

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son].  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

## **Christmas Communion Service**

led by Jeff Gregory

Dialogue Prayer of Thanksgiving  
*Thanks be to God for his mercy to us!*  
Invitation to Table  
Thanksgiving with Words of Institution  
Minister: Christ is the Bread of Life whose blood purchased us.  
People: *When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.*  
Blessing Prayer  
Distribution of Bread  
Christ our Passover Lamb was sacrificed for us.  
*Therefore, Let us keep the feast!*  
Communion Hymn- Let All Mortal Flesh  
Pouring and Sharing of the Cup  
Prayer of Commitment

### **Collect Prayer-** Congregation

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Song- The Story Has Broken 382P (Ash Grove)

### **Benediction**

*Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good word and work. Amen.* 2 Thess. 2:16-17

First Sunday after Christmas 12-27-09

Good Shepherd Community Church

O come let us adore him!

### **God's Greeting**

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen!**

### **Call to Worship:**

The prophet Isaiah describes our Lord:  
For a child has been born to us, a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince  
of Peace. Come let us worship our coming Lord! (from Isaiah 9)  
**“Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened,  
which the Lord has told us about.”** (Luke 2:15)  
Hymn- O Come All Ye Faithful 103H/367P  
**Invocation** Pastor Jeff Gregory  
Hymn- Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

### **Call to Confession**

When Jesus was born of the virgin Mary,  
he became like us in all things but sin.  
May we who have been reborn in him be free from our sinful  
ways. Let us confess our sin to God.

### **Prayer of Confession:**

God of grace, our loving Father,  
It seems that all year long we sometimes pursue power and  
money, yet you come in weakness. All season long we  
sometimes covet great material gifts, when you alone offer  
what is lasting. Through the work of this Lord Jesus,  
who comes among us full of grace and truth,  
forgive us, heal us, correct us.

Then open our lips, that we may sing your praise with the  
angels, and remake our lives, that we may witness to your  
saving power and transforming love. In and through Christ,  
our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the  
people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to  
you; he is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:10-11, NIV He was given the name  
Jesus because he will save his people from their sin. Mt. 1:21

**Amen. To those who belong to him through faith God gives**

## **forgiveness.**

Song Response- God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen  
God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;*  
*O tidings of comfort and joy.*

## **We Sing the Praises of Our God**

*Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.*

Christians Awake! Salute the Happy Morning  
Born Where the Shadows Lie (Read text)  
Joy Has Dawned  
**Prayer**

## **We Read the Holy Scripture**

*Your word is a lamp unto my feet; a light upon my path.*

**Hebrew Bible-** 1 Samuel 2:18-21, 26

From **Psalms 111:**

Hallelujah! I will praise the LORD with all my heart in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

***I will thank the LORD with all my heart as I meet with his godly people.***

The LORD's works are great, studied by all who delight in them.

***How amazing are the deeds of the LORD! All who delight in him should ponder them.***

Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty. His righteousness never fails.

***He causes us to remember his wonderful works.***

The LORD is gracious and compassionate. How gracious and merciful is our LORD!

He has provided food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever. ***How gracious and merciful is our LORD!...***

He has sent redemption to His people. He has paid a full ransom for his people. He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever.

***His name is holy and awe-inspiring.***

Fear of the LORD is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom.

***Praise him forever!***

**New Testament –** Colossians 3:12-17

**New Testament – Luke 2:22-40**

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## **We Sing the Story of Christ**

*Sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.*

See Him Lying on a Bed of Straw 374P

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

The Hands That First Held Mary's Child (Kingsfold)

## **We Pray and Give Offerings**

*“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.” (2 Corinthians 8:9)*

Prayers of the People

Dedication of Offerings

Hymn- “Child in a Manger”

## **We Hear the Word Expounded**

Sermon Text: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: “In My Father's House” by Wayne Conrad

Hymn- “Within the Father's House” (SM) Franconia

**Let us confess our common Christian faith by the Nicene Creed:**

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

and of all things visible and invisible;

And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only begotten Son of God,

begotten of his Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father;

by whom all things were made;

who for us men and for our salvation

came down from heaven,

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

