

## The Practice of Eucharist

The sacrament of Eucharist was instituted by Jesus at the Last Supper (Luke 22:7-20), practiced by Him after His resurrection (Luke 24:30-35) and given further explanation by the Apostle Paul to the church in Corinth (1 Cor. 11:17-34).

In taking Eucharist, we are not only remembering Jesus' sacrifice of body and blood for the redemption of the world, we are also mysteriously united with Christ. The Apostle Paul takes this union seriously, "Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16). Furthermore, Eucharist, while personal and intimate, is more than individualistic as we believe that followers of Jesus are also united and mysteriously made one body by sharing in the bread and cup (1 Cor. 10:17).

While we believe nothing magical occurs during Eucharist, something mysterious, real and powerful does. As a result of our theology, we partake in Eucharist on a weekly basis, generally at the end of our worship gathering as a crescendo.

We invite ALL (regardless of denomination) who have begun the journey to trust Jesus as Savior, Teacher and Lord to partake in the Sacrament of Eucharist. If you have not made a decision to follow Christ, please feel free to abstain as we are seeking to create an atmosphere of authenticity in which no one is manipulated into acting against their conscience. Practicalities: When you come forward for Eucharist, come when you feel ready at your leisure down the center aisle. Receive a piece of bread and then dip that piece of bread into either wine or grape juice before eating it. Then you may return to your seat.

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Sunday, December 12  
Advent Week 3: Love  
**Order of Service**

### Welcome

### Advent Wreath Lighting

### Call to Worship

I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:  
to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,  
who is the Messiah, the Lord.

**Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And hope to every discouraged heart.**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And peace to every conflicted soul.**

Glory to God in the highest!

**And joy to every downcast spirit.**

*Let us sing praises to our God.*

*Let us receive this light against the darkness.*

### Songs of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High

Cradled in a Manger Meanly

## Prayers of the People/ Offering

### Children's Church Lesson

#### Ministry of the Word

*Songs in waiting – The Gloria: Luke 2:8-20*

#### Response in Worship

When Love Crossed Over

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

#### Communion

(Please check out back of bulletin)

A Baby Will Come

#### Benediction

#### Unity Prayer

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE TABLE OF GOD, EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD.  
FOR CHRIST BRINGS PEACE TO ALL, TEARING DOWN EVERY HOSTILE WALL, SO THAT THE  
MANY MAY BECOME ONE—  
ONE HEART;  
ONE FAMILY;  
ONE NEW HUMANITY.  
FOR GOD, WHO IS LOVE, THROUGH CHRIST, WHO IS ALL AND IN ALL, SHOWS NO  
PARTIALITY AND MAKES NO DISTINCTION,  
SO NEITHER RACE NOR CLASS, GENDER NOR PRIVILEGE, POLITICS NOR RELIGION,  
PERSONALITY NOR NATIONALITY COUNT FOR US OR AGAINST US. THE LIGHT OF CHRIST  
ENLIGHTENS ALL.  
CHRIST THE PRISONER AND THE NAKED, CHRIST THE HUNGRY AND THE SICK, CHRIST  
THE THIRSTY AND THE STRANGER.  
CHRIST THE OTHER.  
MAY GOD'S SPIRIT HOVER OVER OUR CHAOS, OUR HATRED AND INDIFFERENCE,  
DESCEND IN OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE AND PLEASURE, BREATHE US OUT INTO THE  
WORLD TO LISTEN AND TO SERVE, SETTING US ABLAZE TO RECONCILE AND HEAL.  
FOR WE ARE ALL WELCOME AT THE TABLE OF GOD, EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD.



#### **SERMON OUTLINE:**

##### **Songs in Waiting: Gloria – Luke 2:8-20**

When was the last time you used 'Glory' in a sentence?

What first comes to mind when you hear this text?

Why do the angels say 'fear not'?

What does glory mean?

What then are the angels singing about?

What kind of 'peace' are the angels declaring?

How does this stand in contrast to culture's idea of peace?

Who is this peace for?

What does it look like?

What is significant about the shepherds being the first to receive this good news?

What was the far-reaching effect of Christ's birth?

What name does Matthew use to describe Christ's coming?

What significance does this have for you?

What do the shepherds do following the angelic experience?

What would it look like if our response to God was simply keeping Jesus warm in our own hearts and lives?



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