**Southminster Presbyterian Church**

**1st Sunday after Christmas or the 94th Sunday of Covid**

**December 26, 2021**

**9:30 a.m.**

Find the link for the service on one of these sites:

1) our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>  
2) our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos>  
3) our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

If the video feed is interrupted during the service, we will continue to record and then post the full video on Facebook and our web site as soon as possible.

Gathering Music

Our slideshow today is “Trees and The Original Christmas Lights”

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Candles (John 1:14)

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.**

Prelude: *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen*

Call to Worship

Leader: O, that our voices sounded like the heavenly choir,

**People: And our feet were young enough   
 to dance through the night.**

Leader: O, that our knees were strong enough   
 to kneel forever in wonder,

**People: And our hearts could forever ponder   
 the joy and share the love.**

Leader: Holy God, take who we are   
 and what we have to offer,

**People:** **And raise us this day to sing, along with   
 the choir of angels, in exultation and joy!**

Carol 112: *On Christmas Day All Christians Sing* (verse 1)

**On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring;  
On Christmas night all Christians sing,  
To hear the news the angels bring,  
News of great joy, news of great mirth,  
News of our merciful Kings birth.**

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Prayer of Confession: (2 Corinthians 3:18)

**Lord God, it is in admitting the truth of our lives that we make the first step toward wholeness and healing. Forgive the wrong that we have done, and bless the good we have accomplished. Thank you for loving, helping, and molding us more and more into the image of Jesus Christ, who is both Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Time of silence for personal prayer and confession)

Declaration of the Grace of God/Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Not only do we celebrate the birth of Jesus,

**People: We celebrate the new birth that has come to us   
 through his birth!**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**All: Our sin is cast out, and Jesus is born in us today!**

Response 134: *Joy to the World* (verse 3)

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

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The Passing of the Peace

Prayer for Illumination

**The Angels and Shepherds Sing**

Carol 142: *‘Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* (verse 1)

**‘Twas in the moon of wintertime,   
when all the birds had fled.  
Great Spirit, Lord of all the earth   
sent angel choirs instead.  
Before their light the stars grew dim   
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:  
Jesus, your king, is born;  
Jesus is born. In excelsis gloria.**

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Carol 113: *Angels We Have Heard on High* (verse 1)

**Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.**

**Glo - ria in excelsis Deo!**

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Carol 117: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks*  (verse 1)

**While shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.**

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Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:8-15

Carol 118: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* (verse 6)

**“All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace;**

**Good will to all from highest heaven**

**Tonight and never cease!”**

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Carol 123: *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* (verse 1)

**It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
From heaven's all gracious King”:  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
To hear the angels sing.**

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Carol 140: *Once in Royal David’s City* (verse 1)

**Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild;  
Jesus Christ her little child.**

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Meditation: “A Moment to Laugh”

**Singing in the Manger**

Carol 126: *Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child* (sing 2 times)

**Jesus, Jesus, O what a wonderful child.  
Jesus, Jesus, so holy, meek and mild;  
New life, new hope the child will bring.  
Listen to the angels sing:  
“Glory, glory, glory!”  
Let the heavens ring.**

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Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:18-20

Carol 114: *Away in a Manger* (verse 1)

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

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Carol 115: *Away in a Manger* (verse 3)

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

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Carol 145: *What Child Is This* (verse 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.**

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**Saying What We Believe**

Carol 132: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* (all 3 verses)

**Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Give ye heed to what we say:  
Jesus Christ is born today;  
Ox and ass before him bow,  
And he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today!  
Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye hear of endless bliss:  
Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven’s door,  
And we are blessed forevermore.  
Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice;  
Now ye need not fear the grave:  
Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all  
To gain his everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save!  
Christ was born to save!**

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Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

**People**: **hear our prayers.**

**The 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power   
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Offertory: *Breath of Heaven* words and music by Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

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Offering Response 144: *In the Bleak Midwinter* (verses 1, 4)

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan;  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give him: give my heart.**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Carol: *Good King Wenceslas* (all verses)

**Good King Wenceslas looked out on the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about, deep and crisp and even.  
Brightly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight, gath’ring winter fuel.**

**“Hither, page, and stand by me, if you know it, telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?”  
“Sire, he lives a good league hence, underneath the mountain,  
Right against the forest fence, by Saint Agnes’ fountain.”**

**“Bring me food and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hither,  
You and I will see him dine, when we bear them thither.”  
Page and monarch, forth they went, forth they went together,  
Through the cold wind’s wild lament and the bitter weather.**

**“Sire, the night is darker now, and the wind blows stronger,  
Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no longer.”  
“Mark my footsteps, my good page, tread now in them boldly,  
You shall find the winter’s rage freeze your blood less coldly.”**

**In his master’s steps he trod, where the snow lay dinted;  
Heat was in the very sod which the saint had printed.  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure, while God’s gifts possessing,  
You who now will bless the poor shall yourselves find blessing.**

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Charge and Benediction

Leader: Now go and serve the Lord,  
 **People: For we are blessed to be a blessing!   
 All: Alleluia! Amen!**

Postlude: *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

**Participants and Technical Crew**

Rev. Wendy Boden

Liturgist: Blair Nelson

Musicians: Karen Archbold, piano; Eleanor Archbold, violin; Lucy Archbold, viola;   
 Abigail Archbold, vocals

Worship Associate: David Kozich

Tech support: Ron Birchall, Steve Henkels, Chris Kozich

The flowers today are given by the Bohi family celebrating Deb’s birthday.

The poinsettias were given by the following people:

Craig and Sarah Allen Sue Knisely

Sue and Mike Ashpole Caroline and Ralph Linde

The Boden-Nelson family Lanny Russell

Sue and Walt Briney Angela Smith

Lynn Ferino Diane Swiss

Gretchen Fleming Barb Zink

Poinsettias may be taken home after this service or picked up tomorrow morning between 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sarah Allen will be at church then.

If you are present for worship, following the service you are invited by the deacons to gather for **in-person fellowship** in the narthex. No food or beverages will be served at this time; everyone must remain masked and try to keep social distancing in mind.

If you are online, we’re glad to have you! Note that **we will not offer Zoom fellowship** for the next three Sundays (today and January 2 and 9).   
 **Sunday Morning Adult Ed. Bible Study** will not meet the next two weeks. Join us again on January 9.  
  
You are invited to join us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>), where we have a live sharing of “**Heart to Heart**” with Pastor Wendy Boden at 4:16 p.m. each week Tuesday through Friday. Wendy will host Heart to Heart through this Wednesday, December 29, and then be away through January 7. Heart to Heart will resume on Tuesday, January 11.  
  
Even though we have returned to in-person worship, we will also continue to be live on **Sunday morning for worship** at 9:30 a.m. (slideshow beginning at 9:15)  
at <https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterGlenEllyn/>  
*If for any reason the feed falters, rest assured that a recording will be posted to Facebook and You Tube as soon as possible.*

You can also find links to recordings of the weekday sessions, special services, and Sunday worship posted on our web site: <https://www.southminsterpc.org/worship-videos> or by going to our YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPgWICngOvkmR1OXgCG_wiA/videos>

**Bearing Fruit – December 26, 2021**

**The Joy and Work of Christmas**

Welcome, Karen Archbold. Karen is helping us worship with joyfor Christmas today along with her daughters Eleanor, Lucy, and Abigail, who will all share their musical talents with us this morning. Karen is a friend to many in the congregation. She has studied widely both in the United States and Europe. Karen also has a great love and appreciation for vocal and instrumental chamber works and before the pandemic performed often in small ensembles. She also performs with her husband, specializing in Australian works for voice and cello. Karen teaches private voice lessons at her home in Wheaton.   
Thank you, Archbold family.

It is still Christmas, in fact, until January 6! Christmas embodies, literally, all our stories, the good and the bad, joy and sorrow, the gift of and the work of the incarnation of the Christ.

Below is a poem by Howard Thurman (November 18, 1899–April 10, 1981). He was   
an influential African American author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and [civil rights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_rights) leader. He was Dean of Chapel at [Howard University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Howard_University) and [Boston University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boston_University)   
for more than two decades, wrote 21 books, and in 1944 helped found a multicultural church. (wiki)

***The Work of Christmas***

*When the star in the sky is gone,*

*When the Kings and Princes are home,*

*When the shepherds are back with their flocks,*

*The work of Christmas begins.*

*To find the lost,*

*To heal the broken,*

*To feed the hungry*

*To release the prisoner,*

*To teach the nations,  
To bring Christ to all,*

*To make music in the heart.*

-Howard Thurman

May we bear the fruit of God’s love this Christmas

**Slideshows help us feel connected!**Our pre worship slideshows are one way for our church family and friends to enrich our connections. Watch for upcoming opportunities to share your photos.   
We are interested in your ideas for slideshows. Please connect with Pastor Wendy at [Wendy@southminsterpc.org](mailto:Wendy@southminsterpc.org) or with Sarah Allen at [ridesrowdy@aol.com](mailto:ridesrowdy@aol.com). Please note that we try to confirm slideshow content a month in advance.

**Notes from Blair Nelson:**

**Adult Education**: We will take a holiday break and then resume our study of 1 John on January 9. Have a safe and wonderful Christmas, all.   
  
**Youth and families:** Our next event is a rebranding of the Charlie Brown Christmas Party. Now it will be our first ever **Winter Lock-In**, coming Jan. 14-15. Put that on your calendar and plan junk food to share, games to play, and a movie to see (church appropriate, of course). Have a wonderful Christmas and stay safe.  
  
  
**From the Mission Ministry**There is still time to contribute to our two Christmas offerings.   
One is **the Christmas Joy Offering**, one of the special offerings that supports the work of our denomination, the Presbyterian Church (USA). 50% of that collection assists current and retired church workers and their families with critical financial needs and 50% of your gifts make it possible for students to learn and grow in faith at Presbyterian-related school and colleges equipping communities of color.  
  
The other is our **Southminster Local Mission Offering**, an envelope illustrated with musical notes. 75% of what is collected from this offering goes into the 2022 Southminster Mission budget and the other 25% will be donated to our 2021 recipient, Bridge Communities.  
  
The offering envelopes were mailed to you instead of being put in the pews due to COVID. We will collect these offering throughout the month of December. You may bring them to church or mail them to the church office. (If you want to contribute but don’t have a designated envelope, be sure to write on the memo line of your check which offering you are supporting.)  
 **From the Worship Ministry**Thanks to **everyone who ordered poinsettias** to beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. Please take them home after the service today (Sunday, December 26) or pick them up in the narthex tomorrow (Monday, December 27) from 10-11:00 a.m. (Sarah Allen will be at church during that time.)  
  
The **flower chart for 2022** is now posted in the narthex. Sign up to provide flowers in memory or in honor of someone, a special occasion, or simply in thanks for God’s grace.   
If you’re not at church to sign up, contact Sarah Allen (630-988-8231 or [ridesrowdy@aol.com](mailto:ridesrowdy@aol.com)) and let her know the date(s) you want and who/what you wish to honor.  
  
Worship is seeking **liturgists**. If you have never done so, take a leap of faith and try it! Wendy and seasoned liturgists will train/assist you. The sanctuary congregation is very small, very friendly, and after seeing how easy it is—hopefully, you will feel comfortable to keep on, even with a fuller congregation. It is a truly wonderful way to serve Him! Contact Sarah Allen (630-988-8231 or [ridesrowdy@aol.com](mailto:ridesrowdy@aol.com)) or Pastor Wendy.   
  
Worship is also seeking **ushers** comfortable being back in the sanctuary. If interested, please contact Lanny Russell. (630-738-3600 or [lansonrussell@aol.com](mailto:lansonrussell@aol.com))  
  
If you have **musical talent**, we need you! If you can serve Him in this capacity, please contact Tom Anderson, Music Director. (651-246-5029 or [tomanderson101@gmail.com](mailto:tomanderson101@gmail.com)).  
  
  
**Jubilee Bucks** (from Bobbi Frey):  
We finished the year with a large order of gift cards! Our total of “free” money earned for Southminster this year is $2,217.30!   
You next chances to order are January 2 and 16.  
  
**Donations for PRC (People’s Resource Center)** (also from Bobbi Frey):   
Our church has been incredible in how we have supported PRC during the pandemic! Each week at least a trunk full – if not more – has been delivered from your contributions of food, personal products, diapers, paper goods and cleaning supplies. It has been greatly appreciated!    
Since the beginning of the pandemic, the PRC has distributed over 4,500,000 pounds of groceries! This translates into over 70,000 grocery carts of food (grocery carts often piled high)! Many, many thanks go out to all who have helped.   
The PRC is closed between Christmas and New Year’s, so our next delivery will be January 3.

**Care Notes:**“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” -Philippians 4:6   
Generally, we share our prayer requests at worship services on blue slips, but since we are not all meeting together, we’re missing our blue slips. We are still collecting prayer requests! Please leave a message on our answering machine at 630-469-9149.   
  
***Friends, with our new communication style the eNotes Joys and Concerns (sent most Wednesdays) will include new information and members’ ongoing concerns. For the eNotes/Dialog (sent on the first Wednesday of the month) and Sunday bulletins our list will be full and complete.***

**Joys and Concerns**    
 - The flowers were given by the Bohi family in celebration of Deb’s birthday. The poinsettias were given by these people: Craig and Sarah Allen, Sue and Mike Ashpole, the Boden-Nelson family, Walt and Sue Briney, Lynn Ferino, Gretchen Fleming, Sue Knisely, Caroline and Ralph Linde, Lanny Russell, Angela Smith, Diane Swiss, and Barb Zink.  
**We celebrate a joy:** - Lizzy Davidson successfully defended her thesis and will receive her master’s degree in analytical chemistry! **We pray for the whole world and our nation:**  - all who are affected by natural disasters: wildfires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and tropical storms, and especially all those in Illinois and Kentucky who were affected by the massive tornado last week that destroyed so many communities and left many people dead.  
  - Pray for an end to gun violence in our nation.    
  - Prayers for the people of Haiti, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Afghanistan, Colombia, Myanmar, India, Palestine, and Brazil.   
  - We continue to pray for peace in the Holy Land.  
**We pray for those who mourn:**   
 - the family of Linda Meester, who died Tuesday, December 21. No date has been chosen for a service, but it will be at First Presbyterian Church of Chicago Heights, where Del, her husband, and she ministered for many years.  
 - Roma Moye and family on the death of her brother  
 - the family of Carolyn Yoos (Heidi Shierry’s mother), who died on December 16  
 - the family of Stormy A., a friend of Heidi and Steve Shierry, who died on December 12.  
 - the family and friends of longtime member Art Fournier, whose service was held at Southminster last Thursday. You can send cards to Margaret at 514 Robert Daniel Dr., Apt. 248, Daniel Island, SC 29492.  
  - In this special season we remember the family and friends of other members who have died this year: Sue Hume, Haley Jablonski, Hal Ellinghausen, Dave Zink, Marie Shepherd, and Betsy Rogers.  
 - our friend the Rev. Don Register and family on the death of his wife, Dolores (“Dee”), who died earlier this month  
 - Sui Mawi, who learned her father was killed “by fire” in Myanmar by the military there. She is very worried for her mother, as well. Her father’s name was Ngun Nei Thang.  
 - Prayers for the family of Laura Taylor, a friend and colleague of Susie Salins, who died from Covid. She is survived by her husband, Jason, 2 married sons and their wives, and grandbabies who adored her.  
**We pray for all who are affected by cancer:**  
  - Dan Bohi  
 - Katha, a friend of Paul Jeziorski, as she faces cancer and a broken back  
 - Beverly Webb, Bill Curry's sister, who had previously undergone treatment for ovarian cancer but now expects additional treatment after a scan showed cancer in some lymph nodes.   
  - Shelayne Larson, a friend of Angela Smith, recovering from a very painful surgery, but they believe they got 100% of the cancer. She is very grateful for her prayer shawl and wears it every day.  
  - Katie Boehmer’s father, Rod Boehmer  
 - Harlene Sperling, a friend of the Boden-Nelson family. She is also very grateful for her prayer shawl.  
**We pray for all who are infected with and/or affected by COVID:**  
  - Prayers for all who are trying to navigate school, travel, work, and other activities, and all those who are still feeling vulnerable.  
  - those facing unforeseen consequences from the pandemic  
**We pray for all who are dealing with mental or physical health challenges.**  
  - Ed Koska  
 - Jack Harris, Louanne Jourdan’s friend, is hospitalized at Good Sam  
 - Scott Smith, Traci Smith’s brother and Kathy and Steve Sanders’ nephew, who was hospitalized with an intestinal infection but getting better  
  - Linda Wolf Jeziorski’s mother, Janet Wolf, who is situated in a new place and in hospice care.  
  - Dan, a friend of Barb’s, who is in a rehab center in Kentucky while being treated for a massive infection. He may need to be there for a month but still hopes to be able to be transferred closer to home (Aurora) sooner rather than later.  
 - prayers for healing for Sharon Eckert, a retired Briar Glen teacher, who is recovering from emergency surgery  
  - Jeremy, who is struggling right now  
  - Judith, a friend of the Ellsworths, who has continuing health and financial issues   
  - Bill Curry and Gretchen Fleming  
  
  - the many people who struggle with depression  
  - people struggling with difficult family concerns  
**We pray for those who are far from home:**  
**We continue to pray for our friends and family who work in the health fields**: **nurses, doctors, and all other health care workers.**  
**Food Pantries**: Glen Ellyn Food Pantry, People’s Resource Center, Lakeview Food Pantry, and our members Bobbi Frey and Anna Nelson, who work with them  
**Local government bodies/boards**: Prayers for the DuPage County Board, the Village of Glen Ellyn Board, the boards of the local school districts: 41, 44, 87, 89, 200, COD, and our library boards.

**Caring for you!**   
Our **Congregational Care Committee** is ready to assist in time of need. If you need assistance from the Congregational Care Ministry or Helping Hands in December call Deacon Angela Smith (630-235-1376).   
  
Pastor Wendy Boden will be on vacation from December 30-January 7. She will not be carrying her cell phone while she is on vacation, but in an emergency you may call her husband, Blair, at 630-917-6035. Wendy will check his phone daily at 9:00 p.m.  
  
If you need pastoral care while Wendy is away, you may call the Rev. Jay Moses of Hope Presbyterian Church in Wheaton. His phone number is 630-258-9172.  
  
You may also **call your deacon** if you need help from the church.  
  
  
Barb is in the office most Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings (8:45-11:00 most days) while her son attends his day program part-time. (Note the change from Thursday to Wednesday; additional changes may be made based on the scheduling at the day program.)   
  
Grace and peace to you! Remember that we love God and neighbor. Our address is 680 South Park Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137 if you would like to set up an online account with your bank or mail in your pledge.

**Dates to remember this week:**     
**Sunday, December 26**   
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook  
 **Fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. in the narthex, masked and distanced; no food or beverages will be served.  
  **No** **Online** **Fellowship** or **Adult Ed**. **Bible Study** today  
**Monday, December 27 – Pastor’s Sabbath**  
**Tuesday-Wednesday this week – Pastor Wendy’s Heart to Heart** live on Facebook at 4:16 p.m. Heart to Heart will then take a break and resume on Tuesday, January 11. **Tuesday, December 28**  
 A.A. at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Wednesday, December 29** eNotes/Dialog go out and **it is the deadline for the January 5 eNotes/Dialog**  
 **Thursday, December 30-January 7**  
 Pastor Wendy Boden will be away.  
**Friday, December 31** A.A. at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
**Next Sunday, January 2, 2022**   
 **Worship** at 9:30 a.m. in person and also live on Facebook.   
Guest preacher: Rev. Grayson Van Camp  
 **Fellowship** at 10:30 a.m. in the narthex, masked and distanced; no food or beverages.  
  **No online** **Fellowship** or **Adult Ed**. **Bible Study**

**Yo, Sheep!**

Shepherds Yo, Sheep!

Sheep Baa baa baa

Angels Halleluia! (trumpet)

Baby Awww

Lord/God Amen (djembe)

News Yes!

Joy tone chimes

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 (“Awww”)** 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.

And there were **shepherds** **(“Yo, Sheep!”)** living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their **sheep (“Baa baa baa”)** at night. An **angel (“Halleluia!”)** of the **Lord (“Amen”)** appeared to them, and the glory of the **Lord** **(“Amen”)** shone around them, and they were terrified. But the **angel** **(“Halleluia!”)** said to them, "Do not be afraid.   
I bring you good **news (“Yes!”)** of great **joy (tone chimes)** that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a **baby(“Awww”)** wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the **angel (“Halleluia!”)**, praising **God (“Amen”)** and saying, "Glory to **God** **(“Amen”)** in the highest, and on earth peace among those He favors."

When the **angels (“Halleluia!”)** had left them and gone into heaven, the **shepherds (“Yo, Sheep!”)** said to one another, "Let's leave our **sheep (“Baa baa baa”)** and go to Bethlehem and see about this good **news (“Yes!”)** the **Lord (“Amen”)** has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the **baby(“Awww”)**, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the **news (“Yes!”)** concerning what had been told them about this **baby (“Awww”)**, and all who heard the good **news (“Yes!”)** were amazed at what the **shepherds (“Yo, Sheep!”)** said to them and were filled with great **joy (tone chimes)**. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.

The **shepherds (“Yo, Sheep”)** returned to their **sheep (“Baa baa”)**, glorifying and praising **God (“Amen”)** with great **joy (chimes)** for all the good **news** **(“Yes!”)** they had heard and seen, just as they had been told. **Halleluia!**