

# St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church



December 24, 2023

4:00 p.m.

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*Welcome to St. Michael's in the Hills*  
The Nativity of Our Lord  
December 24, 2023 — 4:00 pm

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*Gloria in D*  
Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

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*The Choir*

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<b>Viola:</b>	Alice Petersen
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<b>Trumpet:</b>	Alex Scheer
<b>Oboe:</b>	Spencer Jacob

# *Gloria in D*

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

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1. *Gloria in excelsis*  
(Glory to God in the highest)

2. *Et in terra pax*  
(And on earth peace to men of good will)

3. *Laudamus te*  
(We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you)  
*Soprano: Grace Wipfli Alto: Kenneth Brown*

4. *Gratias agimus tibi*  
(We give thanks to you)

5. *Propter magnam gloriam tuam*  
(For you great glory)

6. *Domine Deus*  
(O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty)  
*Soprano: Grace Wipfli*

7. *Domine Fili unigenite*  
(O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ)

8. *Domine Deus, Agnus Dei*  
(O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, heavenly King,  
only-begotten Son, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us)  
*Alto: Kenneth Brown*

9. *Qui tollis peccata mundi*  
(Who takes away the sins of the world, receive our prayer)

10. *Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris*  
(Who sits at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us)  
*Alto: Kenneth Brown*

11. *Quoniam tu solus sanctus*  
(For you only are holy, you only are the Lord,  
you only are the most high, Jesus Christ)

12. *Cum Sancto Spiritu*  
(With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen)

# The Festival Eucharist

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Hymn 83, vss. 1-4

*O come, all ye faithful*

*Adeste fideles*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
\*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -

dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

Hymn 87

*Hark! the herald angels sing*

*Adeste fideles*

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*  
Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Collect for Christmas

*Celebrant:* O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:6-12

Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels; all day and all night they shall never be silent. You who remind the Lord, take no rest, and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it renowned throughout the earth. The Lord has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored; but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the Lord, and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.

Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones, lift up an ensign over the peoples. The Lord has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to daughter Zion, "See, your salvation comes; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him." They shall be called, "The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord"; and you shall be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken."

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Response: Psalm 97

- 1 The Lord is King; let the earth rejoice; \*  
let the multitude of the isles be glad.
- 2 **Clouds and darkness are round about him, \***  
**righteousness and justice are the foundations of his throne.**
- 3 A fire goes before him \*  
and burns up his enemies on every side.
- 4 **His lightnings light up the world; \***  
**the earth sees it and is afraid.**
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.
- 6 **The heavens declare his righteousness, \***  
**and all the peoples see his glory.**
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! \*  
Bow down before him, all you gods.
- 8 **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, \***  
**because of your judgments, O Lord.**
- 9 For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; \*  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 **The Lord loves those who hate evil; \***  
**he preserves the lives of his saints**  
**and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**
- 11 Light has sprung up for the righteous, \*  
and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.
- 12 **Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, \***  
**and give thanks to his holy Name.**

Second Lesson: Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 92, vss. 1-3

*On this day earth shall ring*

*Personent hodie*

*Introduction*



1 On this day earth shall ring  
2 His the doom, ours the mirth;  
3 God's bright star, o'er his head,  
4 On this day an - gels sing;

with the song child - ren sing to the Lord, Christ our King,  
when he came down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth;  
Wise Men three to him led; kneel they low by his bed,  
with their song earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, hea - ven's King,

born on earth to save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.  
ox and ass be - side him from the cold would hide him.  
lay their gifts be - fore him, praise him and a - dore him.  
born on earth to save us; peace and love he gave us.

*Refrain*



Id - e - o - o - o, Id - e - o - o - o,



Id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- 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. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn 92, vs. 4

The Sermon

The Rev. Gayle Catinella

The 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
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,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic 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.



## The Prayers of the People

by the Rev. Jeremiah D. Williamson  
from *Praying the Scriptures* (2014)

Come let us adore Christ, the Lord. Let us pray: “Glorious Lord, *grant us your peace.*”

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: Make joyful our hearts. Strengthen your Church with humility and faith that we might triumph over the power of evil. [*Silence.*] Glorious Lord.

**People: Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you abhor neither the simple nor the lowly. Shine your light on all the world that the nations may look upon your truth and find their salvation. [*Silence.*] Glorious Lord.

**People: Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: may all of creation burst forth in songs of praise. May all the works of your hand glorify you. Are there any thanksgiving you wish to share?

[*Silence.*] Glorious Lord.

**People: Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: summon the people of the city to yourself. May all of the distractions and heartache of our lives fade away in the joy of your presence.

[*Silence.*] Glorious Lord.

**People: Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: you love us so dearly. Grant your healing grace to sinners, to the poor, to those in need of love. Open your arms to the sick and the lonely, especially Dick, Elmer, Letty, Gayle, Lillian, Didi, Lee, Mary, Kit, Mike, Cris, David, Dan, Diane, Henk, Chris, Nancy, Joan, Matt, Kent, Greg, and Bishop Michael Curry. Are there others you wish to name? [*Silence.*] Glorious Lord.

**People: Grant us your peace.**

Christ the Lord, we humbly adore you: all glory be given to you. You blessed our earthly bodies with your birth; and you promise to raise us to new life by your death and resurrection.

[*Silence.*] Glorious Lord.

**People: Grant us your peace.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your Incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

## The Peace and Announcements

### *The Holy Communion*

#### Offertory Prayer

*Celebrant:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Our Christmas offering this year will be given to Family House.*

Offertory: *Brightest and Best*

arr. Shawn Kichner

Doxology: Hymn 115, v. 3

Greensleeves

*So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him;  
the King of Kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.*

*This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
The Lord be with you.	And al - so with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	<i>People</i>
Lift up your hearts.	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	
<i>People</i>	
It is right to give him thanks and praise.	

*Celebrant:* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Sanctus & Benedictus qui venit (S130)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full,
full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some notes held over from one measure to the next.

*Celebrant:* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People:* We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant:* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and Joseph, Shepherds and Wisemen and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People:*

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

*Agnus Dei (S164)*

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:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Celebrant* : The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music:

Hymn 105

God rest you merry, gentlemen

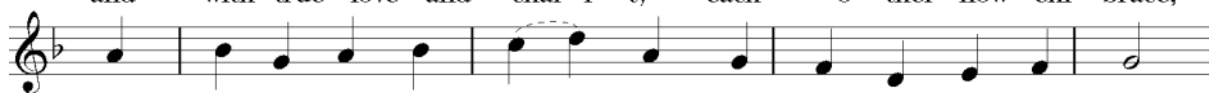
God Rest You Merry



1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, let noth - ing you dis - may;  
2 From God our heaven - ly Fa - ther a bless - ed an - gel came  
3 "Fear not, then," said the an - gel, "Let noth - ing you af - fright;  
4 Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place,



re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - vior was born on Christ - mas Day,  
and un - to cer - tain shep - herds brought tid - ings of the same:  
this day is born a Sa - vior of a pure vir - gin bright,  
and with true love and char - i - ty each o - ther now em - brace;



to save us all from Sa - tan's power when we were gone a - stray.  
how that in Beth - le - hem was born the Son of God by name.  
to free all those who trust in him from Sa - tan's power and might."  
this ho - ly tide of Christ - mas doth bring re - deem - ing grace.

*Refrain*



O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and



joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold;  
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn  
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its  
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

*People:* O Lamb of God, in union with the faithful at every altar of your Church, my heart offers you praise and thanksgiving. I love you above all things, and I earnestly desire to receive you into my soul. And although I cannot receive you sacramentally, I invite you into my heart spiritually. May my soul be fed by this spiritual food, and may my heart know you more dearly in the breaking of this bread. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

\*Hymn 111

*Silent night, holy night*  
*\*All kneeling with candles lighted.*

*Stille Nacht*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major and 3/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,  
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,  
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Christmas Blessing

*Celebrant:* May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

*Please extinguish your candle and return it to the basket at the back of the church as you depart.*

Hymn 100

*Joy to the world!*

*Antioch*

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our  
 \*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and  
 2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -  
 3 far as the curse is found, far  
 4 and won - ders of his love, and



sing, joy, found, love, and heaven, far as, and heaven, re - peat, as, far as, and na - ture, the sound - ing, the curse is, of his love, sing. joy. found. love.

heaven and na - ture sing,  
peat the sound - ing joy,  
as the curse is found,  
won - ders of his love,

The Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *God Rest Ye Merry*

arr. Wilbur Held (b. 1914)

*Our Christmas Offering*

This year's Christmas offering will be given to Family House in Toledo. As a non-profit agency dedicated to keeping families together in time of crisis, Family House has offered hope to families since 1985. Over the years, the Board and staff recognized that many families were trapped in a cycle of poverty and that additional services were needed to successfully move families from homelessness to self-sufficiency.



Family House now offers a variety of programs and services that are family-centered to address the multitude of needs of each family member, such as residential programs, an emergency shelter, meal programs, a clothing closet, financial education, health education, a food pantry and even a daycare. Family House is giving families the tools to become self-sufficient, and so much more. Please send in your donation to the church office and together we will help Family House continue to support families in crisis in our community. For more information, visit: [www.familyhousetoledo.org](http://www.familyhousetoledo.org).

<u><i>Assisting with the Service</i></u>		<p>We are grateful to everyone who has helped make our Christmas services so beautiful: the choir, altar guild, ushers, and lectors. <i>Thank You!</i></p> <p>* * *</p> <p>A special thank you to the Gomulinski and Walker families for providing greens to decorate the church.</p>
Celebrant:	The Rev. Gayle Catinella	
Organist:	Dennis Blubaugh	
Altar Guild:	Jano Nolette, Sue Pokorney	
Lectors:	Gretchen Rohm, Donna Wipfli, Julia Burtscher	
Greeters:	Larry Nichols	
Ushers:	Mark Keleher, Jeff Smith	

## *Gifts given to the Glory of God for Flowers*

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<i>In loving memory of:</i>	<i>From :</i>
Ben Coe and in gratitude for all her family	Puffin Coe
Departed loved ones	Pam and Brent Cousino
Tom and Carolyn Creekmore, Louise Creekmore, Lee and Rita Stout, Bill Stout, and Dave Stout	Dick and Vicki Creekmore
Jim Hancock and our parents	Shirley Hancock
To the Glory of the Christ Child	Scott and Susan Hendricks
Our parents	Edwina Ledgard
Ron Schuele	Barb Malkoski
Kay and Paul Marion	The Marion family
Dorothy and Chuck Davis; Clara and Dale Fought	Henry and Sue Merce
Their loving parents	Jano and Bob Nolette
Loved ones	The O'Connells
Glen Collins, Jessica's father	Jess and Sam Rumpf
Robert Roberts, Sr., Patricia Richardson Roberts, Sr., Patricia Richardson Roberts, Jr., Robert Roberts, Jr.	Pamela and Ed Skinner
Beloved family and friends	Jeff Smith and Penny Cobau-Smith
Lindsay G. Smith	Roxanne Smith
James Verner, Jr.	Ann Verner
John M. Wiley	Val Wiley
In gratitude for the parish	Rev. Gayle Catinella

## *Gifts given to the Glory of God for Music*

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<i>In loving memory of :</i>	<i>From :</i>
Elwin and Lorraine Johnson; Kenneth, Dan and Richard Braun	David and Diane Braun
Departed loved ones	Pam and Brent Cousino
Ben Coe and in gratitude for all her family	Puffin Coe
Marie & Howard Rogers, Wave & Richard Ehrmin, and Ruth Davis	Irene and John Ehrmin
Jim Hancock and our parents	Shirley Hancock
To the Glory of the Christ Child	Scott and Susan Hendricks
Wendi Rei Kanfield	Andrea Kanfield
Dennis Kanfield	Carol Kanfield
John Malkoski	Barb Malkoski
Ross and Margaret McIntyre	Carleen and Donald McIntyre
Kay and Paul Marion	The Marion family
Henry and Helen Merce; Tom Braithwaite	Henry and Sue Merce
Loved ones	The O'Connells
Our parents: Steve and Mary Roman, and Dale Hille	Bill and Karen Roman
Loved ones	J.B. and S.G. Rorick
Glen Collins, Jessica's father	Jess and Sam Rumpf
Charles Domansky and Barbara Shirk	George and Carole Shirk
Jim, Dotty, John, Betty and Matthew	Jeff Smith and Penny Cobau-Smith
Lindsay G. Smith	Roxanne Smith
Family and friends	Scott and Cindy Tuttle
James and Ethel Verner, Newell and Bernice Harrop	Ann Verner
John M. Wiley	Val Wiley
Our parents	Steve and Donna Wipfli
In gratitude for the parish	Rev. Gayle Catinella

