

Watchword for the Week

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
(John 1:14)

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME and CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Christ-child, the newborn Prince of Peace!

All: We have been redeemed. We are no longer afraid.

Leader: Praise to God who has come to us in the flesh!

All: We are being created. We are no longer afraid.

Leader: Praise to the Spirit who calls us together to serve!

All: We will be sustained. We are no longer afraid.

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

All: And we have seen His glory.

Leader: The true Light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

All: Glory to God who has blessed us in Christ. Glory to God forever!

Hymn 132 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giver of Every Mercy,
You call us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. However, we often clothe ourselves with different attire: apathy, hatred, arrogance, and brashness.

Help us to bear one another and forgive each other even as we ask forgiveness from you. Help us to don the clothing of love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. This we pray in the name of your Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" And we know that Jesus Christ said things to his disciples, that in him they may have peace because in the world they would have tribulation. They were to take heart because Christ had overcome the world. Therefore Jesus says to us, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-18 NT p. 116

The word of God: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 315 *Once in royal David's city*

SERMON "God with us"
Rev. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah

Hymn 316 *Love came down at Christmas*

NOTICES

PRAYERS for OTHERS

(After each petition:) **Light of the world, shine in our lives.**

The LORD'S PRAYER *Hymn 652 Second Form (b)*
(Please pray in your own preferred language / version.)

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn 185 *Come, children, join and sing*

CLOSING RESPONSES

Leader: Go forth in the grace of Christ.

All: We rejoice in His grace.

Leader: Go forth in the light of Christ.

All: We walk in His light.

Leader: Go forth in the love of Christ.

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BLESSING and **Threefold Amen (No. 819)**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Notices

- **All are welcome in this place.** *It's good you're here!* Please add your name and post or e-mail address to the book at the back of church to receive details of upcoming events.
- **Today's worship team:**
 - Duty elder:** Sebastian Stüwe
 - Reader:** Derek Fonjong
 - Organ:** Hendrik Ziser
- The **offering basket** as you leave church is our congregation's main source of income. **Please give generously.** The Christmas Eve offering totalled € 212.78. Last week's offering totalled € 56.74.
- After worship, the **Kirchencafé** is open for tea, coffee and fellowship. Be advised that under Covid rules 2G now applies in the Café (as opposed to 3G in church). And please help afterwards by clearing away cups and plates, washing dishes and tidying up. Thank-you!
- Our worship on **Sunday, 9 January** will include a "Rite of thanksgiving at the end of a call," honouring and celebrating the ministry of Rev. James M. Brown, our beloved Pastor Jimmy, who has retired at the end of 2021 after 28 years of selfless service to the ECC.
- The installation of the congregation's two new pastors, Rev. Emmanuel Mote-Ndasah and Rev. Dr. Anja Stuckenberg, will take place on **Sunday, 16 January.**
- Please switch all **mobile phones** off or to the mute mode / vibration signal during worship. Thank you.



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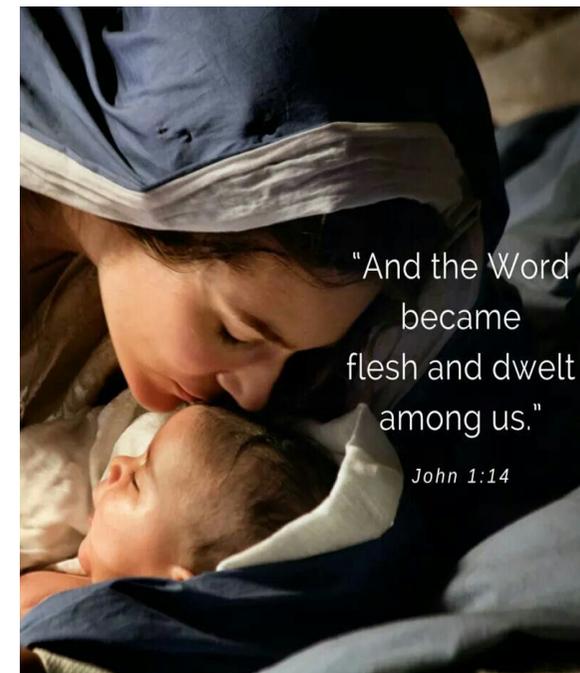
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"And the Word
became
flesh and dwelt
among us."

John 1:14

Second Sunday after Christmas

"Pax intrantibus, salus exeuntibus"
"On entering, peace – on departure, blessing"
(Pauluskirche Bochum – Porch Inscription 1655)

Worship every Sunday at 12.30

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