

***Sunday, December 10, 2023***



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## **INTRODUCTION**

*A New and Glorious Morn focuses on the reality that in Christ the old is gone and all things are made new. (2 Cor. 5:17) Ancient Israel had yearned for the promised Messiah for generations. When Jesus came, it wasn't how they had envisioned God's redemption plan would unfold. Yet, it followed the prophets' road map to a "T" as he was divinely conceived and born in the tiny village of Bethlehem. With his birth came the promise of a new day of hope and life for those who embraced God's message through this newborn King.*

## **WELCOME**

## **CANTATA PART I**



***Come, Adore the Newborn King***

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**O come, all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come, ye, o come, ye  
To Bethlehem  
Come and behold him  
Born the king of angels  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him  
Christ, the Lord**

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus, to thee  
Be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him  
Christ, the Lord**



***Prepare for the Coming of the Lord***

***The Promised King of Heaven***

***Holy Child of Bethlehem***

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **OFFERING**

*The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Ushers will come by to collect today's offering, or you can use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ.*

## **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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

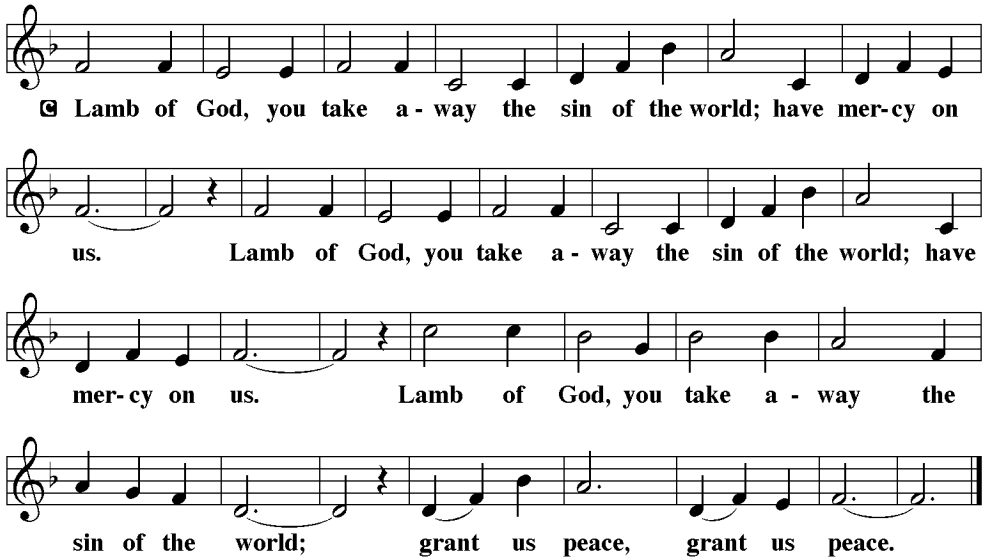
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Please sit*

## LAMB OF GOD



☞ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, when your Son Jesus gathered a crowd and blessed the loaves and fish, all ate and were filled. And still there was more. In your love and care, extend this meal to all who will come after to receive it. Give us all the comfort of your abiding presence and the courage to be the body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **CANTATA PART II**

***All Glory Be to God On High  
Rise, Up, Shepherd, Go Tell It***

***A Holy, Silent Night***  
Silent Night

**Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin, mother and child  
Holy infant, so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace  
Sleep in heavenly peace**

**Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake, at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing "Alleluia"  
Christ, the savior is born  
Christ, the savior is born**

**Silent night, holy night  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth**



***Arise and Shine, Your Light Has Come***  
*On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing*

**On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring  
On Christmas night all Christians sing  
To hear the news the angels bring  
News of great joy, news of great mirth  
News of our merciful king's birth**

**All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night  
All out of darkness we have light  
Which made the angels sing this night  
Glory to God in the highest heav'n  
Now and forevermore, Amen**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
Sing all ye citizens  
Of heaven above  
Glory to God  
All glory in the highest  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him  
O come, let us adore him  
Christ, the Lord**

## BLESSING

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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Abigail Circle and Naomi Circle will gather for a lunch at Chicken Salad Chick at the Seminole City Center on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. Just come rain or shine! Abigail Circle will have their December meeting on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via zoon.

The Angel Tree will be in the narthex with gift requests for Mildred Helms School until December 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions please contact Marilou Nemeth at 727-546-9580. The final date for the collection of these items is Sunday December 17, 2023. Please put the Christmas tag with your unwrapped gift under the tree. Thank you for your continued support of Mildred Helms.



**Our Stewardship  
For the month ending November 2023**

	Church	Little Lambs
Needed monthly	\$ 28,514.45	\$ 51,864.17
Giving/Income for the month	13,290.89	58,851.50
Monthly Expenses	\$ 19,957.59	\$ 52,317.62
Giving/Income YTD	171,370.55	770,668.66
Expenses YTD	282,468.11	590,914.67
Estimated Cost for Roof and Renovations		\$ 150,000.00
Total Paid Out for Roof and Renovations so far		\$ 123,494.00
Contributions towards Roof and Renovations		\$ 22,440.51



**Sunday Worship Services – 9:45am**  
**FaithWorks Sundays - 11:00am**

Monday, December 11 – 12:30pm – WELCA Luncheon at Chicken Salad Chick  
Sunday, December 17 – 11:00am – Messy Church & Christmas Pageant  
Sunday, December 24 – 9:45am – Advent 4 Worship Service  
Sunday, December 24 – 7:00pm – Christmas Eve Service