

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
JANUARY 2, 2022



IT'S A BRAND NEW YEAR!
GOD BLESS 2022!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Christmas 2

January 2, 2022

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

In the Bleak Midwinter

David Cherwien

GATHERING HYMN

Angels from the Realm of Glory

#275 ELW

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Bells of Christmas

#298 ELW



1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly
2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly
3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled
4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our



guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly
find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a
babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who
Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from



dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.
man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.
glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.
lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Holy One,
heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds
and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem.
Through the telling of the Christmas story,
let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal
in that same child,
that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly host
in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”

¹¹For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,

¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 147:12-20

¹²Worship the LORD, ¹O Jerusalem;
praise your ¹God, O Zion,
¹³**who has strengthened the bars ¹of your gates
and has blessed your chil- ¹dren within you.**
¹⁴God has established peace ¹on your borders
and satisfies you with the ¹finest wheat.
¹⁵**God sends out a command ¹to the earth,
a word that runs ¹very swiftly.**
¹⁶God gives ¹snow like wool,
scattering ¹frost like ashes.
¹⁷**God scatters ¹hail like bread crumbs.
Who can stand a- ¹gainst God's cold?**
¹⁸The LORD sends forth the ¹word and melts them;
the wind blows, and the ¹waters flow.
¹⁹**God declares the ¹word to Jacob,
statutes and judg- ¹ments to Israel.**
²⁰The LORD has not done so to any ¹other nation;
they do not know God's judgments. ¹Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERMON

HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

#295 ELW



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
3 This is he whom seers in old time chant - ed of with
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing; pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

A - men.

¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Holy Words. Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



No - el, No - el, No - el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

Before the reading: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

After the reading: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

While we still were sinners, Christ died for us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God promises to heal us and forgive us. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

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God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Expressing our Hopes and Dreams for 2022

Prayers of the People

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Sharing The Peace of Christ

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

CELEBRATING HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...on the night he was betrayed...

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;
and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Distribution

All are invited to the Table. Come as you wish. The ushers will guide you by row.

The pastor distributes the bread. Others will distribute wine and grape juice. Simply take a pre-poured glass and return it to the empty tray.

We use White Grape Juice. This juice is lighter in color and located in the center of the tray.

The people are welcome and invited to sing during communion.

Singing during Communion

Lamb of God



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



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

The First Noel

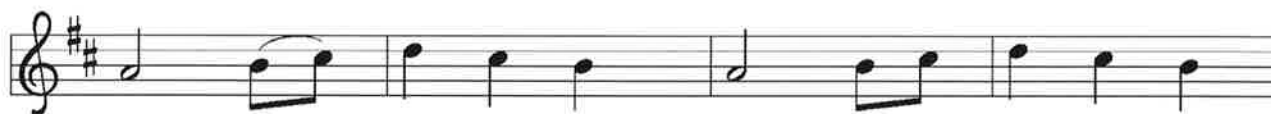
#300 ELW



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain



night that was so deep.
 tin-ued both day and night.
 star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
 place where Je - sus lay.
 myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

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- 1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;
- 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be wise. Be Kind. Let Love Abound.

Thanks Be to God!

POSTLUDE

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Christopher Uehlein

SERVANT'S SCHEDULE

Assisting Minister

Jan 9 — Valinda Morse

Jan 16 — Russ Long

Lector

Jan 9 — Valinda Morse

Jan 16 — Jeanne Moussette

Altar Preparation

Jan 9 — Serena Severance & Tom McIntosh

Jan 16 — Amy Sigmar

Counters

Jan 9 — TBD

Jan 16 — TBD

Coffee Hour Hosts

Jan 9 — Maggie Qian (Baptism of Maggie)

Jan 16 — The Bates

Ushers

Jan 9 — Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

Jan 16 — Amy & Thor Sigmar

THANK YOU FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE!!

A big thank you to Barbara Helde for heading up the Fellowship Committee in providing the Congregation with all of the coffee hour goodies for all of the Sundays in Advent! Barbara headed it up but she couldn't have done it by herself. So a big thank you also goes out to Linda Johnson, Kay Kurtzweg, Jeanne Moussette, Georgia Backman, Susan Swenson, Kimberly Milham, Ronnie Beckerleg and anybody else that I might have overlooked! My apologies if I did!

NEW!

LEFTOVERS SUNDAY! TODAY!

Following MLC tradition, today, Sunday, January 2nd (date changed) will be "Leftovers Sunday". Please bring your leftover calories (goodies that you don't want hanging around the house to tempt you) to church on Sunday to share with everyone during the coffee hour.



This Week at MLC

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

Tuesday, January 4

10:30am Bible Study, in person

7pm Magnolia Big Band

Wednesday, January 5

9am Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, January 7

8pm AA Speakers Meeting

Sunday, January 9

8:15am Worship Service

10am Worship Service

WOMEN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR— POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE NEW YEAR

Cozy up to your laptop or iPad and join our Zoom meeting with your favorite beverage. Just a time for a casual chat and check in. Stay tuned for new days & times!



Navajo Lutheran Mission

If you were in church recently, you probably received a handout pertaining to a trip that MLC is planning to the Navajo Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, Arizona next Summer. If you didn't receive one last Sunday, hopefully you got one today! If not, please see Parish Administrator, Nancy, and she will make sure you get a copy! The trip is open to everyone and will be a great opportunity to see how your donations are being used. The goal is to make sure everyone who wishes to go, can, regardless of financial situations that might otherwise keep you from going. Stay tuned for more information!

NEED A GOOD BOOK TO READ?

Over the summer months we have received many quality reads for our Free Library. Please peruse the offering and feel free to take any book for your pleasure. We also ask that you donate used books when you have gleaned from them insights into your life. There is no cost... just an opportunity to read excellent books. You are encouraged to return them after you have finished reading.

MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Advent is upon us, a time of longing and waiting, a time of darkness and light. Your Social Action Committee has chosen this season to focus on those at the Compass Housing Alliance who have little or nothing. There will be a **Giving Tree in the Narthex** after Thanksgiving. The tree is an opportunity for you to give to those less fortunate. Envelopes hanging from the Giving Tree designate shoes, socks and underwear. In addition there are envelopes for gift cards to give to parents for their children's Christmas wishes. Please consider taking an envelope from the tree. Write a check for the amount on the front of the envelope and place it in the offering plate. That way we can continue to provide for those who have so little. Your Social Action Committee thanks you for your continued generosity!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time and energy in order to keep MLC running smoothly in 2021! There are too many to mention by name but **you** know who you are and **we** know who you are! New schedules will be out shortly for the Sunday servants.

NEW!

HYGIENE ITEMS NEEDED!

Compass Housing Alliance is in need of hygiene items for homeless adults. WestSide Baby needs the same, except their need is for babies. In the past we have asked that you bring in kits, however, they would rather have the loose items so that they can assemble the kits themselves. Shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste (small), deodorant (small), soap, bags (zipper); baby shampoo, diapers/pull-ups, wipes, diaper cream, bottles, sippy cups, pacifiers, etc. Please drop the items off in the marked box in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your ongoing generosity!



WestSide Baby
basics for children in need

COMPASS
HOUSING
ALLIANCE

NEW TIME!



Please Remember In Prayer

- Linda Kellenberger
- Dave Larson
- Don Goertzen
- Erika Simonson
- Family of Bob McIntosh
- Pauline McIntosh
- Family of J.J. Rentel
- Family of William Olden
- Family of Barbara Munro
- Samantha Scheiber
- Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
- Liza & Bill Biscomb (parents of Victoria Watson)
- Joi and Todd Arnston (stepdaughter and son in law to Carol Hurlburt)
- Kathi Galletly (friend of the Torellis)
- Jonathan Drugge (son of friends of Kay Thoreson)
- Family of Don Westergaard (brother of Irene Long)
- Family of David Hoffman (friend of PK's friend)
- Family of Elsie Simon
- Karen Jones (friend of Lance Grimsby)

MAKE NOTE!



Making Music At MLC

Do you like to sing? Join the Choir! The start date for choir is up in the air right now, however, if you are interested in joining speak with our awesome Music Director, Ann Simonson, or email her at ajsi-mo@comcast.net. Singing is fun and good for you!

Can't sing but want to be a part of the music scene at MLC? Then the Bell Choir might be for you! No need to read music! If you're interested in joining please talk to, or email Ann Simonson. **Bell choir practices is over now until further notice.**

MAKE NOTE!



QUILTERS AND HAND WORK GROUPS

The handwork group began meeting again on December 2nd at Valinda Morse's house. **The next meeting will be on January 27th at 1pm at Ronnie Beckerleg's.**

Thank you for all of the donations for the quilting group but right now they are not accepting any more donations.

Crochet



Needlepoint



Knit



Last Week's Attendance

8:15 am — 1
10:00 am — 13

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

Share your God-given gifts by giving generously

Options for sharing God's gifts:

- Sunday offering
- Estate planning, stock/bond gifts
- Online banking through your financial institution

Payee – Magnolia Lutheran Church
2414 31st Ave W, Seattle, WA 98199
Telephone – 206-284-0155

- Computer or smartphone
online giving:
⇒Credit, Debit, Checking account
⇒One-time or recurring gifts

Set up online giving on our website
www.MagnoliaLutheranChurch.com/give

MLC Has WiFi!

For those of you who may not know, MLC has wifi available for all who wish to use it! Select "MLC Guest" on your device, the password is:

TumbleRibs398

(Not for use during church of course)

Financial Update As of November, 2021

*Income — \$ 295,807

Expenses—\$ 296,112

*Includes some prepaid pledges

Congregation Council 2020-2021

Council Officers:

President -- Robert Bergeron
Vice President -- Victoria Watson
Secretary -- Kimberly Milham
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary -- Alice Pease

Contact council officers at
council@magnolialutheranchurch.com

Council members:

The year listed is when the member's term ends, in June.

Audit Committee

Victoria Watson (2023)

Columbarium Committee

Robert Bergeron (2023)

Fellowship Committee

Kimberly Milham (2023)

Finance Committee

Serena Severance (2022)

Nominating Committee

Robert Zierman (2022)

Outreach Committee

Olivia Massiamano (2023)

Personnel Committee

Kay Thoreson (2023)

Property Committee

Mike Olden (2022)

Social Action Committee

Shane Ruegamer (2023)

Stewardship Committee

Robert Bergeron, Olivia
Massiamano, Serena Severance

Women of the ELCA

Kimberly Milham, Serena
Severance

Worship & Music Committee

Kay Thoreson (2021)

Faith Formation—TBD

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OUR CORE VALUES

- All are welcome here.
- Everybody does something.
- There is no minimum, or maximum age for ministry.
- This is a safe place for all God's children.
- We are good stewards of God's creation.

Altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

SERVANTS TODAY

Assisting Minister — Mark Johnson

Lector — Mark Johnson

Ushers - Rob Rowan & Noah Wittner

Altar Guild — Ronnie Beckerleg & Kay Kurtzweg

Audio — Johnny Searle

Live Stream — Aaron Stevens

Counters — TBD

Coffee Hour Host(s) — Leftovers!

Pastor — Kevin Bates

Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson

Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle

Caretaker — Mara Meloy

Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God

Affirmation of Welcome

Magnolia Lutheran Church is a place where everyone can find a welcoming, caring, friendly home. Here is a sanctuary filled with the love and grace of our Lord and modeled by our Savior, Jesus Christ.

We believe God's love is for everyone and so commit to provide inclusive acceptance, spiritual nourishment, inspiring kindness and a gracious and loving faith community.

We believe all of God's creations are holy and welcome to receive the sacraments, and to share in fellowship and service here. All people of every ability, race, family or marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic condition and background belong here, **Reconciling In Christ**, as children of God.

All are beautiful as they are.

All are part of God's masterpiece.

All are loved as they are.

All are welcome here.

