Luke 2:1-20

Jim Ward
1 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Abigail Schwartz
8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Karla Dennis
13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

Ken Asher
15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

First Christian Church
Louisburg, Kansas
Christmas Eve 2021
7:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve

Greeters: Denise Ward & Alan Niebrugge

Prelude “O Holy Night” Mary Schaumburg

Lighting of the candelabras Zoey Schwartz & Ezri Armstrong

Welcome Rev. Justin Schwartz

Lighting the Advent Candles & Christ Candle Don & Steffany Aye

Responsive Call to Worship Jim Ward

L: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
C: on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.
L: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.
C: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
L: Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end.
C: He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom,
L: establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.
All: The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this. (Isaiah 9:2, 6-7)

Special Music “When God Is a Child” Abigail Schwartz

Children’s Message Julia Schwartz

Luke 2:1-7
Hymn - # 148 All verses “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Jim Ward

Luke 2:8-12
Hymn - #164 All verses “Good Christian Friends Rejoice” Abigail Schwartz

Luke 2:13-14
Hymn - # 144 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” Karla Dennis

Luke 2:15-20
Hymn - (insert) All verses “God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen” Ken Asher

Communion Meditation & Prayer Rev Schwartz

#157 “For All Who Give you a Face” (insert)

As the invitation to this table is given by Christ Jesus, all are welcome to partake. Communion will be taken with individual cups in your seats.

Communion Music “Coventry Carol & What Child Is This” Mary Schaumburg

Following communion, come forward to receive and light a candle, and take it to your seat.

Hymn - #145 All verses “Silent Night, Holy Night” Rev. Schwartz

Benediction (Please stand)

Go in peace to again enjoy this Christmas Miracle.