



10:00AM | December 29, 2024
CHRISTMAS IN STORY AND SONG

You are invited to join the pastor, on the right side of the altar, for a time of prayer before we begin worship this morning.

PRELUDE

Silent Night
by: Gruber/Kelsey

Judi Wilkinson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us know that you worshipped with us today: www.westernhillsep.org/attendance/
See our full list of announcements here: www.westernhillsep.org/happening-now/

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go, in heart and mind,
to see what has come to pass.

Let us go with the shepherds:

Let us go to find the Savior!

Let us go with the wise ones:

Let us go to find God's promise, born for us!

Let us go with the poor and humble:

Let us go to find our King, born in a lowly manger.

Let us go with all the world,
with all the peoples of the nations.

Come, let us worship;
come, let us adore him:
Christ the Lord!

HYMN

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear v. 1, 4
In the Bleak Midwinter 1,2,4

No.218
No. 2

NOISY OFFERING

HYMN

There's a Song in the Air v. 1, 2
Go Tell It on the Mountain v. 1, 4

No.249
No.251

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SONGS

***SCRIPTURE** Matthew 2:1-12
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks Be To God

DOXOLOGY Angels we have Heard on High (Chorus) No. 238
[Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria,](#)
[in excelsis Deo!](#)
[Gloria, gloria, gloria, gloria](#)
[in excelsis Deo!](#)

STORY "The End of Me – A Letter from King Herod" from *Season's Greetings* by Ruth L. Boling

GIVING TALK AND OFFERING

John's Gospel opens with poetic words, familiar to many of us.

What does this mean:

"the Word became flesh...and we have seen his glory"?

We see, in Jesus, the love of God in human form.

When we see God's generosity, sharing Jesus with the world, we know in our own spirit the desire to follow it.

So, today, our joy in the birth of Jesus and our gratitude for the gift of his life, gives us incentive to reflect that joy and gratitude in our own giving.

On this last Sunday of 2023, know your giving will allow us to reach all ages in our church, to worship faithful, and to gather in study and fellowship. We look forward to new opportunities in 2024. And, it will encourage you to celebrate Jesus' birthday with generosity and gratitude.

Let us share our Christmas Day gifts, giving thanks for the Word made flesh.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Generous God,

Thank you for the abundance of gifts you provide to each of your beloved children. Today please receive this offering as one way we show our love for you after seeing the glory of your Word made flesh. AMEN

SOLO I'll Go Tell Elizabeth - Ken Medema - (Peggy Craig, soprano)

SONGS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Tell it on the Mountain
Traditional/Hayes

Judi Wilkinson

You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude.

LAY READER: