

New Year's Eve The First Sunday after Christmas December 31, 2023

Welcome to Gloria Dei!

The name *Gloria Dei* is a Latin phrase meaning *God's glory*. We pray that here you will find his glory and love chiefly revealed in our Savior Jesus. May your time in worship be edifying and enable you to focus on Jesus as the solution to your sin and as the certainty of eternal life in heaven.

Should you need a **restroom** during the service, you will find them in the Fellowship Hall directly beneath the sanctuary. Exit the sanctuary by the main doors, turn right and head down the stairs, turn right at the bottom of the stairs and enter the first door.

If you need anything during the service, please speak to one of the ushers.

To Those Visiting with Children

The members of Gloria Dei believe that families should be able to worship together. It is clear that some amount of noise will come with children being in worship. Any noise children make in worship is the sound of families doing what God has told them to do: bringing their children to sit at Jesus' feet. Should your family need a few moments away from the sanctuary, the Fellowship Hall located directly beneath the sanctuary is open and equipped with a closed circuit TV of the service.

Our Communion Practice

If you are a visitor with us today, we are glad that you're here! We are celebrating the Lord's Supper in worship today. If you would like to receive the Lord's Supper today, we ask that you speak with Pastor Shrimpton or one of the ushers before doing so.

God requires that we only commune with those with whom we share complete agreement in God's Word (**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**) and makes us responsible for ensuring that those whom commune know exactly what God teaches lest people commune to their spiritual harm (**1 Corinthians 11:27-30**). Because of this, we ask that any visitors who are not a member of one of our sister congregations give us the opportunity to compare what we teach with your faith to ensure that we are in complete agreement before you commune with us. Please speak with Pastor Shrimpton after worship for more information.

The Theme of Today's Worship

As we approach a new year, we give thanks to God for the blessings of the year drawing to a close, ask for his blessings in the new year ahead, and impolore him to keep our hearts ever looking to the eternal home he has prepared for us in Jesus' life and death for us.

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pastor Timothy Shrimpton
Accompanist	Kathy Lee
Ushers	Steve Powers and Tim Mann
Communion Assistant	Jasen Higgins
Altar Committee	Janet Powers
Coffee Hour Host	"Christmas Extras"

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The Service

Opening Hymn

347 Angels from the Realms of Glory





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Please stand

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

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If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.<sup>†</sup>
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Let us confess our sins to the Lord. Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

^{*} We are born into this world with a deep need for confession. We come as sinners before the holy God who demands perfection from us. We come asking for his forgiveness, trusting in his promises to forgive us for the sake of Jesus' life and death in our place.

Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning^{*} sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.[†]

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

^{*} To "atone" is to put to separated parties back "at one" with each other. By his death, Jesus covered over our sin and put sinful mankind back at one with our Creator. See **1 John 2:2**.

[†] [Jesus said,] "Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.... Amen I tell you: Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (John 20:23, Matthew 18:18).

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis*



^{*} This song borrows the words of the angels as they proclaimed the birth of the Savior to the shepherds **(Luke 2:14)**. This song's traditional name, *Gloria in Excelsis*, is a Latin phrase meaning *glory in the highest*.



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The Word

Salutation

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives, you bless us with your love. Grant that in this new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in anticipation of the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Listen to me, you people who pursue righteousness, you people who seek the LORD! Look confidently to the rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were cut.
²Look confidently to Abraham your father, and to Sarah, who gave birth to you.
Yes, when I called him, Abraham was only one person, but I blessed him and multiplied him.
³The LORD is certain to comfort Zion.
He will comfort all her ruins.
Certainly he will make her wilderness like Eden and her wasteland like the garden of the LORD.
Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of music. Isaiah 51:1–6

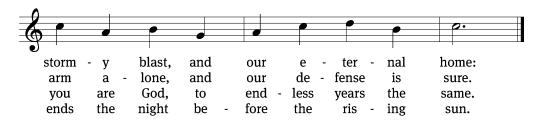
⁴Pay attention to me, O my people. My nation, listen to me! For the law will go out from me, and I will establish my justice as a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness is near. My salvation goes forth, and my arms will bring justice to the peoples. The seacoasts will wait for me. They will have confidence in my arm. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens. Look closely at the earth beneath, because the heavens will vanish like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a garment, and its inhabitants will die like gnats. But my salvation will remain forever, and my righteousness will never be abolished.

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

Psalm of the Day



Psalm 90D



 Time, like an everrolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

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Second Reading

James 4:13–17

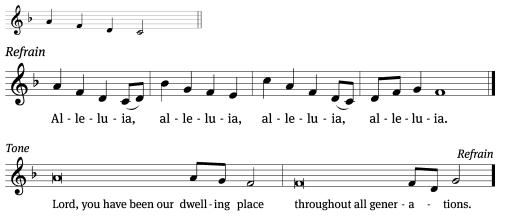
Gome now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into this or that city, spend a year there, do business, and make a profit." ¹⁴You do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? Indeed, it is a mist that appears for a little while and then disappears. ¹⁵Instead, it is better for you to say, "If it is the Lord's will, we will live, and we will do this or that." ¹⁶But right now you are boasting in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. ¹⁷So, for the one who knows the right thing to do and doesn't do it, this is a sin.

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



Gospel Acclamation



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Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

Psalm 90:1

S omeone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?"

¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man's life is not measured by how many possessions he has."

¹⁶He told them a parable: "The land of a certain rich man produced very well. ¹⁷He was thinking to himself, 'What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods. ¹⁹And I will tell my soul, "Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry." '

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?'

²¹"That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

^{*} We stand out of respect for the words and account of the life of our Savior and King, Jesus.

Be seated

Children's Message

The children are invited forward to sit in the first pew on the left-hand side of the sanctuary. Parents may join them for this special message.

Hymn of the Day

717 What Is the World to Me



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Sermon

James 4:13-17

Please stand

Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death 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, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

^{*} The Nicene Creed was originally adopted by the Council of Nicea in 325 AD and has been a widely used confession of faith throughout Christendom since that time. Its chief purpose was to confess the Christian faith while defending the truth of Jesus' divinity against the teachings of Arianism which claim that Jesus is not true God.

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

With all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the leaders of our synod and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our president, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth that God has given us and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air (or through outer space), let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our lives to Christ our God. **Amen.**

Offering

The members of Gloria Dei give their offerings out of thanks to God for his unending love. These offerings are used to support our work locally and around the world. Our guests may give, but should not feel compelled to do so. If you wish to give a gift electronically, please visit <u>www.gdluth.org/giving</u> or scan the code to the right.



If you are a guest with us today, please fill out the "Connection Card" in the racks at the end of each pew and leave the card with an usher, in the offering plate, or with the pastor.

As the offering plates are brought forward, please stand for prayer.

The Sacrament

Preface*

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 him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whose wonderful and mysterious birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

^{*} The words of the Preface are the least changed liturgical text of the Christian church, dating back to at least 200 AD. They are spoken as joyous words that anticipate the forthcoming reception of the Lord's Supper.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Sanctus*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

^{*} We join the saints in the triumph song of the holy God who has rescued us. We sing, "Hosanna!" which means, "Please save us!" The traditional name for this song, *Sanctus*, is the Latin word for *Holy*.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **Amen.**

^{*} This is no symbolic meal nor were Jesus' directions a parable. As his last will and testament, Jesus' direction on the Lord's Supper is clear: in a miraculous way, his true body and true blood are present with the bread and wine in the Sacrament. Through it we receive the forgiveness of our sins won for us by his death on the cross.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei*



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^{*} John the Baptist called Jesus the **"Lamb of God" (John 1:29)**, the long-promised, perfect sacrifice for sin. The traditional name of this song, *Agnus Dei*, is the Latin phrase *Lamb of God*.

Distribution

To our guests: please review "Our Communion Practice" on p. 2 of this worship folder before communing with us. If you have any questions, please speak with Pastor after the service.

Double-sided cups will be distributed to communicants in the pews and the entire congregation will commune at the same time.

Please stand

Thanksgiving

368 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year



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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.*

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.[†]

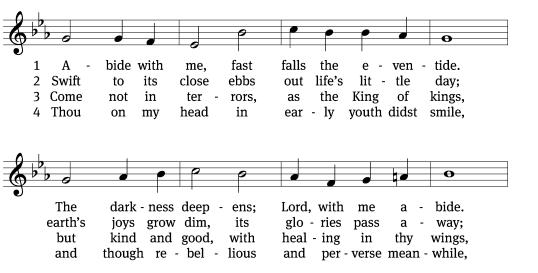
We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

783 Abide with Me

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

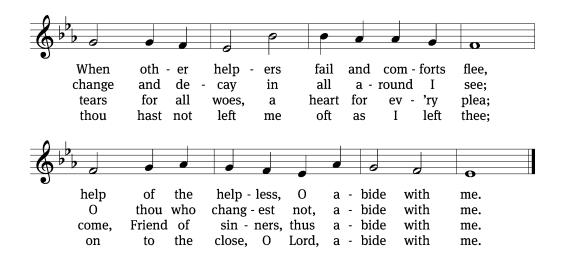
Amen.



Closing Hymn

† 1 Corinthians 11:26

^{*} These words of praise occur repeatedly in Scripture. For an example, see **Psalm 118:1**.



- 5 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!
- 6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?I triumph still if thou abide with me.
- Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
 in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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Calendar & Announcements

Sunday

Worship	10:30 am
Coffee Hour	11:30 am
No Adult Bible Class, Sunday School or Catechism Class (all resume on Januar	y 7)
No Evening New Year's Eve Worship	

Thursday

Senior Care Center Devotional Service [The Abigail, Redwood City]10	:00 am
Member Care Committee Meeting7	:00 pm

Next Sunday

Sunday School [Grades PreK-5th] and Bible Class [Life of Abraham]	i am
Worship) am
Coffee Hour) am
Catechism Class12:00	pm

Hosting Coffee Hour

It has been a true joy to have more people able to worship with us regularly and to join together in fellowship at coffee hour on Sundays after worsihp. We would love to be able to spread out the joy of hosting coffee hour moving forward. This doesn't need to be an elaborate, fancy spread of things; the goal is to facilitate fellowship time with our brothers and sisters over some coffee and a snack. If you have any questions or would be interested in helping out, please speak with Donna DaSanBiagio or Pastor Shrimpton. Thank you!



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