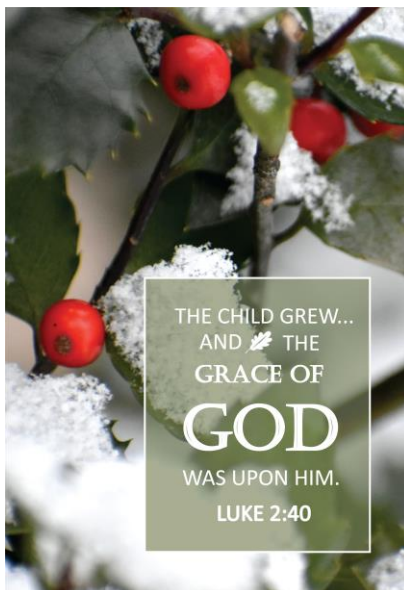


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Presentation of Our Lord
Sunday, February 2, 2025
8:30 am

The Holy Spirit Empowers Us for Ministry in Daily Life

Gathered by God's grace and empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we invite and welcome all people to join us on our journey
to become more faithful ministers of Jesus Christ
in our homes, our communities, and the world.

We welcome all who worship with us today.

Visitors are invited to sign the guest register located in the lobby.

If you are interested in joining our family of faith,
please talk with one of our Pastors or call the church office.

Children are welcome and celebrated!

The “Children’s Ministry” table and basket in the lobby
contains a variety of items for children’s use during worship.
Stop by to borrow a book or pick up some coloring sheets and crayons.

Please silence all communication devices.

Our services are live streamed and recorded. In-person attendance implies consent
to be included in the live streamed and recorded worship service.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who believe in the presence of Jesus Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive the Sacrament. To facilitate flow, the ushers invite people to come forward starting with the back rows and working forward. You should come forward using the center aisle to receive the elements in a continuous style from pastor and worship assistant. Afterward you may choose to kneel or stand at the altar rail for a brief moment of prayer or return to your seat up the side aisle, depositing your empty cup in the receptacle on your way. Gluten free wafers are available. Our wine is grape juice so that all may freely receive.

Children may receive the sacrament if they have completed instruction with a pastor.

Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Communion kits are available at the usher stands for those who prefer to remain in their seats, and they will be communed along with our Zoom worshippers at the beginning of distribution.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Gathering Music

Nunc Dimittis
Jeff Goss, soloist
Frank Mattes, percussion

Kemp

Welcome and Announcements

We rise in body or spirit.

Gathering Dialog – Psalm 84

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!
My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

**Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young - a place near your altar,**

Lord Almighty, my King and my God.
Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

**Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.
Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.**

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the
wicked.

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.**

Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Gathering Song

We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, source of all light, today you revealed to Simeon your light of revelation to the nations and your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

The assembly is seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching and song.

Reading Malachi 3:1-4

Translation: NIV

A reading from Malachi.

“I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

We rise in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Translation: NIV

The Good News from Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Open our hearts, Lord.

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: “This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.

When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

This is the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

The assembly is seated.

Sermon

Pastor Tami Reichley

We rise in body or spirit.

Word in Song

A Story for All People Verses 1, 2, 5

1 As peo - ple wait in dark - ness, in
 2 We come in - to your pres - ence, in
 3 A time of prep - a - ra - tion: the
 4 You call us to re - pen - tance, to
 5 Re - newed by this en - coun - ter, we'll

fear of end - less night, send forth your word of
 hope and joy re - stored. With ea - ger hearts we
 guest is draw - ing near, as moun - tain plac - es
 turn and start a - gain. You send your Ho - ly
 go out and pro - claim. We'll tell of your sal -

com - fort, a mes - sage of great light. The
 lis - ten, and gath - er 'round your word. We
 crum - ble and straight - ened paths ap - pear. Pre -
 Spir - it to drown the pow'r of sin. We
 va - tion, and mag - ni - fy your name. The

world stands proud be - fore you, con - flict - ed, hun - gry,
 watch and wait your com - ing, and pray for great - er
 pare a hum - ble wel - come in ev - 'ry heart and
 won - der in your mer - cy, your sing - ing fes - tal
 ser - vant words of Mar - y will swell the faith - ful

poor. Come, scat - ter pride and fool - ish - ness, and
 trust, to know that while we wait for you, Em -
 home, and cel - e - brate the prom - ise of our
 voice; and in your meal of bread and wine we
 soul, and you will bring your chil - dren home that

mend all souls with Sav - ior love once more.
 man - u - el, you watch and wait with us.
 God who is, and was, and is to come.
 join the in - vi - ta - tion to re - joice!
 day when all cre - a - tion will be whole.

Refrain

A sto - ry for all peo - ple, old sto - ry new to -

day. A song of love and heal - ing, a

light to show the way.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to prayer:

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us,
let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

After each petition:

Lord, receive our prayers,
and let your light shine on us.

Pastor's closing prayer:

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope
that your promise is revealed among the people.
Amen

Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying,
"Peace be with you."*

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

*During the Offering Song, the gifts will be brought forward. You may remain seated.
If you wish you may leave your offering in the additional offering plates located on the
tables in the back of the sanctuary as you leave.*

Refrain

Born, re - born! Born, re - born! Formed, re - formed!

Souls with glad - ness now a - dorned! Born, re - born! Born, re - born!

Formed, re - formed! Praise our God for - ev - er - more!

1 Drown us. Drown us. Raise us. Raise us.
2 Name us. Name us. Heal us. Heal us.

Refrain

Mark us. Mark us. Claim us! Claim us!
Wash us. Wash us. Seal us! Seal us!

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

As Joseph and Mary brought gifts to the temple in thanksgiving for the birth of their son, so we offer tokens of our thankfulness for the blessings of that same Son. Accept them for the sake of the Child who was presented this day, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

We rise in body or spirit.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Word in Meal

Guiding Spirit, as you moved over creation, come to bless this bread and cup, and your children gathering around this Table. As we eat of the bread, may we be nourished by your justice, to bring hope to all people. As we are filled with the Cup of grace, may the seeds of righteousness planted deep within us, bloom that all creation can be made whole. Then send us forth not as slaves to sin, but as servants of salvation to those longing for new life.

Then, when the time comes, and we are all gathered in heaven, we will join hands and dance around your table, singing our praises to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray.

**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 forever. Amen**

Invitation to the table

Come, eat this meal of gladness.

This is our Lord Jesus Christ who is the light that comes into the world to enlighten all people.

The assembly is seated.

Distribution of communion

Communion Song

Jesus, the Light of the World



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
- 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je - sus, the Light of the world;
- 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je - sus, the Light of the world;
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je - sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je - sus, the Light of the world.
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je - sus, the Light of the world.
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je - sus, the Light of the world.
Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness! Je - sus, the Light of the world.

Refrain



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je - sus, the Light of the world.

Communion Song

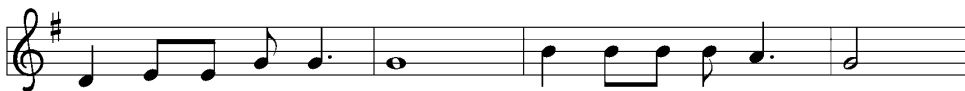
This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

We rise in body or spirit.

Prayer after communion

Let us pray.

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray.

Amen

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
Amen

Sending Song *Please see next page.*

Dismissal

Go in peace and take the light of Christ with you to let it shine on all.
Thanks be to God.

Please join in supporting our church's ministries using your preferred method of giving:



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- Enroll in our on-line giving program, Simply Giving (recommended);
- Mail your offering check to the church;
- Text your offering to 610-981-1312;
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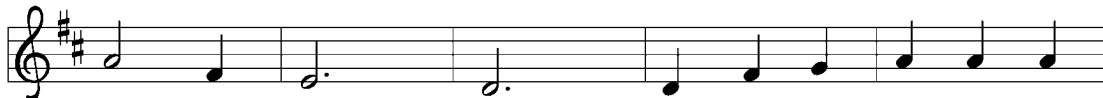
Additional information is located in the Stewardship section of the church's website at:
lchsemmaus.org.

Sending Song

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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