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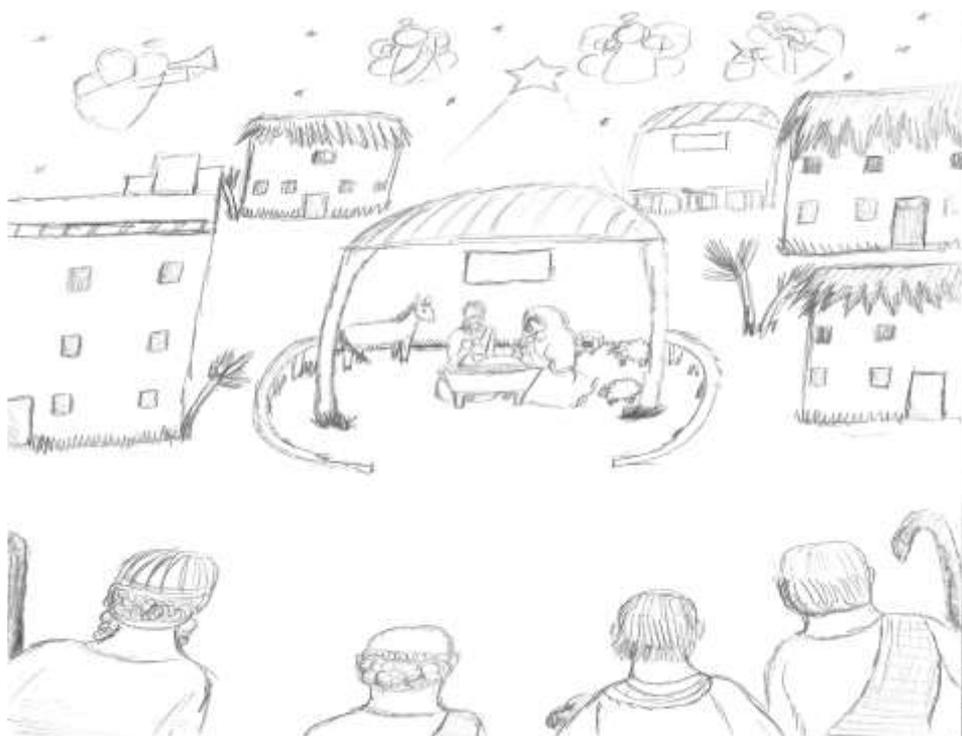
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Christmas Day Seeing the Christmas Story through Art



Art by Anna Patterson

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Thank you for joining our service today.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Tena Rackow

Welcome

Call to Worship

Artwork #1

What does this art tell you about the story of Christmas?

Luke 2:19

But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

Gathering Hymn **“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”**

ELW #288

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. **All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Paintings and Reflections

As you look through different art work, let's ponder like Mary.

What captures your eyes? Who are in the artwork?

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-20

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and

saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When 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."

¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Source: Nativity of the Lord, Year C, Art and Scripture Slide Show, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56729> [retrieved December 21, 2021]. Original source: Divinity Library, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Hymn of the Day **“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”** **ELW #276**

Nicene Creed *You will find the Nicene Creed on* **page 104.**

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

The leader will lead the prayer.

Prayer will conclude with the Lord’s Prayer.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Nina Mueller, Curt, Sharon, Denny Bergmann, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Harry Perra Jr, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Jim DeMontigny, Kay, Sue, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jonathan, Cindy, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Sophia, Abby and her triplets, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Kay, Roger, Tina, Dan, Bryan, Shane, Joe, Dan Kempel and artists.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Christmas Blessing

P: The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn “Go Tell It on the Mountain” ELW #290

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Tena Rackow

Colossians 3:13

¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Merry Christmas!



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