St. Patrick's Episcopal Church Christmas Eve 2022

Welcome to St. Patrick's. If you are new to our parish or visiting with us, we are so glad you are here. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. Thank you for worshipping alongside us.

Children are a welcome part of the community. Children's Worship aids are located in the Narthex on the children's table. For younger children, ages 0 to 3 years old, we have nursery available staffed with 2 professional caregivers during this service. Please see the ushers if you need directions to the nursery.

HEARING/VISION IMPAIRED: Wireless hearing devices and large print materials are available. Please check with an usher for assistance in locating these if needed.

Holiday Service Schedule: Christmas Day and New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Regular Weekly Services: Sunday:

(resuming January 8th)

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Sunday School and Adult Forum after 5:30 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday: (resuming January 4th)

12:00 noon

Prelude

5:00 p.m.

I Wonder as I Wander (Appalachian Carol)
The Winter Moon (Huron Carol)
O Come, All Ye Faithful
John Francis V

arr. Cindy Kleinstuber Blevins

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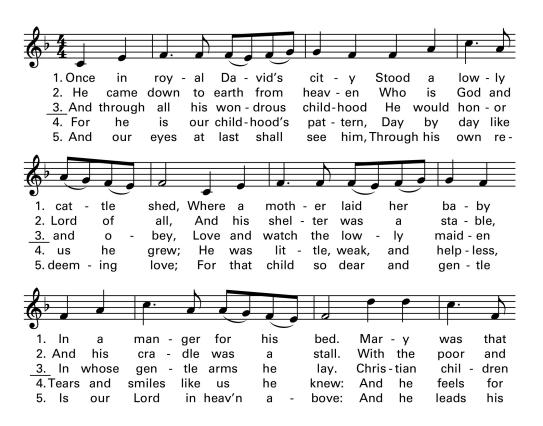
John Francis Wade, arr. Daniel Kelley, Paul Klintworth

8:00 p.m.

Sonate in G - Allemande and Gigue Noël Nouvelet (Sing We Now of Christmas) What Child is This Ding, Dong, Merrily on High Joseph Bordin de Boismortier arr. Cathy Moklebust Traditional, arr. Linda R. Lamb Traditional French, arr. William Bay

Welcome and Greeting

Processional Hymn "Once in royal David's city"





Text: 87 87 77; Cecil Frances Humphreys Alexander, 1818–1895, alt. Music: Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876.

The Word of God

The people standing, the Celebrant says

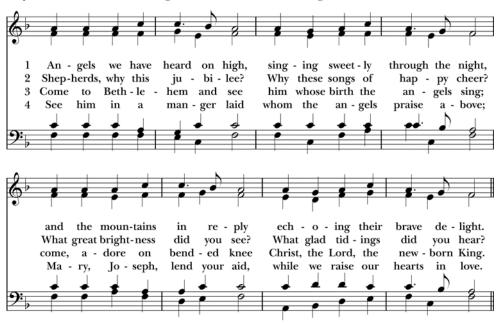
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn of Praise 96 "Angels we have heard on high"





Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: Gloria, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen*.

The Lessons (The people sit.)

A reading from the book of the prophet 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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. People Thanks be to God.

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.

A reading from the letter of Paul to 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.

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People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Music

5:00 p.m. What Child is This

Traditional, arr. Ernst Viktor Wolff

8:00 p.m. O Holy Night Adolphe Adam

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed (All stand.)

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.

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

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for those who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Silence. People may add their own petitions.)

The Celebrant says the following:

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Peace

(All stand.) The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Offertory

Offertory Music

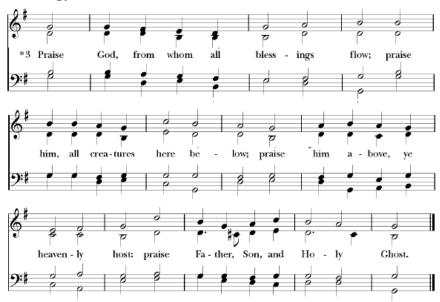
5:00 p.m. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear Richard Sorrs Willis, arr. Nigel Williams 8:00 p.m. Dost Thou in a Manger Lie Martha Jones Burford

Round the Glory Manger

K. Lee Scott

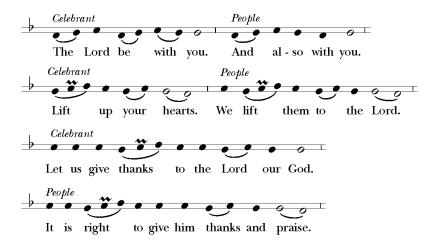
The people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, are presented and placed on the Altar. Please stand during the presentation.

Doxology



The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B



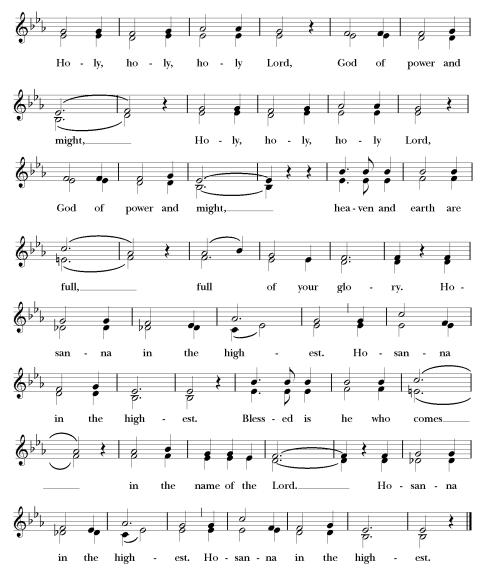
The Celebrant proceeds

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:

Celebrant and People



The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

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

The Celebrant continues

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 St. Patrick 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,

People and Celebrant

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem "The First Nowell" (v. 6)



Invitation to Communion

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All persons are invited to the Altar. If you choose to receive communion, you may do so in one of the following ways:

- Consume the bread first and then sip from the cup.
- Intinction is strongly discouraged however if you choose to intinct, please simply leave the wafer in your hands. The chalice bearer will dip the wafer for you then hand it back to you.
- Communion in one kind, or both, is acceptable. If you prefer to not receive the wine, you may proceed to your seat after receiving the bread.
- If you would like to receive a blessing only, please cross your hands over your chest as a signal to the ministers.
- If you want a gluten free wafer, please place your palms down when you approach the ministers.

Communion Hymns

Please join in on the first verse of each of the following hymns.

Hymn 79 "O little town of Bethlehem"

Hymn 81 "Lo, how a rose e'er blooming"

Hymn 112 "In the bleak midwinter"

Hymn 89 "It came upon the midnight clear"

Hymn 99 "Go tell it on the mountain"

Hymn 101 "Away in a manger"

Hymn 107 "Good Christian friends, rejoice"

Hymn 110 "The snow lay on the ground"

Hymn 115 "What child is this"

Hymn 87 "Hark! the herald angels sing"

5:00 Evelyn Emerson, Ukulele

8:00 Michael Robinson, Guitar

followed by Handbell arr. by Catherine McMichael (ASCAP)

Post Communion Lighting of candles

Hymn 111 "Silent Night"

The church lights are turned down.



Words: Joseph Mohr (1792-1848); tr. John Freeman Young (1820-1885) Music: Stille Nacht, melody Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863); harm. Carl H. Reinecke (1824-1910) The Celebrant says Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

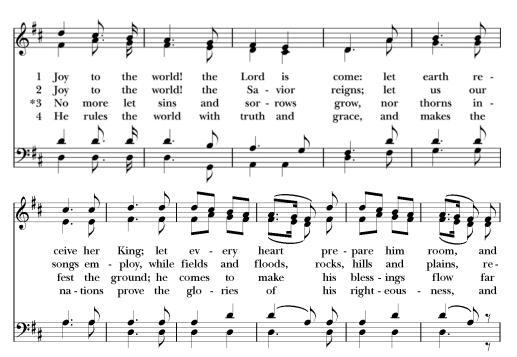
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 100 "Joy to the world! the Lord is come"





Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Antioch, George Frideric Handel (1685-1759); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Dismissal

Celebrant or Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of the Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude All My

All My Heart this Night Rejoices

Helmut Walcha

Special thanks to the musicians performing tonight at our Christmas Eve Services.

5:00pm: Emily DeAngelo, Evelyn Emerson, Claire Haney, Nancy Haney, Vincent Haney, Zach Haney, Dan O'Neill

8:00pm: Catherine Bratton, Charles Bratton, Alex Carter, Reese Cline, Matt Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Alex Shields, Becci Shields, and The Bells of St. Patrick: Greg Bell, Vicky Bratton, Sharilynne Cline, Denise Haney, Kevin Haney, Zach Haney, Karen Mason, Jan Redman, Julie Righter, Margaret Robinson, and Virginia Tuttle

The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,

Howard Thurman

To bring peace among others, To make music in the heart.

Christmas Eve News

Epiphany Pageant: Join us for the annual Epiphany Pageant on Sunday, January 8th at 5:30 p.m.. To join the cast, please scan the QR code to sign up. Questions? See Becci Shields for more information. There will be two rehearsals and more information on costumes and timing for rehearsals and scripts to come. Join us for this magical finale of the Christmas season.

Christmas Offering: Envelopes can be found in the narthex and in the pew racks if you would like to make a Christmas offering this year. Proceeds from this offering will go towards the Rector's Discretionary fund to support local needs and to the Procter Camp and Conference Center. A locked box can be found in the breezeway to drop off after office hours or just put your envelope in the offering plate at church.

The church office will be closed the week of December 26th through December 30th. It will reopen on January 2nd at 9:00 a.m.

There will be no Wednesday noon Service on December 28th. Join us again on January 4th for Chicken Soup of the Soul (soup luncheon after the noon service.)

The Adult Forum will **resume on January 15, 2023**, after a break for Christmas, New Year's Day, and the Epiphany pageant. Our Session 4 (Epiphany) will involve a viewing and discussion of the 2005 documentary film "Theologians Under Hitler." We will spend four Sundays (1/15, 1/22, 1/29. And 2/5) on this timely topic, ending just before the Annual Meeting (2/12).

Sunday School: We will break for Christmas and New Year's Day. Our next series will be "Tell me the stories of Jesus" and will run from January 15th through February 19th from 11:00 a.m.— noon for PreK through 5th grade!

Youth Group: We will break for Christmas and New Year's and come back on January 8th for the Epiphany Pageant. Sign up to be a saint throughout time. Thru the QR code. After the Pageant, we will have our annual Twelfth Night Party and white elephant gift exchange! Questions, contact Tawnya Lewis or Annika Russo.

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD ...

in memory of Harry & Sue Yuhas and Peter, Mary, & Mary Lyn Borsellino. *Ed & Jo Yuhas* in memory of our parents, Jim & Jane Beuter and Hike & Elsie May Price. *Jeff & Phyllis Beuter* in memory of Anton & Tasia Coury, Frederick & Mary Coury, and Robert Louis Sicker, Sr.

Rick & Tasia Sicker

in memory of our mothers, Paula Ennis & Sherrie Tobias. We love and miss you. Ron & Tara Gleason

in memory of Dick Walker. Rose, Rick, and Robyn

in memory of parents, family and loved ones. Rose Walker

in thanksgiving for our family and in memory of our parents, Richard & Clara Barker, and Duncan & Marie Dawson. *Roy & Lissa Barker*

in memory of John S. Stains. Becky Stains, Betsy Medford, John P. Stains and families

in thanksgiving and love to St. Patrick's for the wonderful years of worship, faith, care and friendship. Wade & Rondi Purcell

in memory of Dick Loveland. Catherine Loveland

in memory of Anne Robbins and in thanksgiving for grandkids, Emily, Jake, Thomas, & Sarah. Sally Fullerton

in thanksgiving for our granddaughters, Ava & Joey. Doug & Carol Langenfeld

in memory of David Godfrey, our "DD" who we miss everyday, especially our first Christmas without him. *Randolph Family*

in memory of Matthew "Mooch" Randolph, our brother who left us too soon this year. We love and miss you. *Randolph Family*

in memory of Mary & John Siemer and Owen & Alice Carty. Molly & Tim Carty

in memory of Edward & Eleanor Borneman, Toby Borneman, Thomas & Mary Jane Semans.

Ann & Tom Semans

in thanksgiving for family and friends. Bill & Betty Lyle

in memory of our parents, Wayne & Bonnie Mogan and Charles & Virginia Edwards. *Mary & Randy Edwards*

in thanksgiving for our loving families and wonderful children. Matt & Tawnya Lewis

in memory and thanksgiving for my parents, Robert & Shirley Peterson, and my godmother, Enid Freeman. *Lindsey Peterson*

in thanksgiving for family and friends. Mary & Charlie Horton

in memory of Nancy, Margaret Ellen, Elinor, and Helen. Steve & Dianne Clay

in memory of Melvin, Frieda, & Corita Bauldoff. Gerene Bauldoff

in honor and memory of our parents. John & Ann Wells

in memory of my parents and my husband, Pat. JoAnn Smith

in memory of the Miller and Vickers departed family, especially my sister, Tracy who passed. *Lon & Marke Vickers*

in prayerful thanksgiving for our family and extended church family. Chris & Debbie Cline

in thanksgiving for our kids, Ryan & Lindsay, Ryan's wife Brieann and Lindsay's husband, Rob. *Chris & Kim Nelson*

in memory of Bob Elliott. E. Anne Elliott

in loving memory of Martha, Chuck, & Rob Switzer. Jane Switzer

in loving memory of Susan Hamilton and Seth Immell. Sarah & Scott Immell

in loving memory of Kathy Mambourg and in thanksgiving for John, Amanda, Luke, Zach & Nick Mambourg. *Gregg Mambourg*

in thanksgiving for our family and friends. Val & Doug Pittsenbarger