawkins.

- [Concert Program](#)
- [Audio Recording](#) (59:21)
- [Video scenes from the Nativity Village with Agne G’s Concert](#) (59:21)
 - (00:00) Introductions
 - (04:30) Piano – Samantha Turner
 - (09:30) Agne G
 - (15:30) Piano – Samantha Turner and Trenton Shook
 - (21:43) Agne G
 - (38:58) Piano - Mariana Lennon
 - (47:25) Agne G

Offering* ([On-Line Giving Link](#))

We give thee but thine own, what e’er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

The Prayer

Our loving heavenly Father through whom every good and perfect gift is given, we continue to celebrate the birth of the most perfect gift of all, your Son’s birth. May this gift instill within our lives your outpouring of love so that we may extend this love to all our brothers and sister who may be in need during this most difficult of times. You have given us so much and in return may

we give of ourselves that others may live. We pray that this gift of love will guide all those who govern us in our nation and throughout the nations of the world,

Although we may now have a vaccine for this deadly virus, for which we are thankful, we need the strength and conviction to continue following safe guidelines. We continually pray for all those who are giving of themselves by comforting and bringing life-saving procedures to the sick and dying. Let each of us understand the sacrifice they are making and be thankful for their service.

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially Bob and Pat Allen, Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Betty Fultz, guidelines while Katie Hawkins, the Johnson Family, Robert Karner, Donna Mayhew, Bev and Jim Mertz, Wendy Neumann, Elise Oliver, Peter Olsen, David Otto, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Linda Rigby, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Linda Stephens, Yongyin Sun, Esther and Buck Trautwein, Linda Williamson, Pastor Jack, and all those who are suffering pain, and sorrow as a result of this pandemic.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine upon you;

The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters

Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,

And the peace which only come through the power of His presence within you.

So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

Closing Hymn: ["Once In David's Royal City"](#)

We are discontinuing in person worship services on Sundays until further notice. The Sunday online worship experiences will continue as well as the Midweek Thoughts.

Bible Study with Vicar Karen Pugatch, Tuesdays, 12:30-1:30 PM more information attached below.

*Offering to be sent to:

Bob Brackbill

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Ellicott City, MD 21042

Epiphany Lutheran Church
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Columbia Hills
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Please note that you now have the opportunity of online giving with the link found after the offering designation or here: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/2627291

Zoom Bible Study
Meeting ID: 941 432 0826
Password: 300maple
OR
By Telephone: (929) 205-6099
Meeting ID: 941 432 0826
Password: 914022

****Announcements:**

World Hunger Appeal: Through donor in the Delaware/Maryland Synod, all donations received by the end of the year will be matched.

Agne G's CD, "Merry Christmas From The Heart" may be purchased through:
<http://www.agneg.com/new-products>