

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD
WORD & EUCHARIST BY CANDLELIGHT

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2022 8:00 PM
LIVESTREAM & IN-PERSON



BIENVENIDOS! EVERYONE IS WELCOME. THIS MEANS YOU.

Welcome to First English Lutheran Church. You're invited to fully participate in a community of faith and friendship that gathers for worship, relationship building, personal growth, and service in the community and the world. Following the example of Christ, this congregation welcomes you exactly as you are. We are committed to the work of racial equity, justice, and advocating for marginalized groups. We welcome people in all places on the journey of faith and life. We celebrate differences in age, appearance, economic status, ethnic origin, nationality, race, family configuration, marital or relationship status, political leaning, religious background, and those who are differently abled physically or mentally. Since 1989, FELC has openly welcomed persons of all sexual orientations and gender identities and expressions to full participation in the church and society. We're Lutheran, so that means we believe in grace for everyone. The good news of Jesus Christ, who brings us the love and mercy of God as a gift, liberates us to love as we are loved, serve as we are served, and give as we have been given much. We rejoice in the diversity that has nurtured and enriched the whole church. Whether you're from another faith tradition, a seeker and questioner looking for more to life and a place to explore, or even a lifelong Lutheran, we're glad to have you.

To learn more about our history: <https://www.felcaustin.org/information/aboutfelc/felc-history>

ESTA LITURGIA/THIS LITURGY

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We ask everyone worshipping in the sanctuary to respect each individual's safety needs and desires, especially anyone at high risk for Covid complications. Masking is encouraged in winter months.

At First English, **we strive to use language** for God, Christ, and humanity **that is inclusive and diverse.** Our use of feminine, non-gender, and masculine names and metaphors for God, both biblical and contemporary, helps us to experience God more fully. Languages that include persons of all gender identities, sexualities, ethnicities, and color, helps us better reflect God's expansive love and diversity.

Hearing assistance devices are available for use. Two options are available: an earpiece, or a hearing loop for those who use hearing aids. Please connect with an usher if you would like a hearing assistance device.

Children and adults are welcome here to be fully present and fully themselves. There is a *Faith of a Child* children's time before the sermon.

We welcome your generosity in person and online. All of life is an offering to God. Before the offering time, which is near the middle of the liturgy, all worshipping in person are invited to place an offering in a basket located at the welcome table at either entrance. Offering baskets will not be passed during the liturgy.

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✚AL CONGREGARSE/GATHERING

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, YEAR A

As we gather tonight, you are invited to have an open heart and mind, this bulletin to guide you, and an individual candle to light near the conclusion of the liturgy.

We continue praying for and supporting the people and leaders of Ukraine as conflict continues. We light a candle in the chancel (with the colors of the Ukrainian flag) each week.

Gathering music begins at 7:45 pm.

Instrumental and choral voluntaries, anthems, and carols are offered.

GATHERING MUSIC

VOLUNTARY

Noël Suisse (Grand Jeu et Duo)

Louis-Claude Daquin (1697-1772)

The assembly remains seated to sing the carol.

CAROL

I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve

text: Marie Wexelsen (1883-1911)

music: *Jeg Er Sa Glad*, Peder Knudsen (1819-1863)

Jeg er så glad hver ju-le-kveld, ti da blev Je-sus født;
 1 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je-sus' birth!
 2 The lit-tle child in Beth-le-hem, he was a king in-deed!
 3 He dwells a-gain in heav-en's realm, the Son of God to-day;
 4 I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve! His prais-es then I sing;
 5 And so I love each Christ-mas Eve, and I love Je-sus too;

da lys - te stjer - nen som en sol, og eng - ler sang så sødt.
 Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.
 For he came down from heav'n a - bove to help a world in need.
 and still he loves his lit - tle ones and hears them when they pray.
 he o - pens now for ev - 'ry child the pal - ace of the king.
 and that he loves me ev - 'ry day I know so well is true.

ANTHEM

Up! Good Christen Folk, and Listen

George Woodward (1901)

Ding-dong, ding: Ding-a-dong-a-ding: Ding-dong, ding-dong: Ding-a-dong-ding.

1. Up! good Christen folk, and listen how the merry church bells ring,
And from steeple bid good people
Come adore the new-born King:
2. Tell the story how from glory God came down at Christmastide,
Bringing gladness, chasing sadness,
Show'ring blessings far and wide.
3. Born of mother, blest o'er other, Ex Maria Virgine {of Mary, the virgin},
In a stable ('Tis no fable),
Christus natus hodie {Christ is born}.

ANTHEM

Gesu Bambino

Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)

Sung in Italian

When blossoms flower amid the snows upon a winter night,
Was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light.
The angels sang. The shepherds sang. The grateful earth rejoiced.
And at His blessed birth, the stars their exultation voiced.
O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night
That gave the world the Christmas Rose, the King of love and light.
Let every voice acclaim his name, the grateful chorus swell!
From paradise to earth he came that we with him might dwell.
O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore him. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Worship of God, in Christ, by the power of the Spirit is the center of Christian life. Through encountering God we are formed and transformed. Liturgy refers to the patters, forms, elements, words, silence, and actions through which public worship happens at this physical site and online.

La asamblea se pone de pie. / The assembly stands, as able, to sing.

As the cross is carried in processions, you are invite to bow as a sign of reverence for Christ.

CAROL AT THE PROCESSION

O Come, All Ye Faithful

text/music: J. F. Wade (1711-1786)

Adeste Fideles

- 1 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:
Refrain
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!
- 2 The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*
- 3 Child for us sinners poor and in a manger,
We would embrace thee with love and awe;
Who would not love thee, loving us so dearly? *Refrain*
- 4 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest: *Refrain*

SALUDO/GREETING

Beloved of God, the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the community formed in the Spirit, are with you now.
And also with you.

CAROL OF PRAISE

Angels We Have Heard on High

text: French carol, 1864

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| 1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo! | 2 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo! |
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music: *Gloria*, French 1902

ORACIÓN DEL DIÁ/PRAYER OF THE DAY

Living God, on this holy night we gather—

to gaze with shepherds, amazed at your glory;

to sing with angels, rejoicing in your work;

to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise;

to be with Mary, cradling your love.

May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy:

to us a Savior is born.

Glory and praise to you forever! **Amen!**

La asamblea se sienta. / The assembly is seated.

BIENVENIDO A ADORAR/WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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✚PALABRA/WORD

PRIMERA LECTURA/FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

New Revised Standard Version

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPUESTA/RESPONSE

Gaudete! Christus est Natus

Traditional; setting: David Lee (2000)

Sung in Latin

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary, rejoice!

1. At the time of grace and longed-for blessing, love faithfully offers a song of praise.
2. God is made human in this wonderful birth, the world is renewed through the reign of Christ.
3. Therefore we meet in pure songs of joy; we bless the Lord, King of salvation.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*La asamblea se pone de pie para recibir el evangelio./
The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

The word of God, living and active, is proclaimed in the midst of the assembly.

ACLAMACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO/GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A soloist sings the Alleluia acclamation first, then all repeat.



I bring you good news of great joy for ¹all the people:*

to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messi- ¹ah, the Lord. Luke 2:10-11; Plainsong VI

All repeat the Alleluia acclamation.

EVANGELIO/GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

NRSV, New Testament pew bible, page 50

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

As the procession returns, the assembly repeats the Alleluia acclamation.

FE DE LOS NIÑOS/FAITH OF A CHILD

Children and families are invited to gather at the baptismal font for Faith of A Child, a time for Welcome, Water, Wonder, and Worship.

SERMÓN

A time of quiet reflection follows the sermon.

La asamblea se pone de pie para proclamar la palabra de Dios en canción. /

The assembly stands, as able, to proclaim the word of God in song.

CAROL

Love Has Come

Ken Bible (b. 1950); *Un Flambeau*, French (1856)



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

ORACIÓN/PRAYER

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

LA PAZ/SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We offer signs and gesture of peace.

We are aware of others' desire for distance to be maintained and touch to be respected.

Those participating via livestream are invited to make a comment in the chat or to text someone.

The assembly is seated.

+COMIDA/MEAL

PRESENTACIÓN DE LAS OFRENDAS

*We invite your generosity to supports the mission of the church, and the care of those in need.
Offering baskets are on the Welcome tables at the entrances to the nave.*

Worshippers may give online: www.felcaustin.org/information/giving

OFFERING MUSIC

Domine Fili Unigenite

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

Gloria (RV 589, Mvmt. VII)

Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe

God the only begotten, Son Jesus Christ

The assembly stands as bread, wine, money, and other gifts are presented and prepared.

OFFERING CAROL

What Child is This?

text: William Dix (1837-1898)

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

2. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh:
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
the virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

music: Greensleeves, English tune, 16th c

OFFERING PRAYER

Good and loving God,
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus who brings your love and grace.
As you have blessed us with many gifts,
may each life be a blessing.
Glory and praise to you forever. Amen.

*The offering is our response to God's grace.
Time, labor, wisdom, skill, energy, wonder, rest,
finances, resistance, prayers, protest, care, and
play all serve God's purposes.*

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh
 you have opened the eyes of faith
 to a new and radiant vision of your glory,
 that, beholding the God made visible,
 we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

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:

Early Christians prayed extended forms of a prayer of thanks and were invited to give praise for God's gifts and Christ's command to "do this in remembrance of me." The prayer includes the words spoken by Jesus at the Last Supper. The language of this prayer, and its variety, changes for seasons and circumstances. This song, called "Sanctus" in Latin, is an ancient part of Christian liturgy, based on Isaiah, chapter 2.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, 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

Michael Coffey

Holy and Wondrous God,
you created space and time, . . .
a world of love and justice may flourish.

In patient time you revealed . . .
so caring community would grow.

In good time you sent Jesus . . .
and new life to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed . . .
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Living with Christ in the gift
of past, present, and future
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Christ of all time,
be our companion on the way
so we may live in faith, hope, and love.
Come, Lord Jesus, into our time.

Come, Lord Jesus

Spirit of every moment,
bless this and every table,
and empower us to be
the body of Christ in the world,
so we humbly share ourselves
through words and acts
of courage and love.
Come, Holy Spirit, into this moment.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy One, with people of every generation
we give you all praise that we can sing and
utter through Christ, in the Spirit,
with all your church, in this eternal now.

Amen.

PADRE NUESTRO/LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.**

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

**Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los que nos ofenden.**

**No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el
poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.**

PARTIENDO EL PAN/BREAKING THE BREAD *Jesus, Lamb of God* Schubert; text: based on *Agnus Dei*

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

The first system of the musical score is written for voice and piano. The voice part is in the treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The piano accompaniment is in the bass clef with the same key signature. The lyrics are 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.' The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes in the voice part, with some notes beamed together. The piano part consists of chords and moving lines in the left hand.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

The second system continues the musical score. The voice part has the lyrics 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.' The musical notation follows the same style as the first system, with a focus on the vocal melody and piano accompaniment.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

The third system of the musical score features the lyrics 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,'. The musical notation continues the vocal and piano parts, maintaining the same key signature and tempo.

grant us peace, grant us peace.

The fourth and final system of the musical score on this page contains the lyrics 'grant us peace, grant us peace.' The music concludes with a double bar line. The vocal part has a final note on a half note, and the piano part provides a harmonic foundation.

COMMUNION INVITATION & DISTRIBUTION

*All baptized Christians, including children, are invited to the Lord's Supper.
We encourage you to participate in a way that is meaningful for you.*

The Eucharist is offered to one side of the church at a time.

Ushers will direct you via the center aisle to a station to receive bread in your hand.

Then you may proceed to a station and receive a small cup, where wine will be poured.

Gluten-free wafers/grape juice are available. Please ask a minister.

Then make your way to your seat by a side aisle.

You are invited to kneel or sit in prayer, meditation, and singing.

If you are not communing, you are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.

If you desire communion or a blessing at your seat, please let an usher or minister know.

COMMUNION CAROLS

Oliver Rajamani



O Little Town of Bethlehem

Phillips Brooks (1835-1893)

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary,
and gathered all above
while mortals sleep, and angels keep
their watch of wondering love.
O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King.
and peace to all the earth.

Tonight, as we sing of Bethlehem in the time of Jesus, we recall that Bethlehem in Palestine of today is surrounded by a wall that oppresses its people — some generationally. We pray and work for peace with justice for all living in the West Bank.

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W Zlobie Lezy, trad. Polish carol; arr. David Willcocks (1919-2015)

Infant holy, infant lowly, for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, little knowing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are winging, angels singing,
noels ringing, tidings bringing,
Christ the babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping bigil till the morning new;
Saw the glory, heard the story,
tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,
praises voicing, greet the morrow,
Christ the babe was born for you!

The assembly remains seated as we offer our thanks.

ORACIÓN DESPUÉS DE LA COMUNIÓN/PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of love, thank you for feeding and blessing us
for our journey with you and one another.

As you brought the holy family home again,
guide us on the way unfolding before us.

Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy:

Christ, the Savior, is born, who lives and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

CANTO A LA LUZ DE LAS VELAS/ CANDLELIGHT SINGING

The assembly stands to light individual candles and sing the carols.

As you pass the light, tip the unlit candle.

Away in a Manger

text: North American; music: James Murray (1841-1905)

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

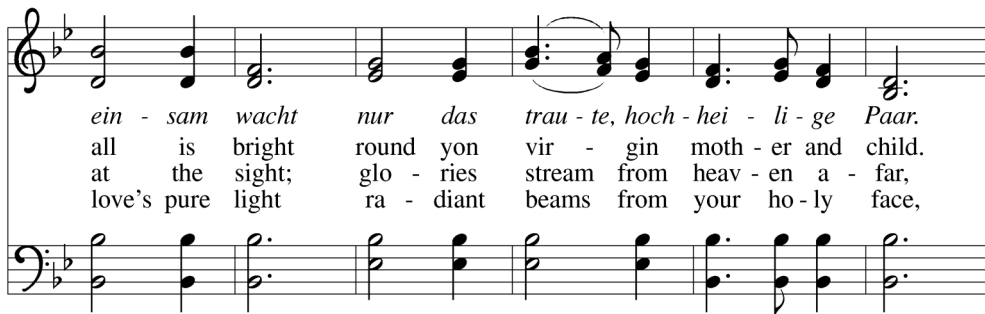
The choir sings first in German., then the assembly sings all three stanzas in English.

Silent Night

text: Joseph Mohr (1792-1849); music: Franz Gruber (1787-1863)



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

✚ENVIO/SENDING

We are sent with God's presence as we serve in actions of faith, hope, and love.

BENDICIÓN/BLESSING

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds,
the persistence of Mary, the humility of Joseph,
and the peace of Christ be yours this night;

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley/Felix Mendelssohn

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.”
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

2 Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail, incarnate deity!
Pleased as God with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

3 Hail the heav’n-born Prince of peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

DESPENDIDA/DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Individual candles are extinguished and may be deposited in boxes near the entrances.

As you leave this evening, you are invited to take a poinsettia plant—a gift from First English. Merry Christmas!

ENVIANDO MÚSICA/SENDING MUSIC

“Sortie Improvisée”

Bryan Rust (b. 1975)

GROW IN SERVICE, WORSHIP, FORMATION, & CARE

To learn about our faith community, greet one another and visit our webpage. You'll find information about weekly updates and emails, online connections, racial justice action, adult and children's formation, our Child Development Center, our serving, locally and globally, and our caring with one another. God loves. We love. *Everyone!*

Webpage	http://www.felcaustin.org/ updates and news about ministry & mission
YouTube, Facebook, & Twitter	YouTube: First English Austin Facebook: FELCAustin Twitter: @FELCAustin
Communications Sign-Up	Subscribe on our website to our weekly email news, praying, & other updates https://www.felcaustin.org/news/communications-sign-up
Online Giving	Offer your stewardship in multiple ways: www.felcaustin.org/giving
ELCA	https://www.elca.org/ learn about our ecumenical, interfaith, & global mission
Disaster Response	www.elca.org / —800-638-3522 give directly to Lutheran Disaster Response
Immigration & Refugee Services	https://www.lirs.org & https://www.casamarianella.org/ for advocacy & donation

PRAYER LIST: REQUESTS FOR PERSONS & FAMILIES

12/22/2022

We pray for:

the citizens, immigrants, and refugees, and the national, state, and local leaders of the United States;
the people of Ukraine and of Russia; for all conflicts and places of gun violence, worldwide;
God's guidance for our congregation and community as we begin a pastoral transition;
all in need of healing, including those recovering from Covid-19;
healing for Cecily, colleague of Nancy Baden, diagnosed with Leukemia and in treatment;
Billye Dunnahoe, mother of Teresa Ringness, recovering from medical procedures;
all traveling in these days, near and far.

We welcome your prayer requests for needs and thanksgivings for yourself, individuals, families, and situations.

Please submit prayer requests for the FELC prayer list online: <https://www.felcaustin.org/forms/prayer-request>

The FELC Prayer Circle gathers faithfully to pray. If you desire prayers offered (including confidentially) for you, your loved ones, needs and thanksgivings, our faith community, the church, the world contact Teresa at ttbhip@gmail.com

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*The people, congregation council, child development center board and families, & staff
of First English Lutheran Church wish each person a blessed & merry Christmas!*

Christmas Day Lessons & Carols Liturgy with Holy Communion

In-person and YouTube livestream. Festive hospitality follows the liturgy.

Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 AM

First Sunday of Christmas / New Year's Day Zoom Worship & YouTube Livestream

NO in-person worship at the church building

Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM

FELC Community Zoom link (at the end of each weekly email news)

The Zoom worship will also be livestreamed to our YouTube channel

Epiphany House Blessings

Epiphany is a traditional time for blessing of the home with readings, prayer, and chalking above the entrance to the home with a blessing for the year. As the magi visited the home of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus and brought gifts and blessings, we bless homes in the name of Christ.

**On January 4 Bryan Rust and Pastor Michael Coffey will visit homes north of FELC,
and on January 5 they will visit homes south of FELC. Both days they will schedule between 10 AM and 3 PM.**

If you would like them to come to your home and offer an Epiphany house blessing, email Pastor Coffey
(pastor@felcaustin.org) to request being added to the list.

Blessings are performed outside at the front door, and you don't have to be home.

SIRVIENDO/SERVING

Acolytes

Holden Fuerst

Hadley Fuerst

Harper Fuerst

Altar Care Server

Margaret Bruesch

Assisting Minister

Bradley Fuerst

Floral Care

Teresa Ringness

Heidi Goebel

Lector

Trish Karli

Livestream Team

J. P. Northcutt-Benson

Offering Counter

Terry Porter

Presiding Minister

Michael Coffey

Ushers

Randy Baden, Monica Lund

Music Ministers FELC Choir

Elijah Aguirre, oboe; Andrew Koepp, tenor soloist;

Shannon Aguirre, soprano soloist;

Leigh Northcutt-Benson, alto soloist;

Oliver Rajamani, percussion; Bryan Rust, director

*The Poinsettias are given to the glory of God by
Katherine Houston & by Teresa Ringness in memory of
Teresa's son, Jeffrey David Tice.*

*The Christmas Tree is given to the glory of God by
Kathryn and Michael Coffey.*

*The handmade, colored bookmarks are a gift to
worshippers offered by Barbara Wiederaenders.*



GOD LOVES. WE LOVE.

Everyone!

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Todos!

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