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# **NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

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Christmas Day

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**A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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*(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)*

*There is no childcare today. Children are welcome in the sanctuary for all of worship.  
For those joining worship via live stream, please prepare your bread and cup for communion  
before worship begins so we might partake at the same time during today's service.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

John Weicher

**PRELUDE**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Thomas Keesecker

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Luke 1:68-80 from *The Message*)

John Weicher

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who came and set God's people free.

Lectern Side: The Lord set the power of salvation in the center of our lives,  
and in the very house of David, God's servant,

Pulpit Side: just as God promised long ago  
through the preaching of the holy prophets:

Leader: Deliverance from our enemies and every hateful hand;

Lectern Side: mercy to our ancestors,  
as the Lord remembers to do what was promised,

Pulpit Side: what God swore to our father Abraham -

Leader: a clean rescue from the enemy camp,  
so we can worship without a care in the world,

Lectern Side: made holy before God as long as we live.

Pulpit Side: And you, my child, "Prophet of the Highest,"  
will go ahead of the Master to prepare the way,

Leader: Present the offer of salvation to God's people,  
the forgiveness of their sins.

Lectern Side: Through the heartfelt mercies of our God,  
God's sunrise will break in upon us,

Pulpit Side: shining on those in the darkness,  
those sitting in the shadow of death,  
then showing us the way,  
one foot at a time,  
down the path of peace.

**All: The child grew up, healthy and spirited.  
He lived out in the desert  
until the day he made his prophetic debut in Israel.**

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

**\*HYMN NO. 123** (verses 1-2,4-5)     *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

Carol

*It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven’s all-gracious King”:  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.*

*Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o’er all the weary world:  
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o’er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.*

*And you, beneath life’s crushing load, whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,  
look now, for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing:  
O, rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing.*

*For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.*

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN**

Esther Hethcox

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O God, we find ways to forget our faith in the birth of love, in baby Jesus.  
*Silent prayer of confession.*

Leader: If we have lost our sense of wonder and delight  
and believe these things belong in children’s stories alone:

**People: Forgive us, God of sunrises and angel songs.**

Leader: If we no longer expect surprises  
and take the gifts of others and our own for granted:

**People: Forgive us, God of babies in mangers, in stables, and shepherds in fields.**

Leader: When love for the world seems an impossible dream and we give power to  
cynicism and a spirit of defeat:

**People: Forgive us, God of the shining star of hope. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (sung)

*In Dulci Jubilo*

*Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!*

**\*THE PEACE**

Esther Hethcox

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All (sung): *Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:8-20

(Pew Bible, NT page 58)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Candace Knotts Gunn, Ben Gunn, John Weicher

People: Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**

*Three Little Words*

John Weicher

**\*HYMN NO. 136**

*Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Go Tell It*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

Esther Hethcox

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to Give (sung)

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

*Kings of Orient*

*We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

Offertory Hymn

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Mendelssohn*

*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

*(Hymn continues next page.)*

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righteousness!  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.  
 Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"*

(The *Hunger for Change Offering* is received at this time.)

\*Prayer of Dedication

Esther Hethcox

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

John Weicher

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Esther Hethcox

Leader: Now, may Bethlehem's Child bless you!

**People: And also bless you!**

Leader: Now, may the children of God open their hearts.

**People: We offer them to the One who loves us each and every morning.**

Leader: Now, may we join in the songs of the angels.

**People: We join our voices with those of every time and place.**

Leader: In the silenced night of chaos,  
                 creation rejoiced with the carols of wonders  
                 you had composed, God of surprises:  
                 as joy sparkled in the sky,  
                 as rivers swarmed with fish,  
                 as turtles plodded through meadows.

Lectern Side: The Word gently gathered up earth's dust  
                     and the Spirit breathed life into those  
                     shaped in your image, so we might  
                     be at peace and be with you in joy.

Pulpit Side: But we were tempted by sin's decorations  
                     and death's commercials of life without you.  
                     Time and again, you sent folks to call us home.

Leader: Miriam and Micah, Ruth and Habakkuk  
                 spoke of your hopes for of us,  
                 yet we found rebellion the better  
                 road to take in our journey through the years.

Lectern Side: Finally, you chose to offer yourself  
                     in that Child born into poverty,  
                     that little One who would strengthen all.

Pulpit Side: With those who gathered on that first morning,  
                     with all who have celebrated with songs and service,  
                     we sing carols of praise to you:

**All (sung):**

*Divinum Mysterium*

*O ye heights of heaven, adore him. Angel hosts, his praises sing.  
 Powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.  
 Let no tongue on earth be silent; every voice in concert ring,  
 evermore and evermore!*

Leader: In the silence of the night, God of holiness,  
your Child crept in among us,  
so small no one would notice,  
so poor no one would care.

Lectern Side: But those who are forgotten by the world,  
like shepherds and the differently abled,  
come to worship, and to tell us the good news.

Pulpit Side: Those who have no money to their name,  
gift us with their hopes and love,  
even as he did so long ago.

Leader: Those children who are overlooked by culture,  
sing to us of the One given to us,  
so we might find our way home;

Lectern Side: of the One who gives himself to death,  
so resurrection love might destroy sin's power,  
and we might be swaddled in grace.

Pulpit Side: On this morning when we celebrate his birth,  
in the days to come when we follow him to Jerusalem,  
we sing carols of that mystery we call faith:

**All (sung):** *Divinum Mysterium*

*Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving and unwearied praises be.  
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,  
evermore and evermore! Amen.*

Leader: In the silence of these holy moments,  
pour out your Spirit upon  
those gathered on this morning  
and on the gifts of the Feast of Joy.

As we are welcomed here,  
may we remember and include  
all rejected by the world.

Lectern Side: As we are fed by the bread,  
may we be strengthened  
to go and bring tangible hope  
to all who are famished by despair.

Pulpit Side: As we drink from grace's cup,  
nourish us, so we may go  
to overflow with love and peace  
for everyone we meet in every season.

Leader: And when all history and time ends in silence,

Lectern Side: and we are gathered with our siblings around the feast of the lamb,

Pulpit Side: we will join the angels in singing carols to your forever,

**All: God in Community, Holy three in One. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*in unison*)

Esther Hethcox

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

John Weicher

**\*THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*(The bread is gluten free. The elements were prepared in a gluten-free area. Communion servers will sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. As you are able, come forward to receive the bread and cup.)*

Communion Interlude

*Still, Still, Still*

Thomas Keesecker

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Esther Hethcox

**Leader:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
**All:** God of grace and peace,  
as you have shared your life with us  
through the child in the manger  
and this simple meal together,  
let us share your life with others  
as the body of Christ in the world;  
through Jesus, bread of heaven. Amen.

**\*HYMN NO. 141**

*On This Day, Earth Shall Ring*

*Personent Hodie*

**\*BENEDICTION**

John Weicher

**\*POSTLUDE**

*Ding Dong! Merrily on High*

Germain Riviere



**Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.** First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, and ability to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the pew, and **then return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you.

The *poinsettias* are given to the glory of God and are a gift to the congregation from *Arthur Clark*. *Special thanks* to *Alice Raney* and *Vernon Cooper* for decorating the sanctuary for the season.

The *sanctuary table* upon which the Advent Wreath sits was made by *George Danser* and is given to the church by him and his wife, *Jean Cary*. George has drawn design features from our communion table and used oak removed from the sanctuary during our renovation and from a tree in their backyard that Jean saw get hit by lightning some years ago.

## WORSHIP NOTES AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent paraments:** In 2012, First Presbyterian Church commissioned internationally known fiber-artist Laurie Wohl to design and create two paraments to be hung from the pulpit and lectern during Lent and Advent. The text on the Advent parament, in Hebrew and English, is from Isaiah 12:3: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." The text on the lectern parament is from Luke 1:78-79: "The dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to guide our feet into the way of peace." We are grateful that the bequest of Anne 'St. Clair' Williams made it possible to enhance our sanctuary with these beautiful works of art.

**Hearing Assistance Receivers** are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

**Childcare** is not provided during today's worship. Children are welcome in the sanctuary for all of worship.

**Restroom locations:** To the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary; on the second floor of the education building; and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

**Today's texts** were taken from *Liturgies for the Journey of Life, Lectionary Liturgies, Book of Common Worship* (2018).

The **bulletin cover** was created and designed by FPC youth **Mason Armstrong**.

**These Days** devotional books for January-March 2023 have arrived. Pick up a free copy from the table in the foyer while supplies last.

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### ~ Our Concerns ~

**Paul Cornsweet**

**Susan Cyr**

**Kerry Holbrook**

**Lee House**

**Chris James**

**George Kafula**

**Mitzi Leshner-Thomas**

**Parker Morton**

**Franzi Rokoske**

**Carol Wills**

### Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Dub Gulley**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Hillcrest Convalescent: **Julian Boswell, Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe**

### Family and Friends of the Congregation

**Liz Block**, cousin of Jane and Bill Brown

**John Carter**, brother of Conrad Carter

**Grace**, Chris James' great-niece

**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

**Bob**, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

**Pam Hanson**, mother of Laura Hanson

**Karen Shelton**, mother-in-law of Dawn Carsey Shelton

**John Wakefield**, cousin of Vernon Neece



## END OF YEAR GIVING

Timely payment of pledges by December 31 will allow First Presbyterian to pay its end-of-year bills promptly and to meet its benevolence obligations for 2022.

**Please remember that the church must receive your charitable contributions by 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 30, 2022; or the gift must be postmarked by December 31, 2022, if mailed, to be deductible on your 2022 taxes.**

If you wish to make a contribution by credit card, this may be done through the parish's website ([www.firstpres-durham.org](http://www.firstpres-durham.org)) at any time. **To be deductible on your 2022 taxes, please initiate the gift by Wednesday, December 28. On-line contributions scheduled for December 30 or 31 will not reach us in time.**

If you wish to make a donation through a gift of stock, please notify Tom Bloom, Business Administrator ([t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org)) **as soon as possible.**

Members aged 70 ½ + who own an IRA may be able to make a tax-excludable gift directly to First Presbyterian and have that gift satisfy any required minimum distribution for this year. Please contact your IRA administrator ASAP if you wish to consider this giving option for tax year 2022.

## CHURCH OFFICE YEAR-END SCHEDULE

**The church office will be closed to the public December 26-27, 2022 for Christmas, and Monday, January 2, 2023 for the New Year's Day holiday.**

Staff will be available December 28-30 and some will working from home these days.

If you have a need, you may call the Church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message on the appropriate extension number:

**Mindy x 211 - John x 213 - Esther x 220 - Kathy x 219**

**Tom x 216 - Valerie x 215 - Sybil x 217**

**The final church newsletter for 2022 will be issued on Tuesday, December 27.**

**Please get your news articles to Valerie by end of day Monday, December 26.**

**Articles should cover news/events through Monday, January 12, 2023.**

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## SAVE THESE 2023 DATES

### January Slide Show: Birds of Western Brazil

Do you want to escape the cold winter days, at least virtually? *David and Judy Smith* spent more than two weeks last July in the hot, humid Amazon of Western Brazil, and they came home with lots of photos of tropical birds and monkeys. Join them for a slide show on **Tuesday, January 17, at 7:15 p.m. in Watts-Hill Hall.** (If you're interested in a Zoom option, please contact David.)

### The Legacy Society Luncheon

The FPC Legacy Society invites all current society members and those interested in knowing more to join us at our next luncheon. It will be held **Wednesday, February 1, 2023**, at Croasdaile Country Club. Invitations forthcoming. Contact *Tom Bloom* for more information on The Legacy Society: 919-682-5511 x 216.

# 123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



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 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long,~~  
 4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,  
 5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:  
~~be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong,~~  
 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 heaven's all-gra-cious King":  
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,  
~~and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;~~  
 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.  
~~O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the an - gels sing!~~  
 O, rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.  
 and the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



Verse 3 only

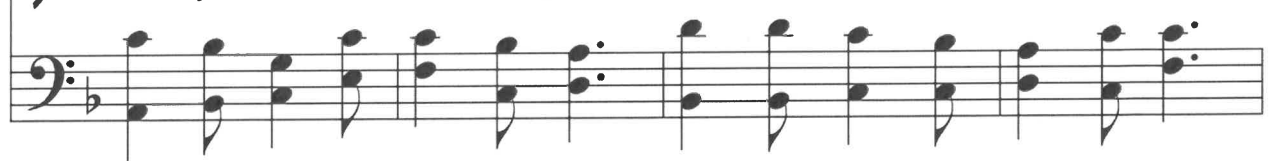
# 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice



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;



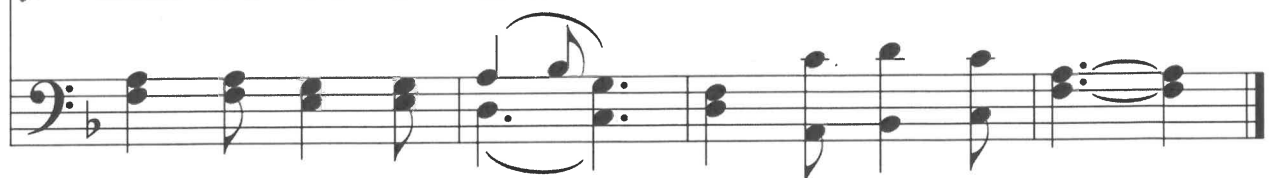
give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



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.



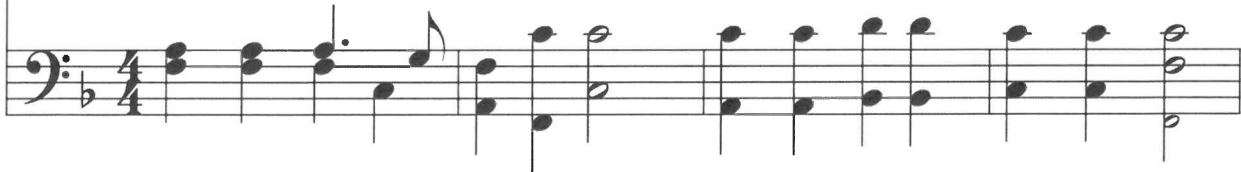
Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



# 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



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 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



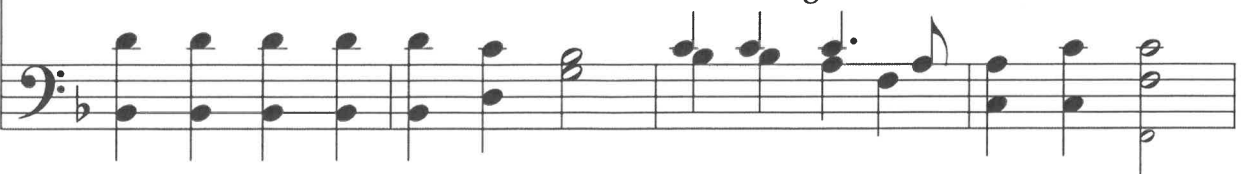
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.




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,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.






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

# 141 On This Day Earth Shall Ring



Dm Am C F Dm G

1 On this day earth shall ring with the song  
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came  
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three  
 4 On this day an - gels sing; with their song



Em F G C Am Dm Em Am

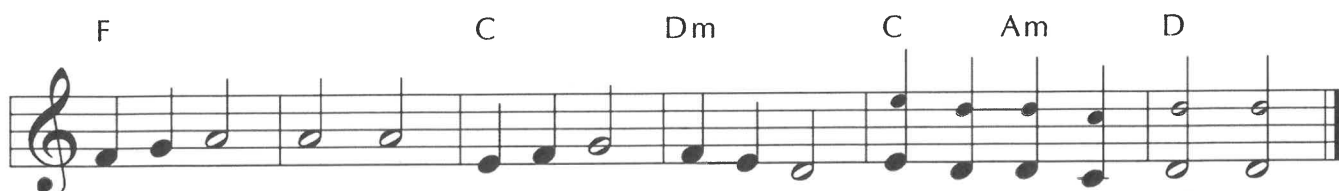
chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to  
 down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -  
 to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts be -  
 earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, born on earth to

## Refrain



Dm Em Am G C

save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.  
 side him from the cold would hide him. \*Id - e - o - o - o,  
 fore him, praise him and a - dore him.  
 save us; peace and love he gave us.



F C Dm C Am D

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

# 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain  $\text{♪} = \text{♪}^3 \text{♪}$

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

*Fine*

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,

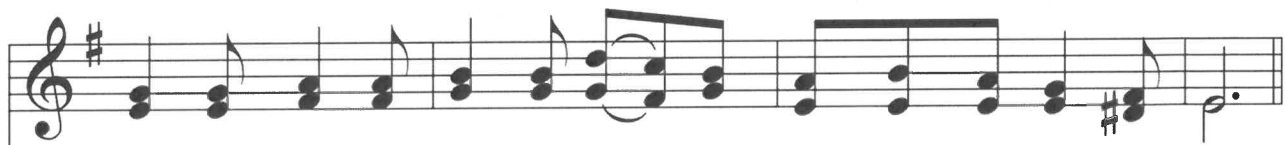
be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

*to Refrain*

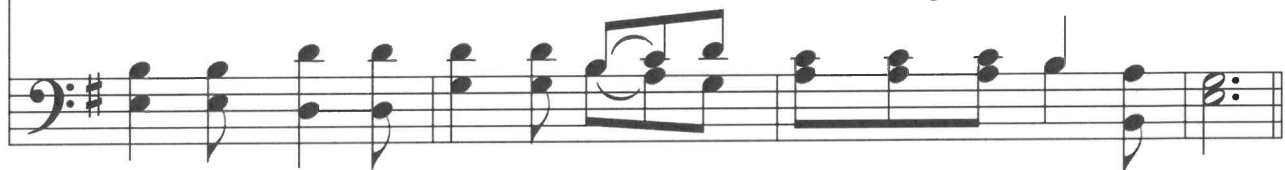
# 151 We Three Kings of Orient Are



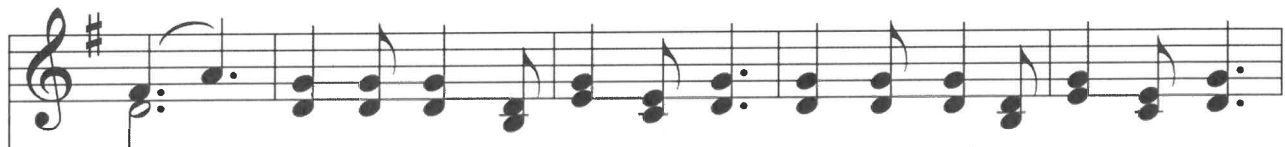
1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,  
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,  
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;  
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;  
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.



## Refrain



O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,






west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!





NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR  
*Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year*

## The Week at a Glance

<b>Later Today</b>  <b>Christmas</b>	<b>Monday, December 26</b> <b>The Church Office is closed.</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 27</b> <b>The Church Office is closed.</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 28</b> <b>Church staff available / working from home.</b> <b>No Chancel Choir</b>
<b>Thursday, December 29</b> <b>Church staff available / working from home.</b>	<b>Friday, December 30</b> <b>Church staff available / working from home.</b>	<b>Saturday, December 31</b>  <b>FPC is 151 years old today!</b>	<b>Sunday, January 1</b> <b>Happy New Year!</b>  <b>Epiphany</b> <b>No Faith Formation</b> (The Lectionary Class will meet at 9:45 AM.) <b>11 AM Worship</b> <b>Wilson Gunn, preaching</b>

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### CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator  
 Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director  
 Vernon Cooper, Sexton  
 Mindy Douglas, Pastor, Head of Staff  
 Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate  
 Omar Guess, Sunday Morning Sexton  
 Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Esther Hethcox, Pastoral Associate  
 Amy Bowers Heit, Parish Associate  
 Sybil King, Administrative Assistant  
 Mitzi Leshner-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)  
 Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator  
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