



**Fairmont Presbyterian Church
Kettering, Ohio
December 24, 2022
Christmas Eve Service**

FAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order of Service for the Worship of God

Fairmont Presbyterian Church nurtures and guides people to live inspired lives.

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7:30 p.m.

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Welcome

Rev. Brian Maguire

Call to Worship (Isaiah 9:2; Matthew 4:16)

Leader: The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.

People: Those who live in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

Leader: For a child has been born to us.

People: A savior who is our Christ, the Lord.

Leader: To the child born in Bethlehem let us lift our prayers and songs and hopes this night when heaven drew near to earth. Let us draw near and worship him.

Hymn 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

1 O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
very God, begotten, not created!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels;
sing in exultation;
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all
glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Candles and Christ Candle

The Porter/Parcels Family

Congregational Response 113

Angels We Have Heard on High
(verse 1)

Gloria

*Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echoing their
joyous strains. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Canticle of the Incarnation

Colossians 1:12-20
(bold in unison)

Rev. Kelley Shin

He is the image of the unseen God
and the firstborn of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:

**everything visible and everything invisible,
thrones, dominions, sovereignties, and powers—
all things were created through him and for him.**

Before anything was created, he existed
and he holds all things in unity,
he is moreover the head
of the body, the Church.

**As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be raised from the dead
so that he might be first in every way;
for in him the complete being of God
by God's own choice came to dwell.**

Through him God chose to reconcile
the whole universe to himself,

everything in heaven and everything on earth
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Anthem

Do You Hear What I Hear?
Chancel Choir

Harry Simeone

Prayer for Illumination

Leader: The Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth.

People: In Him was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Leader: Come to us now by the power of your Spirit to reveal your truth and illumine our lives.

People: We ask this in the name of our teacher, the Christ, Jesus. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

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.
³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
⁶ 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.
⁷ 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.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Breath of Heaven

Amy Grant

Coleman Clark and Lorelai Harding, *soloists*

Second Reading

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ 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.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Hebron Road, Take Me Home

Rev. Brian Maguire

Hymn 145

What Child Is This?

Greensleaves

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Prayers of the People (concluding with the 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 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.**

Anthem

O Holy Night
Chancel Choir

Robert Wetzler

The Mystery of the Incarnation

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Sharing of the Light

(Please pass the flame to your neighbors in the pew. Once all candles are lit we will together sing Silent Night. To avoid dripping wax on your hand, the person receiving the flame should hold the candle horizontally and the person passing the flame should hold the candle vertically.)

Hymn 122

Silent Night, Holy Night!
(verses 1-3)

Stille Nacht

1 Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2 Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heavenly hosts sing "Alleluia:
Christ the Savior is born;
Christ the Savior is born!"

3 Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from thy holy face,
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Charge and Benediction

***Sung Benediction Response 134**

Joy to the World
verse 1

Antioch

***Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.***

Postlude

Joy to the World

Gordon Young

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The Christmas tree in the Sanctuary is beautifully decorated with ornaments that are Christian symbols called "Chrismons". Some Christian symbols used are crosses, fish, stars, crowns, shepherd's staff, doves, and candles. The colors used for the ornaments are white and gold, which represent majesty and purity.

Sunday, December 25th—Single Service at 10:30am



OUR THANKS FOR THE POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Jeff and Wynn Adam in memory of our parents and in honor of family, friends, Fairmont and the season.

Terry and Kathy Akers in honor of their grandchildren, Chase Polk and Aria and Ethan Akers.

Robert Berger in memory of Nancy Berger.

Karan and Rich Bowden in memory of Marguerite and John Bowden and Eva and Tony Gaddis.

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Elizabeth Favro in memory of loved ones lost in the last year and long, lost family and friends.

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Sally and Bob Kaskocsak in memory of Loved Ones.

Sharon Kohnle in memory of my husband and best friend Tom Kohnle and in honor of Fairmont's Music Ministry.

Esther Kremer in memory of my husband Bill and grandson Jeremy McNeil and in honor of my children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Virene MacCagno in memory of my husband, Pete MacCagno.

Kris Martin in honor of my mother, Virene MacCagno.

Christy Maynard in memory of Barbara and Larry Coan.

Barbara & William Miller III and Laura & Kevin Lyons in memory of William R. Miller, Jr.

Dinah Miller in memory of Florence Hawkins, my 103 year old neighbor.

The Doris Olt Family in memory of Donald Olt.

Pete Schilling in memory of Judy & Kathy Schilling, Tom & Jerry Stephenson and Ken & Florence Schilling and in honor of Ken & Donna Ginader.

Rick and Jane Schwartz in memory of our Mothers: Ruth Schwartz and Mary Eleanor Flory.

Lois Thomas, To the Glory of Christ, the King.

Becky Wells in memory of Dorothy D. Wells and in honor of Jenny & Paul Fiden.

Cindy and Dave Youngerman in memory of Mary & Don Lindamood (Cindy's parents).

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O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

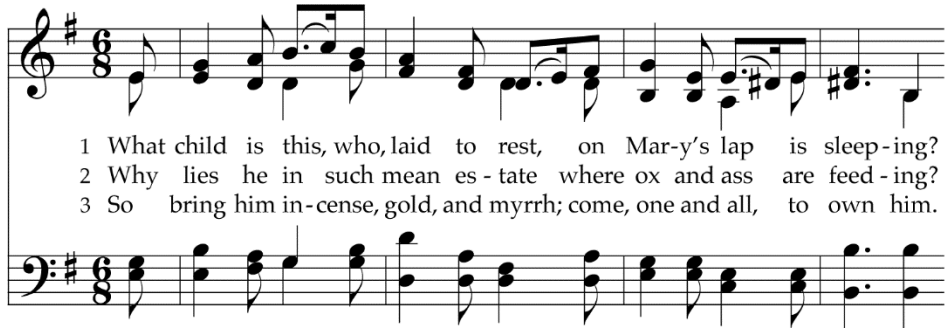
born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

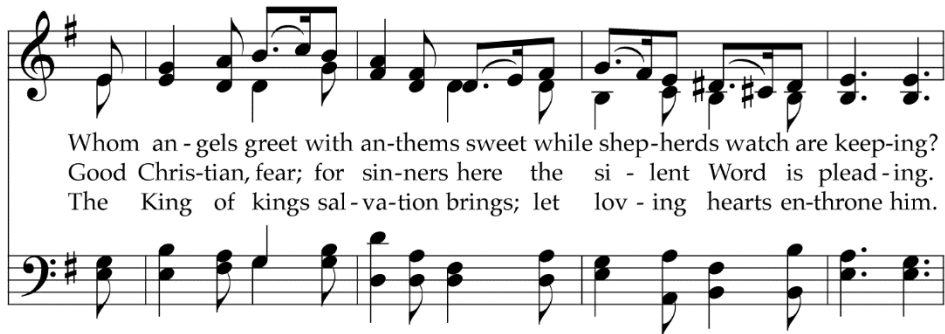
From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

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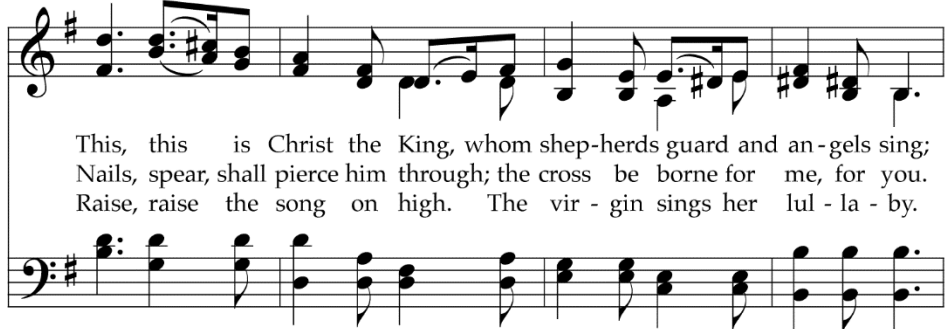
What Child Is This



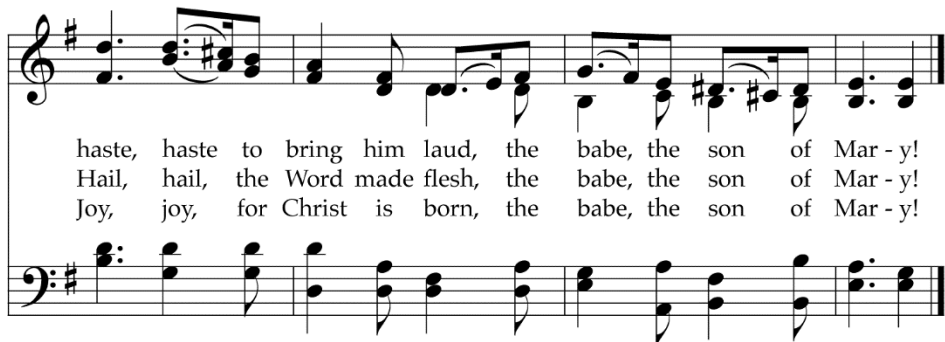
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

GERMAN

1 *Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!*
Alles schläft, einsam wacht
nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh,
schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!

KOREAN

1 고요한밤 거룩한밤
 어둠에 묻힌밤
 주의부모 앉아서
 감사기도 드릴때
 아기잘도 잔다
 아기잘도 잔다

SPANISH

1 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!*
Todo duerme en derredor,
entre los astros que esparcen su luz,
bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,
brilla la estrella de paz,
brilla la estrella de paz.

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.

