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A Service of Lessons and Carols

*First Presbyterian Church
Durham, North Carolina*

December 17, 2023

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 2023

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

Carol for Saxophone and Piano
Susan Fancher, saxophone

Gerald Finzi

CALL TO WORSHIP AND

Antoinette Kabasu, Carolyn Ragans

LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Leader: Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!
See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious.

People: **He will proclaim peace to the nations.**
God reigns over the nation; God is enthroned on high.

All sing: *Veni Emmanuel*

*O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

Leader: I will place on his shoulder the key to the house of David;

People: **what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.**
The candle is lit.

***HYMN NO. 140**
(Please be seated.)

Once in Royal David's City

Irby

THE BIDDING PRAYER

Esther Hethcox

Beloved in Christ,
let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the angels,
and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem
and see this thing which is come to pass,
and the babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the loving purposes of God
from the first days of our disobedience to the glorious redemption
brought to us by this Holy Child.

But first, let us pray for the world that God so loves,
and especially for peace on earth and goodwill among all people.

Let us remember, in God's name,
the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed;

(Prayer continues next page.)

*Those who are able, please stand.

the lonely and the unloved;
 all who have none to care for them;
 all those whose lives have been torn asunder by injustice, terror and war;
 the aged and little children;
 all who grieve;
 and all who know not the great loving-kindness of the Lord Jesus.
 Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us,
 but upon another shore,
 and in a greater light,
 that multitude which no one can number,
 whose hope was in the Word made flesh,
 and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven,
 in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

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.

BLESSING

Esther Hethcox

May Almighty God bless us with divine grace, may Christ give us the joy of everlasting life,
 and into the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-13; 22-24

David Smith

"The first sin"

CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Leader: Lord of grace and truth, your Son, our Savior, was born in poverty and laid in a manger.
 Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways. We have sinned:

People: **Forgive and heal us.**

Leader: The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus.
 Forgive our disobedience to your will. We have sinned:

People: **Forgive and heal us.**

Leader: The shepherds left their flocks to go to Bethlehem.
 Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision. We have sinned:

People: **Forgive and heal us. Have mercy on us according to your love.**

Leader: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,
 time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

SOLO

A Stable Lamp Is Lighted

David Hurd

Lesley Curtis, soloist

*A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky;
 the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.
 And every stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine;
 a barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.*

(Verses continue next page.)

*This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by;
the palm shall strew its branches, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, though heavy, dull, and dumb,
and lie within the roadway to pave his kingdom come.*

*Yet he shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die;
the sky shall groan and darken, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, for hearts made hard by sin:
God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.*

*But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high;
the stars shall bend their voices, and every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry, in praises of the child
by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.*

SECOND LESSON

Psalm 57:7-11

Griffin Momsen-Hudson

"The Psalmist reminds us to keep our souls awake to praise the Lord"

***HYMN NO. 349**

"Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us

Wachet auf

THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

Malarie Schexnider

"The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior"

CAROL

How Splendid Shines the Morning Star

Southern Harmony, 1835

*How splendid shines the Morning Star, God's gracious light from darkness far
the root of Jesse blessed. Thou David's son of Jacob's stem,
my bridegroom, King, and wondrous Lamb, Thou hast my heart possessed.
Sweetly, friendly, O Thou handsome, precious ransom,
full of graces, set and kept in heavenly places.*

*Lift up the voice and strike the string, let all glad songs of music ring
in God's high praises blended. Christ will be with me all the way,
today, tomorrow, every day, till traveling days are ended.
Sing out, ring out, triumph glorious, O victorious,
chosen nation; praise the God of your salvation.*

*Oh, joy to know that Thou my friend, art Lord, beginning without end.
The First and Last, Eternal! And Thou at length-O glorious grace!—
Wilt take me to that holy place, the home of joys supernal.
Amen, Amen! Come and meet me! Quickly greet me!
With deep yearning, Lord, I look for Thy returning.*

FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

Cris Rivera

"The peace that the Messiah will bring is foreshown"

ANTHEM

How Lovely Are the Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

*How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.*

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

Jennie Alwood

“The angel Gabriel appears to Mary”

CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

German, 16th cent.,
arr. Shawn Kirchner

*Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as saints of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, this Rose I have in mind.
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.
This flower whose fragrance tender with sweetness fills the air,
dispels in glorious splendor the darkness everywhere.
True man, yet very God, from sin and death he saves us and lightens every load.*

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

Sam Miglarese

“Jesus is born in Bethlehem”

*HYMN NO. 130

Break Forth, O Beauteous, Heavenly Light

Ermuntre Dich

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-20

Mindy Douglas

“The angels appear to the shepherds”

SOLO

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

*Traditional Spiritual,
arr. Margaret Bonds*

Ginger Jones-Robinson, soloist

*Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!
When I was just a learner, I sought both night and day.
I asked the Lord to aid me and he showed me the way. Go, tell it ...
The Lord made me a watchman upon the city wall,
and if I am a Christian, I am the least of all. Go, tell it ...
The wise men and the shepherds, all hailed the Savior's birth.
He came to spread the message of peace to all the earth. Go, tell it ...*

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem

This Christmastide (Jessye's Carol)

Donald Fraser

*Green and silver, red and gold, and a story born of old.
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.
Holly, ivy, mistletoe, and the gently falling snow
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.
From a simple ox's stall came the greatest gift of all.
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.
Children sing of peace and joy at the birth of one small boy.
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.
Let the bells ring loud and clear, ring out now for all to hear.
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.*

(Anthem text continues next page.)

*Trumpets sound and voices raise in an endless stream of praise.
Truth and love and hope abide this Christmastide.
Green and silver, red and gold, and a story born of old.
Peace and love and hope abide this Christmastide.*

*Doxology (Hymn No. 108, verse 6)

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!***

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**
All: **God of mystery, we thank you for the hope of the prophets, the songs of the angels and the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem. Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips, and let the praise that is sung in heaven resound in the heart of every creature on the earth, to your glory, now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 113**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria

***SOLEMN BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Son of God once came to us; may his coming bring us the light of his holiness.
People: **Amen.**
Leader: God sent heavenly angels to shepherds to herald the great joy of our Savior's birth.
May God fill us with joy and make us heralds of the gospel.
People: **Amen.**
Leader: When the Word became Flesh, earth was joined to heaven.
May God give us peace and good will and brighten our hearts with holiness.
People: **Amen.**
Leader: May Almighty God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, bless us.
All: **Amen.**

***POSTLUDE**

Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us

Robert Hobby

Later today ...

Join us this Sunday evening for the **Christmas pageant, potluck supper, and carols sing.**

The festivities start at 5:30 p.m. and will continue until sometime around 7:00 p.m.

Parents: the call time for pageant participants and helpers is 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code. First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance 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.

Today's worship is patterned after the Lessons and Carols service at King's College Chapel in Cambridge, England. The traditional service of Lessons and Carols dates from 1880, but the most famous tradition is that of the service at King's College, Cambridge which began in 1918. It is always held on Christmas Eve.

Special thanks to our saxophone player, **Susan Fancher**, our soloists, **Lesley Curtis** and **Ginger Jones-Robinson**, and on piano and organ, **Jane Lynch**, for their contributions to today's worship service.

This season's beautiful **Advent wreath** is given to the glory of God by **Alice Raney**.

The **poinsettias** are a loving gift from the **Arthur and Mary Clark Family Fund** in deep appreciation to the family in Christ at First Presbyterian Church.

Special thanks to **Alice Raney**, **Griffin Momsen-Hudson**, 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.

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 Advent text on the pulpit parament, in Hebrew and English, is from Isaiah 12:3: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation." The Advent 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 the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children's playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. **Activity bags** are available in the foyer for children. Please return bags to the foyer at the end 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 **bulletin cover** is created by FPC youth, **Isa Cummings**.

A Call for Ushers: If you are interested in serving as head usher or being on-call for ushering duties, especially on the first and second Sundays of the month, please contact Esther Hethcox (e.hethcox@firstpres-durham.org or 540-316-1548). Instructions are available.

Year-end Giving: Please remember that the church must receive your charitable contributions by 12:00 p.m. Friday, December 29, 2023, or the gift must be postmarked by December 31, 2023, if mailed, to be deductible on your 2023 taxes. If you wish to make a contribution by credit card, you can do this through the church's website (www.firstpres-durham.org) at any time. To be deductible on your 2023 taxes, please initiate the gift before Friday, December 29. If you wish to make a donation through a gift of stock, please notify Tom Bloom, Business Administrator (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 2023.

~ Joys and Concerns ~

Birth Announcement: Congratulations to *Peggy Hammond* on the birth of a great-granddaughter. *Charlotte Marie Hammond* was born on December 9th in Portland, ME to *Katelyn and Charles Hammond*.

Graduations: Congratulations to the following students who are graduating from college (Class of 2023) in this month of December.

Tyler Adams, son of Mindy Douglas, UNC-Wilmington

Lauren Boyle, daughter of Scottie Seawell, UNC-Asheville

Aiden James, son of Wil and Jenni Janes, UNC-Charlotte.

Condolences: The love and concern of the congregation is extended to *Wilson & Pam Gunn and family* on the death of Wilson's cousin, *Ethan James Peltola*, of Waynesboro, VA.

Concerns:

Scott Adams, father of Mindy's son Tyler Adams, is in the ICU at a Florida hospital.

Doug Butler

Paul Cornsweet

Kerry Holbrook

Lee House

Ann Huff

Jennie James

Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Franzi Rokoske

Alfred Tisdale

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: *Dub Gulley*

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

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

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Bob Betley, friend of Susan Cyr

John Keller, son of Tom & Margaret Keller

Robert Lewis, Jr., son of Bob Lewis

Keith Nivens, uncle of Mindy Douglas

Joe Quirk, friend of Mindy Douglas

Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Emily Wilson, daughter-in-law of Chuck & Jean Wilson

Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings

Brian Knowles, son of Sheila & Sam Miglarese

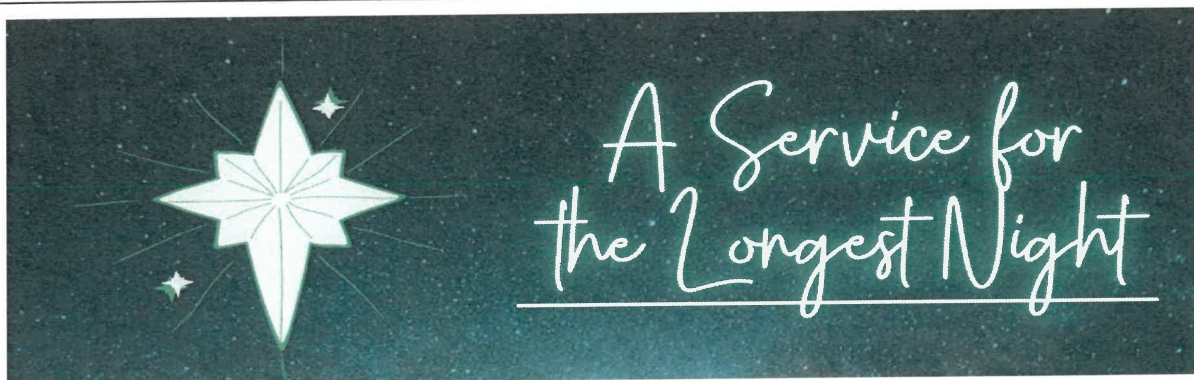
Gabe Lamazares, assoc. rector, St. Philip's EC

Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James

Spencer Reaves, worships regularly with FPC

Calvin Rogers, friend of Steve Rimmer

John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher



Thursday, December 21

A service of prayers, poems, hymns, and moments of silence.

(Sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.)

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Sopranos

Kathy Conner
Lesley Curtis
Sophie Hatcher Peters
Henry Kelley
Laura Kelley
Christyn Klinck
Diane Lesman
Wendy McCorkle
Caroline Means
Charlotte Nelson
Sara Radtke
Laurie Ray
Franzi Rokoske
Dawn Shelton
Cathy Snell
Emily Turkington
Shelley Turkington
Amy Wilson

Altos

Kate Busa
Marsha Butler
Lara Duffney
Rebekah Jakel
Laura McNab
Beth Neece
Karen Romines
Hendrika Vande Kemp
Linn Wakeford
Leigh Wynkoop

Tenors

Stephen Cole
Brent Curtis
Matthew Eggleston
Dan Huff
Jerry Postema
Christopher Shreve

Basses

Jacob Boehm
Doug Butler
Drew Cummings
Wilson Gunn
Malvern King
Vern Neece
Lanny Pratt
David Smith
Tim Turkington
David Verner

Gordon Campbell, Rehearsal Accompanist
Kathryn Cain Parkins, Minister of Music



Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

No faith formation classes for children and youth.
Faith & Community and Lectionary classes
will meet at 9:45 a.m.

Worship (sanctuary, 11:00 a.m.)

The Christmas Joy and Hunger for Change
offerings will be received.



Christmas Eve Worship

(sanctuary, 5:00 p.m.)

Holy Communion & Candlelight Service

An offering will be received for Welcome Baby
and Emanuel Food Pantry.

130 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Break forth, O beau - teous heaven - ly light, and ush - er in the

The first system of the musical score features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Break forth, O beau - teous heaven - ly light, and ush - er in the".

morn - ing. You shep - herds, shud - der not with fright, but hear the

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "morn - ing. You shep - herds, shud - der not with fright, but hear the".

an - gel's warn - ing. This child, now weak in in - fan - cy, our

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "an - gel's warn - ing. This child, now weak in in - fan - cy, our".

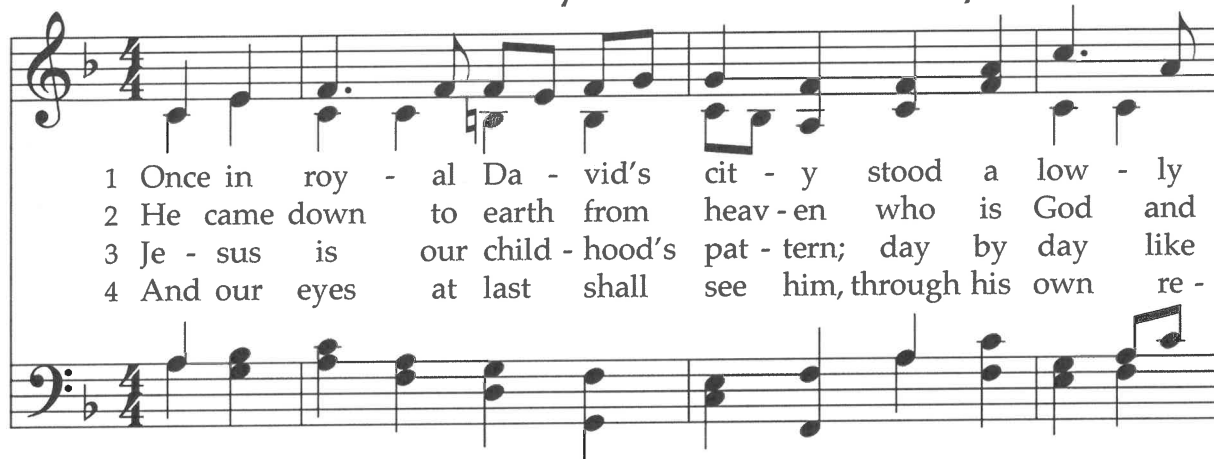
con - fi - dence and joy shall be, the power of Sa - tan

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "con - fi - dence and joy shall be, the power of Sa - tan".

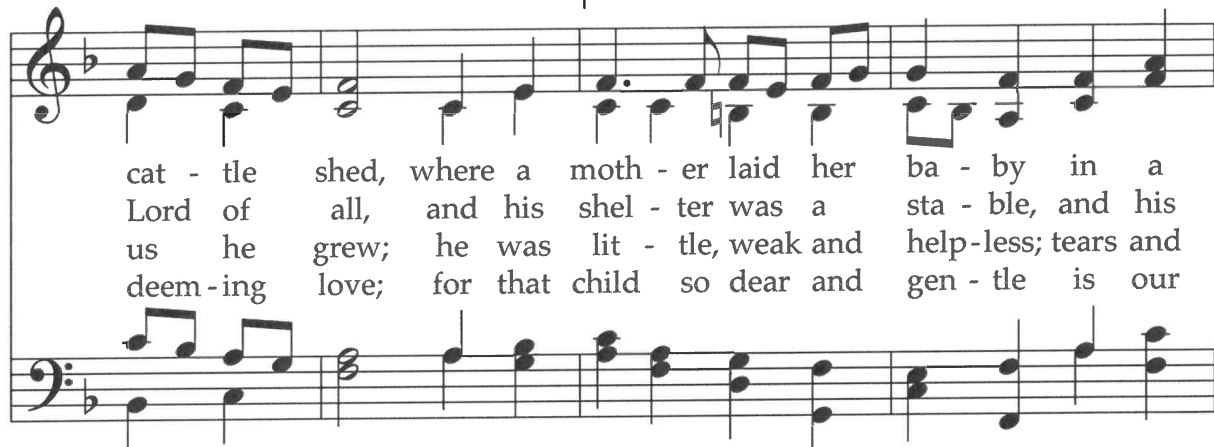
break - ing, our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing.

The fifth system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are: "break - ing, our peace e - ter - nal mak - ing."

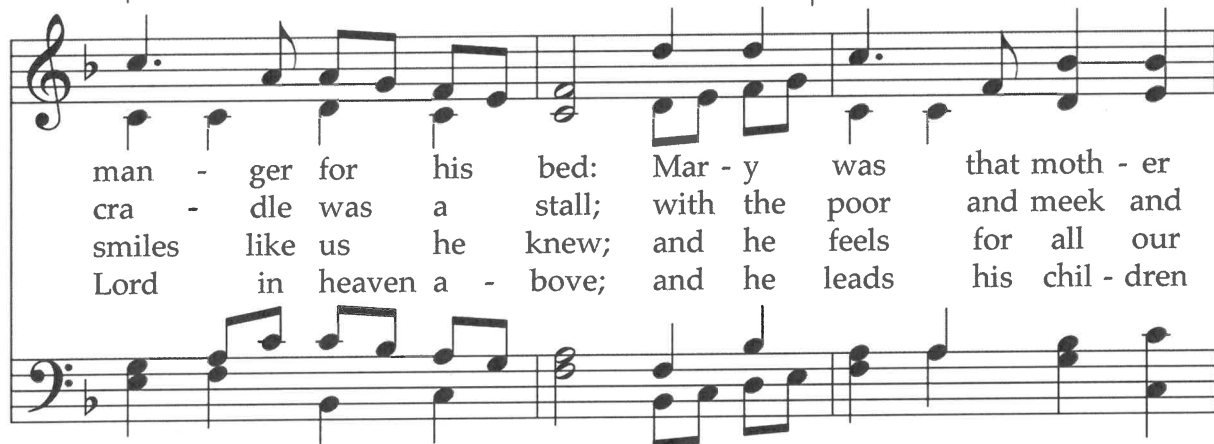
Once in Royal David's City 140



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -



cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

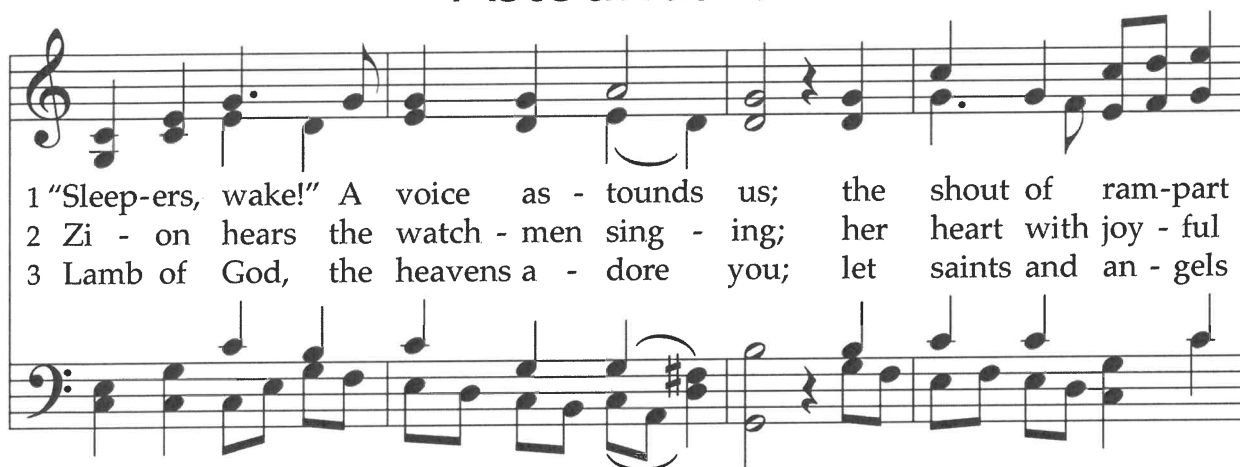


man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

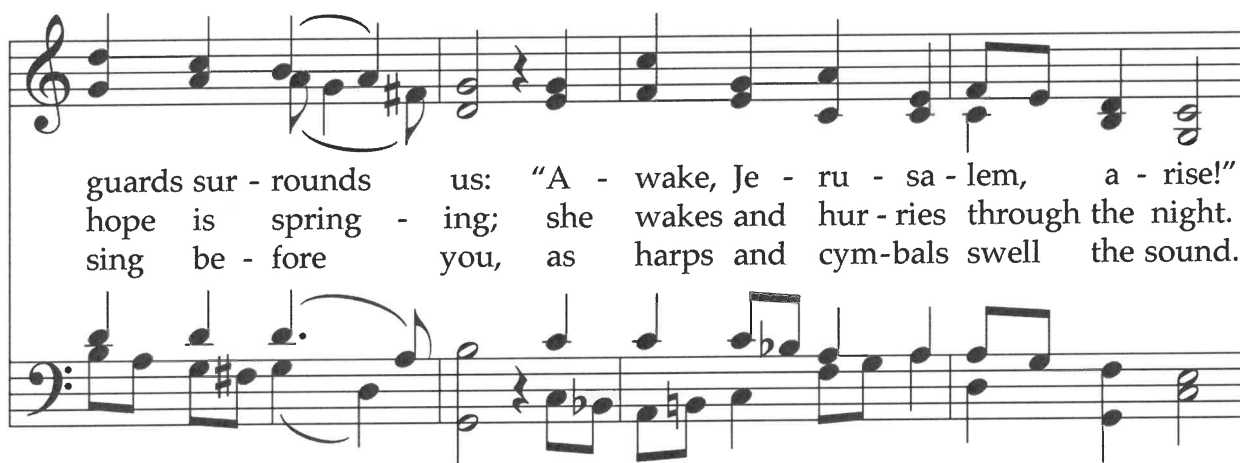


mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

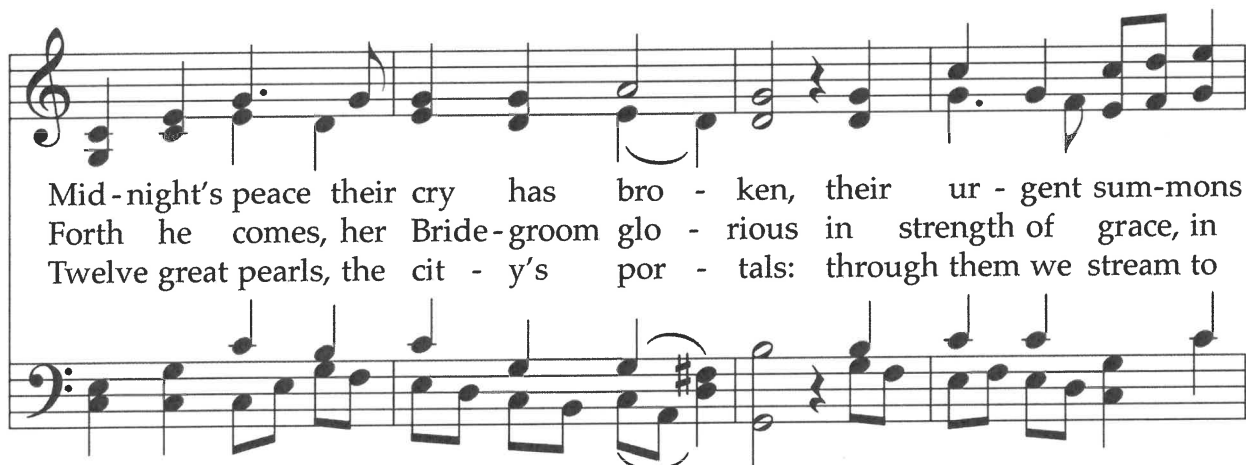
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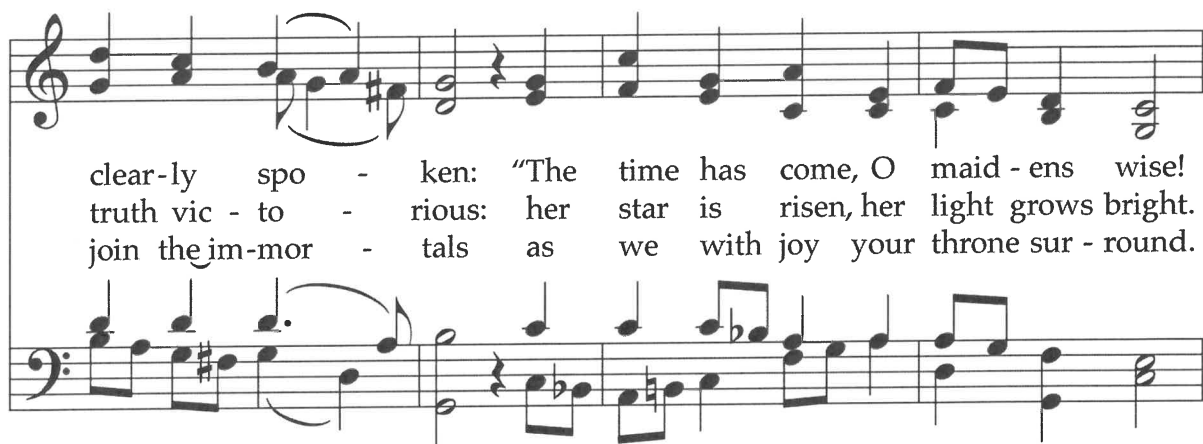
1 "Sleep-ers, wake!" A voice as - tounds us; the shout of ram-part
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her heart with joy - ful
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let saints and an - gels



guards sur - rounds us: "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"
hope is spring - ing; she wakes and hur - ries through the night.
sing be - fore you, as harps and cym-bals swell the sound.



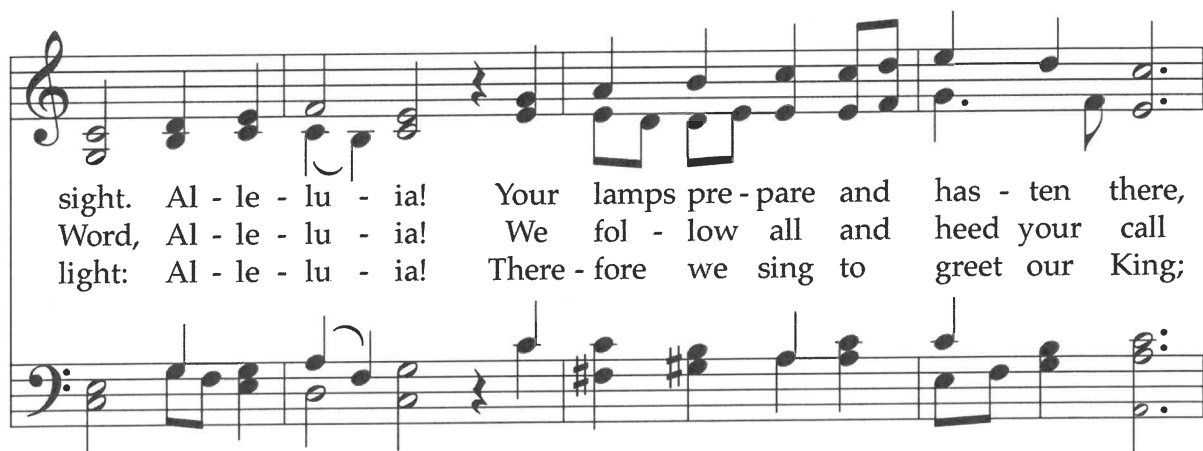
Mid - night's peace their cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum-mons
Forth he comes, her Bride-groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in
Twelve great pearls, the cit - y's por - tals: through them we stream to



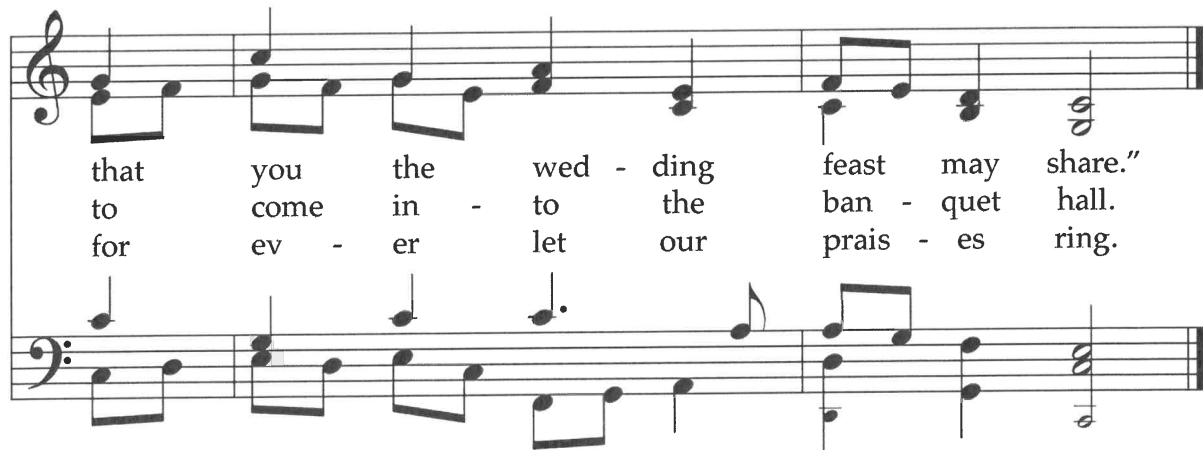
clear-ly spo - ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
truth vic - to - rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
join the im - mor - tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.



Rise up, and give us light; the Bride-groom is in
Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, in - car - nate
No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

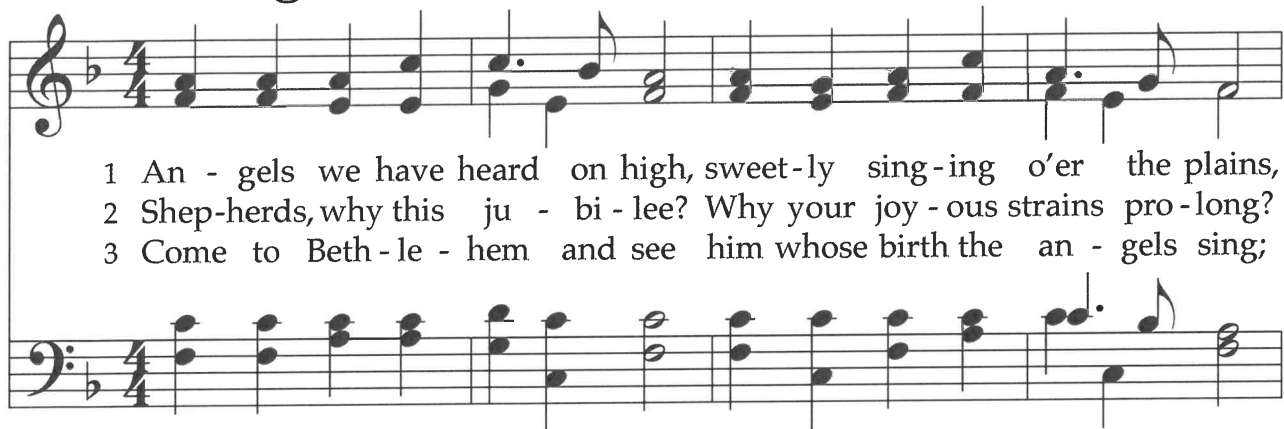


sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and has - ten there,
Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and heed your call
light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to greet our King;

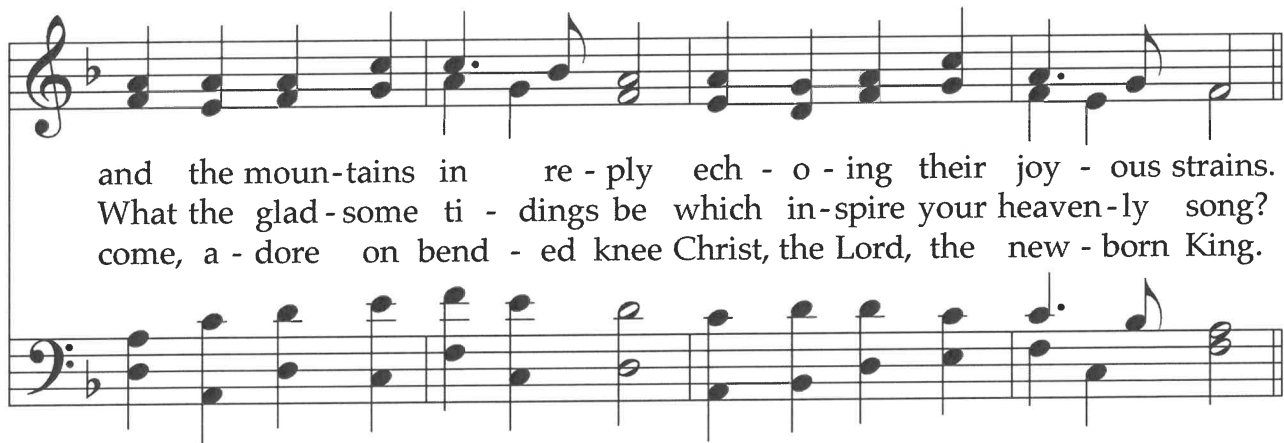


that you the wed - ding feast may share."
to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

113 Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some ti - dings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

Refrain



Glo - - - ri - a



in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - -

A musical score for a vocal and piano accompaniment in B-flat major. The vocal line is written on a treble clef staff, and the piano accompaniment is on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The tempo is marked 'Allegretto' and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The vocal melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half-note cadence.

Allegretto

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

Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



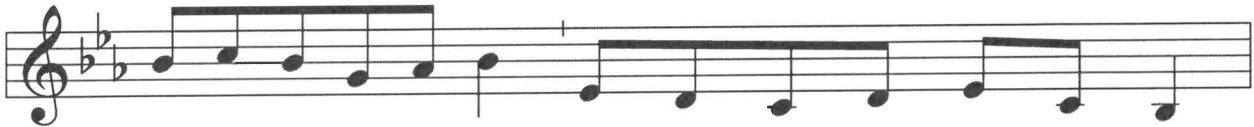
1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais -
 → 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom-ised
 es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -
 → to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft
 Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -
 in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
 tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 → wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
 → min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,

(after stanza 6)



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

The Week at a Glance!

Church Holiday Schedule: The church office will be **closed to the public from Monday, December 25 to Friday, December 29** for the Christmas holiday and on **Monday, January 1** for the New Year's Day holiday. Pastoral staff will be on-call to assist members during this time.

<p>Later Today</p> <p>5:30 PM Children's Christmas Pageant</p> <p>6:00 PM All-Church Potluck followed by Carols Sing-Along</p> <p>Monday, December 18</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p>1:30 PM Worship Planning</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 19</p> <p>4:30 PM Handbells rehearsal</p> <p>6:00-8:00 PM Joint Officers and Program Staff Christmas Potluck at the home of Jane Wettach and Paul Baldasare</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 20</p> <p>12:30-1:30 PM Front Office and Staff Luncheon</p> <p>1:00 PM All Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 PM Chancel Choir</p>
<p>Thursday, December 21</p> <p>9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry Interviews</p> <p>5:30 PM The Longest Night Service</p> <p>Friday, December 22</p> <p>Saturday, December 23</p>	<div></div> <p>Sunday, December 24 4th Sunday of Advent</p> <p>9:45-10:45 AM Faith Formation classes for Faith & Community and Lectionary (Faith formation classes for children and youth are cancelled.)</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship (The Christmas Joy and Hunger for Change offerings will be received.)</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>5:00 PM Communion and Candle Lighting Service</p>	

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