



A WELCOMING FAITH COMMUNITY  
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CHRISTMAS EVE  
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
DECEMBER 24, 2023



Please silence your cell phones. Thank you!

## Welcome to Worship

*Welcome to worship on this Holy Day. Around the world Christians gather to sing, hear the story and be met by Jesus Christ in the bread and cup. Jesus Christ is here for you. Know that all are welcome at Communion, where Jesus is host and meal.*

### PREACHING

10:00 AM, 1:30, 3:00 & 4:30 PM

Pastor Brent Campbell

10:00 PM

Pastor Sue Wallager

### PRESIDING

ALL SERVICES

Pastor Connie Tiede

1:30 & 3:00 PM

Pastor Sue Wallager

### READER

10:00 AM Deb Oas Koepsell

1:30 PM Greg Bergeron

3:00 PM Bill Travis

4:30 PM Kathy Quade

10:00 PM Marty Gray

ORGAN/PIANO: 10:00 AM Shari Albrecht

1:30, 3:00, 4:30 & 10:00 PM Mary Jo Gothmann

### PRELUDE:

10:00 AM: "Sing We Now of Christmas; Coventry Carol; He is Born"..... arr. Phillips  
Deb Oas Koepsell, piano; Shari Albrecht, violin

1:30, 3:00 & 10:00 PM: "Adeste, Fideles Fantasia" ..... arr. Blackwell  
Mary Jo Gothmann, organ

4:30 PM: "Angels We Have Heard on High; On Christmas Night" ..... arr. Boertje  
Rich Goldman, clarinet; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

## GATHERING

### SPECIAL MUSIC (1:30 PM):

"O Christmas Tree; O Come, Little Children; We Wish You a Merry Christmas"  
Children's Festival Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; LeaAnn Barnett, piano

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go, in heart and mind, to see what has come to pass.

**Let us go with the shepherds to find the Savior!**

Let us go with the wise ones to find God's promise, born for us!

**Let us go with the poor and humble to find our King, born in a lowly manger.**

Let us go with all the world, with all the peoples of the nations.

**Come, let us worship and adore him: Christ the Lord!**

OPENING HYMN: *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, vs 1- 3 ..... 283

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:

*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!

## GREETING

Good Christian friends, rejoice! Today Christ is born! From the realms of glory, angels sing. From fields, keeping their watch by night, shepherds arrive. And we too have come to the manger to see the newborn king. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray...

**Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

- 1:30 PM: "Somebody's Talkin' 'Bout Jesus" ..... arr. Taylor  
Children's Festival Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; LeaAnn Barnett, piano
- 4:30 PM: "Sing We Now of Christmas; He is Born the Divine Christ Child " ..... arr. Boertje  
Rich Goldman, clarinet; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano
- 10:00 PM: "What is this Lovely Fragrance" ..... arr. Jordan  
Zion Adult Choir; Jonathan Campbell, dir.; Mary Jo Gothmann, organ

## WORD

WORD FOR KIDS (10 AM, 1:30, 3:00 & 4:30 PM)

CAROL: *I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve* ..... 271

I am so glad each Christ-mas Eve, the night of Je - sus' birth!

Then like the sun the star shone forth, and an - gels sang on earth.

Text: Marie Wexelsen, 1832-1911; tr. Peter A. Sveeggen, 1881-1959  
Music: JEG ER SÅ GLAD, Peder Knudsen, 1819-1863  
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## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

## CAROL: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* ..... 276

In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the child is Lord of all.  
Swift - ly wing - ing, an - gels sing - ing, bells are ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Christ the child is Lord of all! Christ the child is Lord of all!

Text: Polish carol; tr. Edith M. G. Reed, 1885–1933, alt.  
Music: W ZŁOBIE LEŻY, Polish carol

## CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-7

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.

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?

Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?

This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar-y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898  
 Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

## CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:8-14

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!"

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;

The first system of the musical score for 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing'. It features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;'.

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."

The second system of the musical score. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff accompaniment continues. The lyrics are: 'peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.'.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;

The third system of the musical score. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff accompaniment continues. The lyrics are: 'Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;'.

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"

The fourth system of the musical score. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff accompaniment continues. The lyrics are: 'with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!'.

*Refrain*  
Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

The fifth system of the musical score, marked as the 'Refrain'. The melody continues in the treble staff, and the bass staff accompaniment continues. The lyrics are: 'Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!'.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.  
Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

## CHRISTMAS GOSPEL: Luke 2:15-20

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.

## CAROL: *O Little Town of Bethlehem* ..... 279

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely soprano and bass. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night."

O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.

The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.

## SERMON:

10:00 AM, 1:30, 3:00 & 4:30 PM - *"Unexpected Gifts are the Best"* by Pastor Brent Campbell  
10:00 PM - by Pastor Sue Wallager

CAROL: *Away in a Manger* ..... 277



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord  
2 The cat - tle are low-ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -

Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look  
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in

down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn-ing is nigh.  
your ten - der care and fit us for heav-en, to live with you there.

Text: North American, 19th cent.  
Music: AWAY IN A MANGER, James R. Murray, 1841-1905

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

Emmanuel, God with us...

**Hear our prayers**

## SHARING THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Share the peace with a wave and word of peace.)*

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# MEAL

## OFFERING/SPECIAL MUSIC:

- 10:00 AM - "Gesu Bambino"..... by Pietro A Yon  
Bruce Messer, baritone, Shari Albrecht, violin; Deb Oas Koepsell, piano
- 1:30 PM - "An Appalachian Christmas" ..... arr. Waldrop  
Zion Ringmasters Bell Choir, Jonathan Campbell, dir.
- 3:00 PM - "All Is Well" .....by Smith/Kirkpatrick  
Beth Perry, vocals; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano
- 4:30 PM & 10:00 PM  
- "Gesu Bambino"..... by Pietro A Yon  
Liz Timm, soprano; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

## OFFERING CAROL: *In the Bleak Midwinter* ..... 267



What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?

If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;

if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;

yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

Text: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830–1894  
Music: CRANHAM, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has a repeat sign at the end. The second staff also has a repeat sign. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

## PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ..... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,

and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The image shows five staves of musical notation. The first two staves are in G major. The third staff begins with a 'Refrain' section, which is marked with a bracket and a repeat sign. The melody for the refrain is more complex, with eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy.  
*The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
Music: GLORIA, French carol

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace. All are welcome.

## DISTRIBUTION CAROLS & MUSIC

### SPECIAL MUSIC:

10:00 AM: "Emmanuel" ..... by Chris Tomlin

Bruce Messer, soloist; Shari Albrecht, piano

1:30 PM: "Breath of Heaven" ..... by Amy Grant

Stephanie Heiberg, soprano; Mary Jo Gothmann, piano

## The First Noel

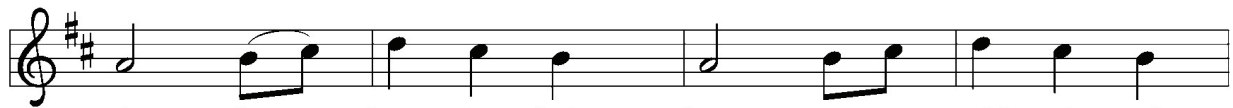
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1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to  
2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin - ing  
3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .  
4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .  
5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the  
wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it  
rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -  
king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the  
there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

### Refrain



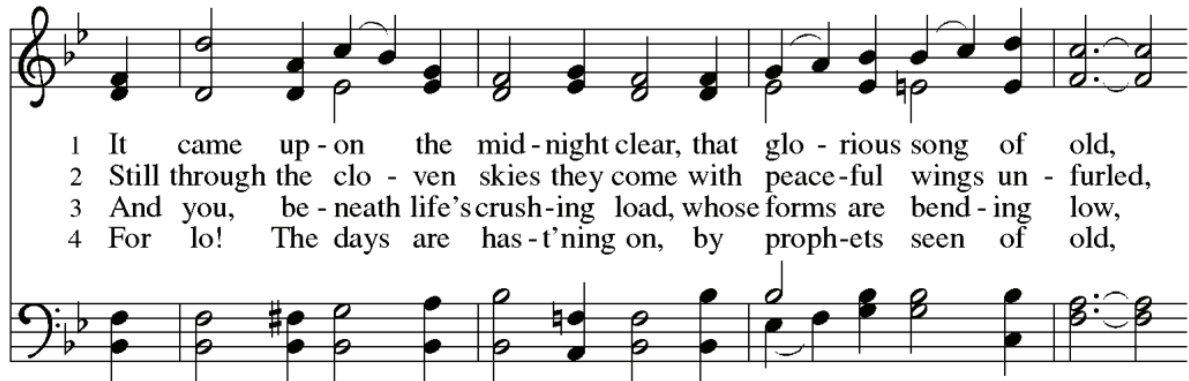
night that was so deep.  
tin-ued both day and night.  
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -  
place where Je - sus lay.  
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.



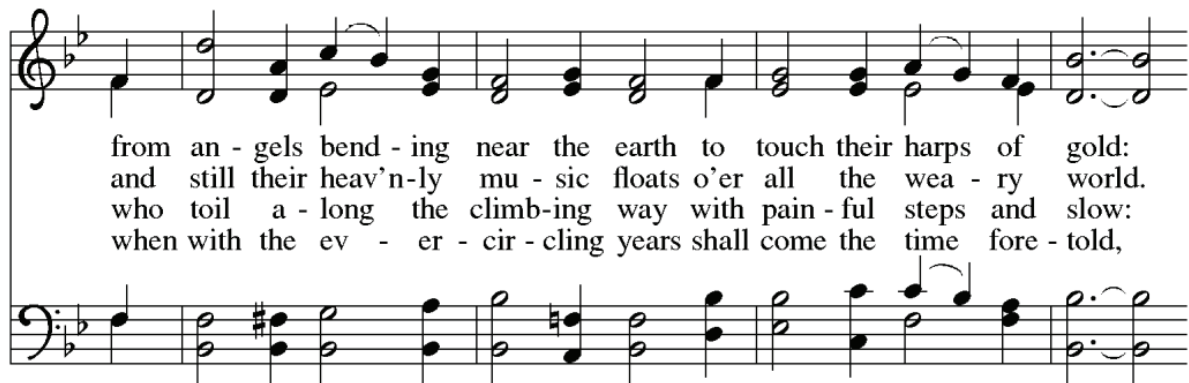
el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

# It Came upon the Midnight Clear

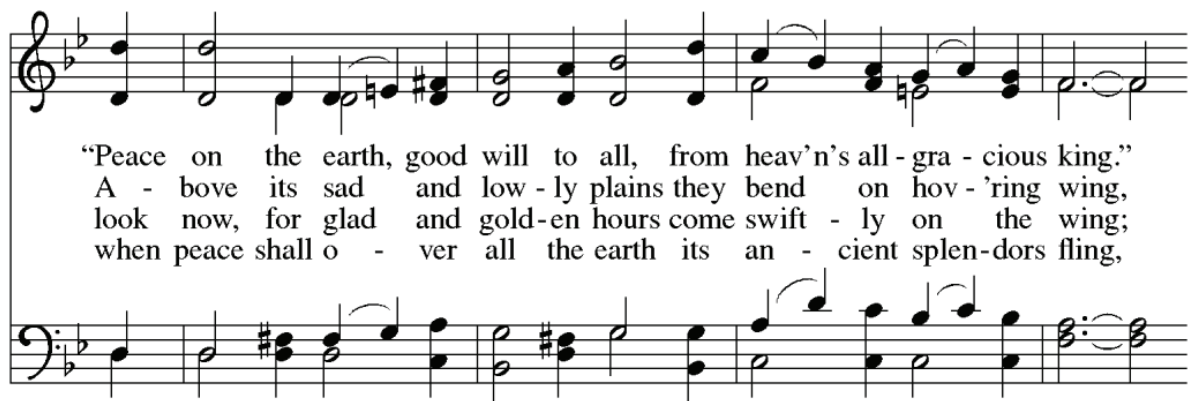
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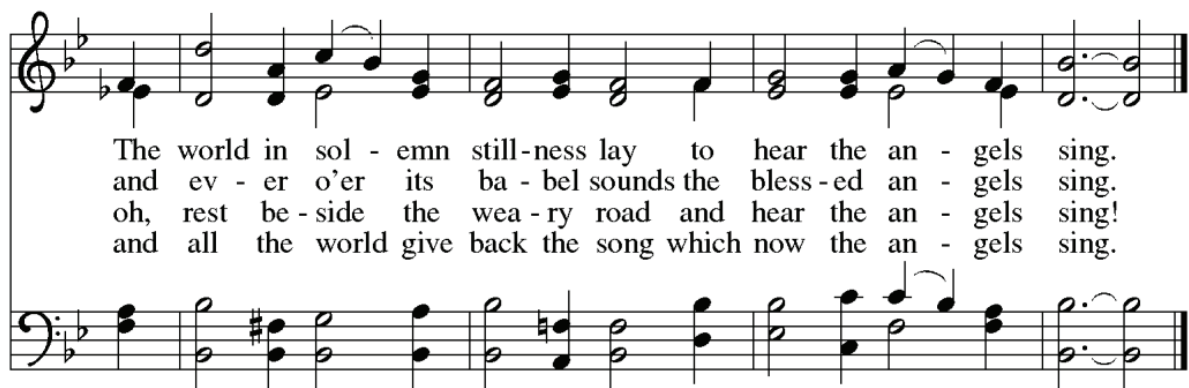
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,




The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

# Joy to the World

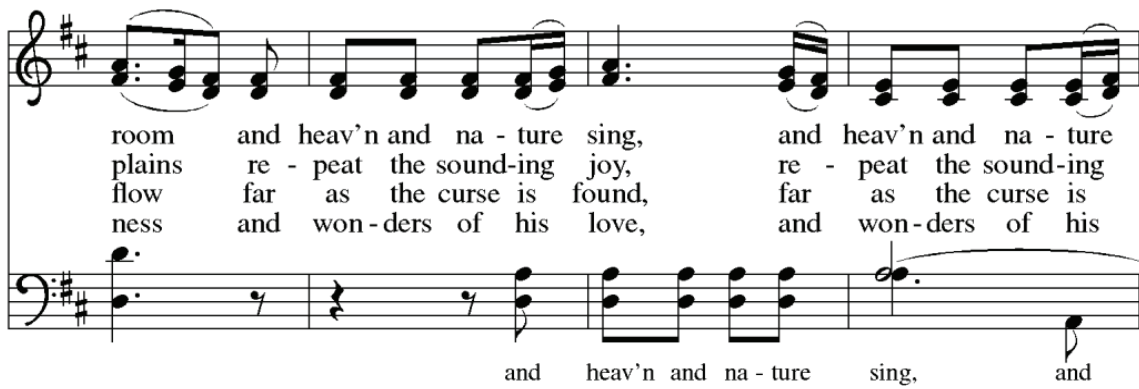
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1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and



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

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave; Je - sus Christ was born to save!



ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Text: Medieval Latin carol; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866  
 Music: IN DULCI JUBILO, German carol, 14th cent.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## SENDING

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES** - *The Pastor will announce when to turn on your candle.*

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

**In him was life and he is the true light.**

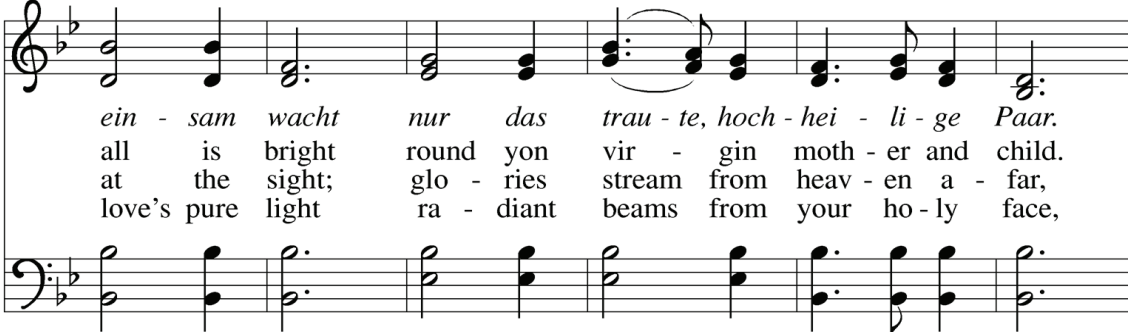
The light shines in the darkness.

**And the darkness did not overcome it.**


# SENDING HYMN: *Silent Night* #281



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,  
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.  
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.  
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher  
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly  
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.  
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792–1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820–1885  
 Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787–1863



**WE WELCOME YOU  
TO WORSHIP**

**Hearing Assistance  
Units Available**

*Hearing assistance units  
are available at the  
sound booth at the  
back of the Sanctuary.*

**Mobility Concerns**

*We have areas in the  
sanctuary where a  
wheelchair or walker will  
fit. Ushers can assist you.*

**Children Welcome**

*Activity bags are  
available outside the  
sanctuary. We have two  
"pray grounds" in the  
sanctuary with plenty of  
places just outside the  
sanctuary as well where  
children can sit and play.*

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*Please place your candle in the baskets as you leave.*

**BENEDICTION**

May the hope, joy, peace and love of Christ  
fill your heart on this Holy Night  
and bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE:**

10:00 AM: "Angels from the Realms of Glory"..... arr. Childs

1:30, 3:00, 4:30 & 10:00 PM: "Silent Night" ..... arr. Bullard

*Merry Christmas &  
A Blessed New Year*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE ZION PASTORS AND STAFF**

The Zion pastors and staff wish all of our members and visitors and their families a wonderful Christmas filled with joy. A heartfelt thanks to ALL volunteers who shared their time and gifts to bless our services of worship this Christmas. Musicians, choirs, altar guild, ushers, decor team, greeters, readers, and everyone who helped...know that your gifts are greatly appreciated! May God bless you and your loved ones in the New Year.

**POINSETTIA GARDEN**

Thank you to all who donated to the poinsettia garden in honor or in memory of their loved ones.

