



Merry  
Christmas

**WELCOME VISITOR!** We are delighted that you are here to share worship of our Lord Jesus this morning together with the rest of us. We want you to be well informed about the Christian faith and about the church so don't be afraid to ask. You may communicate with us in several ways. Ask a neighbor in your pew, fill out a blue first-time visitor card, add your name to the Ritual of Friendship pad and by all means do not hesitate to contact our pastor. May God bless you this morning and throughout the week.

Rev. Susan Bennett, Pastor  
Dorothy Clark, Organist  
Glory Cumbow, Youth Director  
Tom Francis, Custodian Emeritus

Ward Gailey, Music Director  
Linda Hodges, Office Manager  
Nursery: Suzie Wharton & Breon Williams

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**9:30 A.M.**



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Please silence and refrain from using all electronic devices.

WELCOME Rev. Susan Bennett

OPENING PRAYER Gene Ingram

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #182 “O, Come All Ye Faithful” (see booklet)

ANTHEM “God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen” arr. Tom Anderson Choir & Kids

CAROLS BY REQUEST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7-10 Page 642, Pew Bible  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING John 1:1-14 Page 86, Pew Bible  
Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
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SERMON “When Truth Brings Light and Grace” Rev. Susan Bennett

SPECIAL MUSIC “Musette” J.S. Bach Monica Andrea Coutin-Baxter, violin

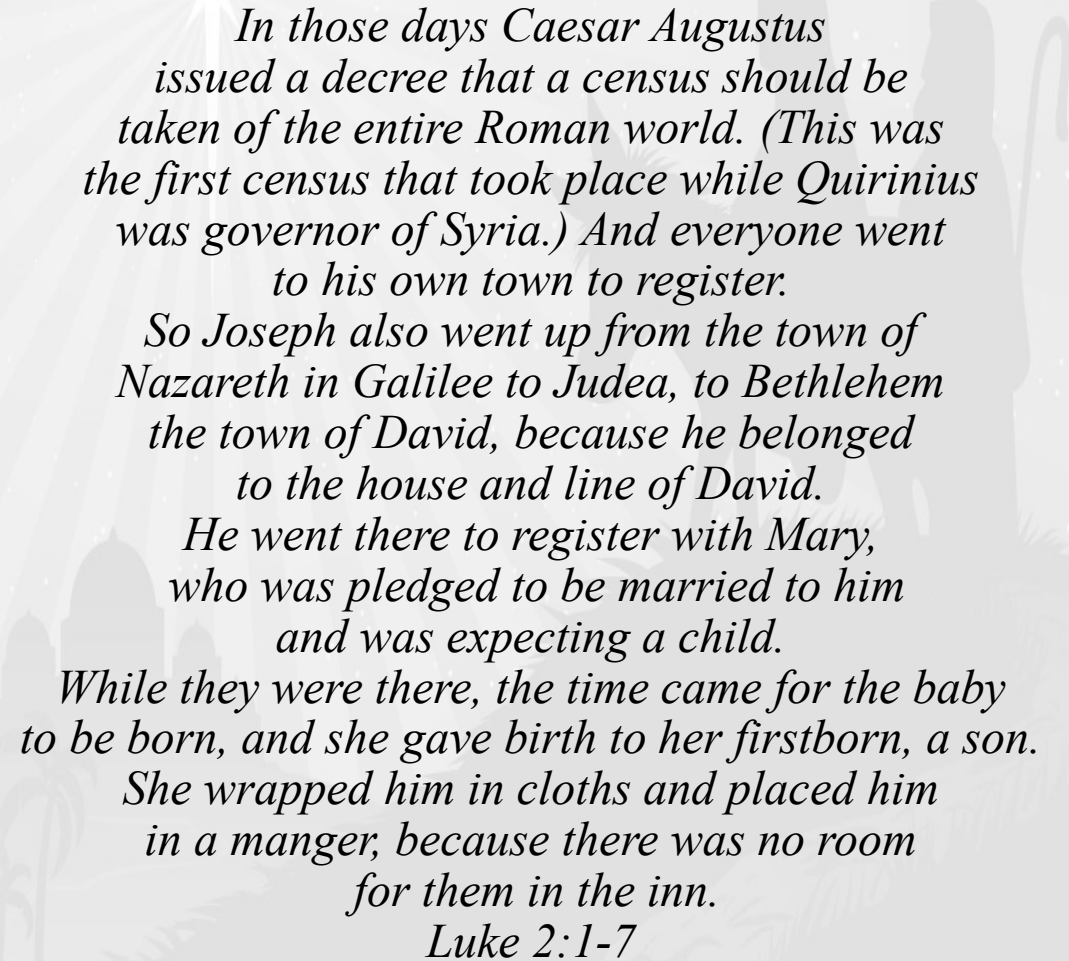
OFFERTORY “Ukrainian Bell Carol” Mykola Leontovich

STORIES OF CHRISTMAS

\*HYMN OF SENDING “Silent Night/Peace, Peace” Mohr-Powell-Bock  
Arlene Lathrop, oboe  
**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. (repeat)**

CLOSING PRAYER

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



*In those days Caesar Augustus  
issued a decree that a census should be  
taken of the entire Roman world. (This was  
the first census that took place while Quirinius  
was governor of Syria.) And everyone went  
to his own town to register.  
So Joseph also went up from the town of  
Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem  
the town of David, because he belonged  
to the house and line of David.  
He went there to register with Mary,  
who was pledged to be married to him  
and was expecting a child.  
While they were there, the time came for the baby  
to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.  
She wrapped him in cloths and placed him  
in a manger, because there was no room  
for them in the inn.  
Luke 2:1-7*