



United Church of Christ of California – California, MO  
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December 12, 2021 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

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The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Hadley Milligan Logan Milligan

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: JOY (*Please remain seated*)

Advent Reading: Joy (from Exodus)

Leader: Today we relight the first two candles of the Advent  
wreath. The candle of HOPE and the candle of PEACE.

*Lighting of The Candles of HOPE and PEACE*

Leader: Now we light the third candle of Advent. The pink candle.  
This is the candle of JOY.

*Lighting of The Candle of JOY.*

Leader: As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy  
builds with our anticipation of his birth. From the book of  
Isaiah, we read the words of our Lord:

Congregation: **“But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am  
creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,  
and its people as a delight.”**

Leader: From the New Testament, the words of Paul to the people  
of the church at Galatia:

**Congregation: “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.”**

**\*Hymn No. 107 “Joy to the World”**

**Prayer of the Day**

**We joyfully praise you, O Lord, for the fulfillment of your promise of a Savior and what that means in our lives. Thank you for the gift of salvation through the birth of your son, Jesus. Create us anew as we wait and help us to see your glory as you fill our lives with your living Spirit. Amen**

**\*Call to Praise**

**O Lord, open our lips!**

**And our mouths shall show forth your praise!**

**\*Act of Praise – “Gloria Patri”**

**Invitation to Children’s Time**

**Hymn for Children “Jesus Loves Me”**

**Children’s Time**

**JoAnn Cantriel**

**Anthem**

**“Hallelujah”**

**God’s Singers**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Becky Schneider**

**Almighty God, who looked upon us when we had fallen into sin and resolved to save us by the advent of your only-begotten Son: Grant, we ask you, that all who confess his having come in the flesh may be counted in the fellowship of him, our Redeemer Jesus Christ; Who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God in glory everlasting. Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

*First Lesson:* Luke 2:8-21 p. 889

*Second Lesson:* Isaiah 53:2-5 p. 633

Sermon            **Elf - The Seven Levels of the  
Candy Cane Forest  
Psalm 34:1-11**

Hymn No. 138      “What Child is This”

*Christians, what do you believe?*

(Apostles’ Creed) **I believe in God the Father, Almighty...**

Prayer of Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer (*debts and debtors*)

Invitation to the Offering

\*Response        “*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn No. 111      “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

\*Benediction

### \*Congregational Response



### \*Postlude

Thank you to the **Bryan Wolford Family** for leading the  
Advent Call to Worship this morning.

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

There will be a congregational meeting today to discuss a failed heating and cooling unit in the Friendship Hall. The unit is original to the building (2003) and is nearing its expected lifespan and the replacement will be over the \$5,000 limit and will require a vote by the congregation.

**Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>      6:00 p.m.**  
Stromboli, Salad, Fruit, Dessert

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The attendant on duty is Taylor Ratcliff. The volunteer helper is Courtney Cassil. There are activity bags at the back of the sanctuary for children that stay in the worship service.

**Need some help with hearing?** See an usher at the back of the sanctuary to check out a hearing assisted unit for your personal use in the sanctuary and in the Friendship Hall. We have new units available.

**Notice the “Connection Cards” in the pews.** They are for our guests or anyone that has a prayer request or needs more information about the church. Please place it in the offering plate.

## **Salem UCC Christmas Program**

**Dec. 19, 2021**

The Sounds of Joy will be performing &  
Donna Ward from Grace Living will be speaking

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A second Christmas tree has been put up in the sanctuary. We are calling it the “**Memory Tree.**” It is for families to decorate with an ornament in memory of their loved one. It will be on the pulpit side of the sanctuary. You can stop by anytime and put your ornament on the tree. Please leave us a note when you bring in your ornament so we can list your loved one’s ornament in the bulletin.

**Activities Calendar: December 12, 2021 ~ December 19, 2021**

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School (Giving Tree)

10:30 a.m. – Worship

**Monday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 p.m. – Consistory Meeting

**Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Prayer Cell

**Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Noon – Guild Christmas lunch at the home of Linda Schnieders

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, Bell Choir,  
Christmas Program Practice

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

**Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship – UCC of California Cantata

7:00 p.m. – Salem UCC Christmas Program

**Women's Guild Christmas lunch will be Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 12:00 PM, at the home of Linda Schnieders, 55937 Highway N, California, MO. Anyone wishing to carpool, please contact Clarice Nelson 573/796-4408**

**Offering Envelope Boxes**

Offering envelope boxes are available to be picked up at the back of the Sanctuary. If there is not a box with your name on it & you would like to have a box, please notify the Church Office. Thank you!

# **ROCK SOLID FINANCES**

This class will provide sound financial strategies based on the truth of God's Word. We will cover topics on budgeting, debt management and managing money God's way by applying biblical principles.

**This workshop will start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, January 12, 2022 through February 9, 2022 & last between 45 minutes to no more than an hour.**

## **Project Share & the Food Pantry Need Volunteers**

The Food pantry needs volunteers on the first Wednesday of each month for pre-packing dry goods that each family receives. Please stop by the Food Pantry and ask for Bill Hess if interested.

Project Share is always seeking volunteers to sort clothes on Mondays and Tuesdays. They also need help working in the front of the store when they are open. Contact Lina Eddy at 573-480-5103 if you are interested in helping.

## **USED TONER / INK CARTRIDGES**

Please save all of your used toner and ink cartridges! The church office collects used toner and ink cartridges in order to get a \$2 In-store credit per cartridge at Staples toward purchases of office supplies. Please turn in your cartridges to the church office. Thanks!

## **After School Food Program for Students**

Every Friday from 3:15-5:30 PM ~ 410 S. Oak St., California  
For more information, call 573-418-0385



## Sermon Notes

### **Elf - The Seven Levels of the Candy Cane Forest Psalm 34:1-11**

# **rightnow** MEDIA

To get access to Right Now Media for you and your family  
use the link or text to the number listed below.

Custom Registration Link –

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/CALUCC>

Text Registration Code – UCOC to 4977

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

6:00 p.m. Sundays at New Life Christian Center  
A Christ-Centered 12 Step Support Group for Men  
"Overcoming Our Hurts, Hangups And Habits Together"

### *Please pray for these . . .*

Love & Justice in God's World

The Family & Friends of Wayne Mouse (*Chris Mouse's father*)

Our Confirmands:

Ashton Bolinger, Addison Carr, Heston Gatlin, Adler Koestner,  
Amelia Motley, Chase Trimble, Cody Schneider

### **All Those Who Need Our Prayers, including:**

Becky Zuidervaat	Charlie Gabert	Collin Mouse
Jo Suggs	Chris Schoenthal	Kim (Yelton) Haesemeier
Judy Kilmer	Bill Schacht	

### **All Those Serving in the U.S. Military, including:**

Craig Hall (*Air Force, stationed at Dyess AFB, Abilene, TX*)

Martin Knipker (*son of Kenny Knipker*)

Dwight Bowlin (*grandson of Jack & Carole Bowlin, Fort Campbell, KY*)

Dakota Meyer (*grandson of Billy Meyer, Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, CO*)

Madelynn Perry (*granddaughter of Jan Anderson, army – Europe*)

Dylan Ash (*son of Lanny & Ellen Ash, stationed at Oak Harbor, WA*)

Hayden Grant (*grandson of Kathy Grant, Air Force, Pensacola, FL*)

Kyle Hofstetter (*son of Scott & Jill Hofstetter, stationed at San Diego, CA*)

Alexander Ives (*nephew of Pamela Hill, Army – Fort Bragg*)

Cory Friedmeyer (*grandson of Charles Goode, Marines, Palm Springs, CA*)

Ryan Carel (*nephew of Leroy Schnieders, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC*)

Derek Meyer (*grandson of Elaine & Eldred Proctor, Army, Fort Bragg, NC*)

# Sunday ROK (Reaching Our Kids)

## Today

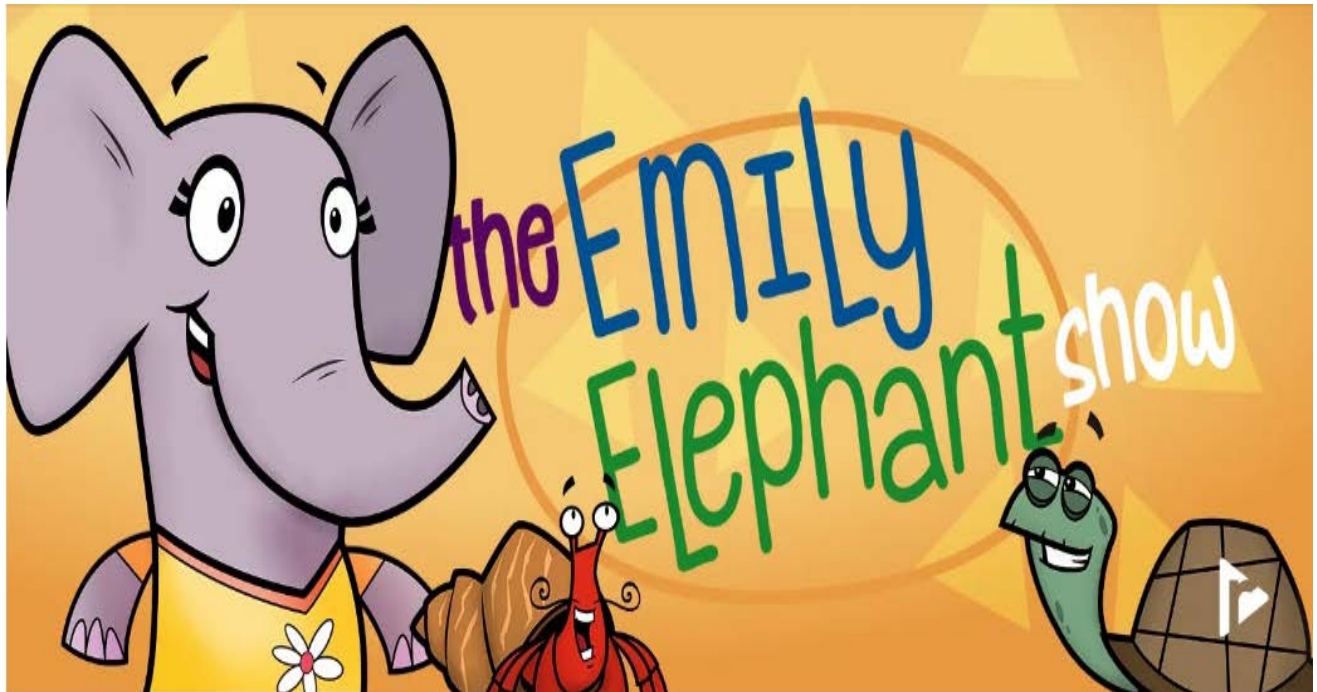
after children's time till the end of the worship service  
for Grades K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

We will have a Bible story video with Emily the Elephant,  
talk about our Bible story, sing songs and have a snack.

All the kids in this age group are invited to come down to the  
Fellowship Hall with Betty Cobb.

Sunday ROK takes place the second Sunday of each month.

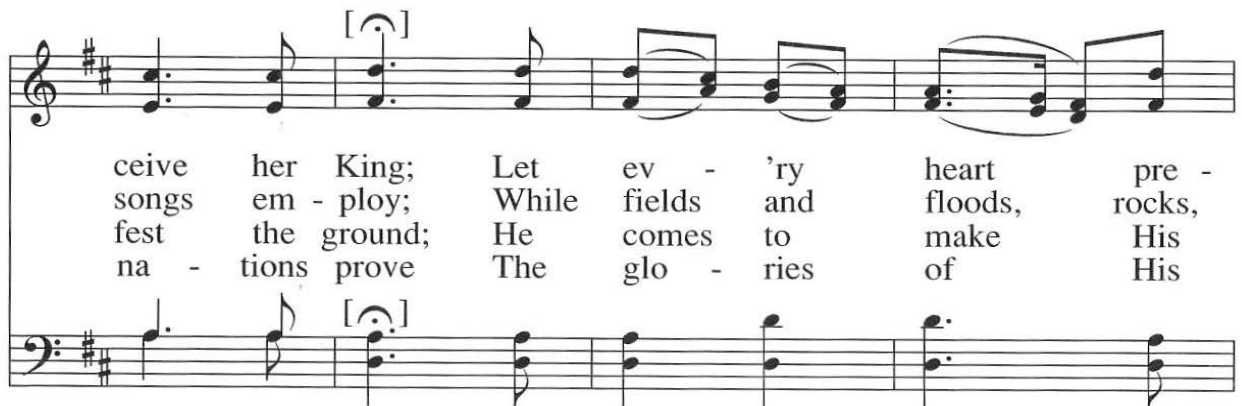
You can pick up your child in the Fellowship Hall at the end of the  
worship service.



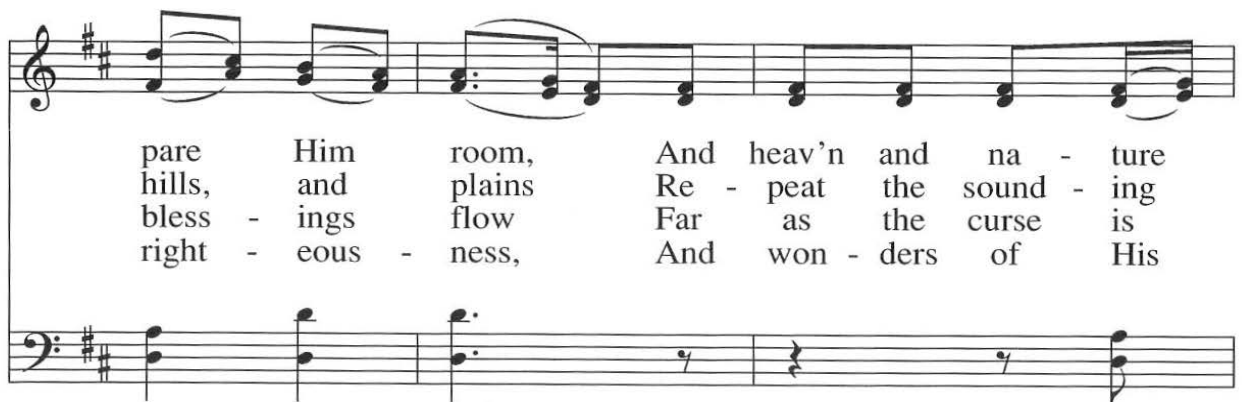
# Joy to the World



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



ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks,  
 fest the ground; He comes to make His  
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His



pare Him room, And heav'n and na - ture  
 hills, and plains Re - peat the sound - ing  
 bless - ings flow Far as the curse is  
 right - eous - ness, And won - ders of His

And  
 Re -  
 Far  
 And

Second verse: "Let all their songs employ"

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sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And  
 joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re -  
 found, Far as the curse is found, Far  
 love, And won - ders of His love, And

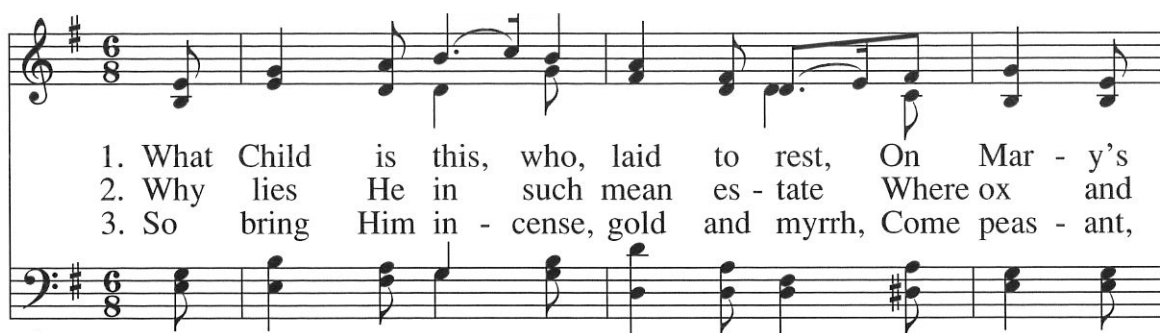
heav'n and na - ture sing,  
 peat the sound - ing joy,  
 as the curse is found,  
 won - ders of His love,

And heav'n and na - ture  
 Re - peat the sound - ing  
 Far as the curse is  
 And won - ders of His

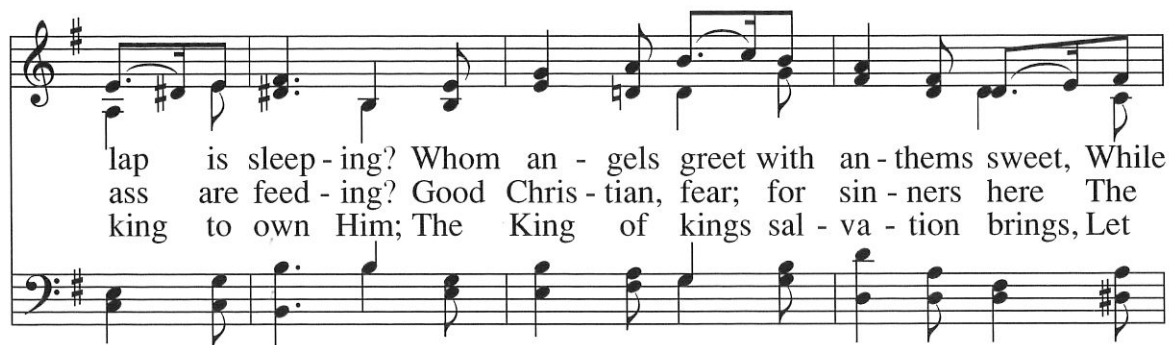
heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 as, far as the curse is found.  
 won - ders, won - ders of His love. A - men.

sing, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
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 love, and won - ders of His love. A - men.

## What Child is This



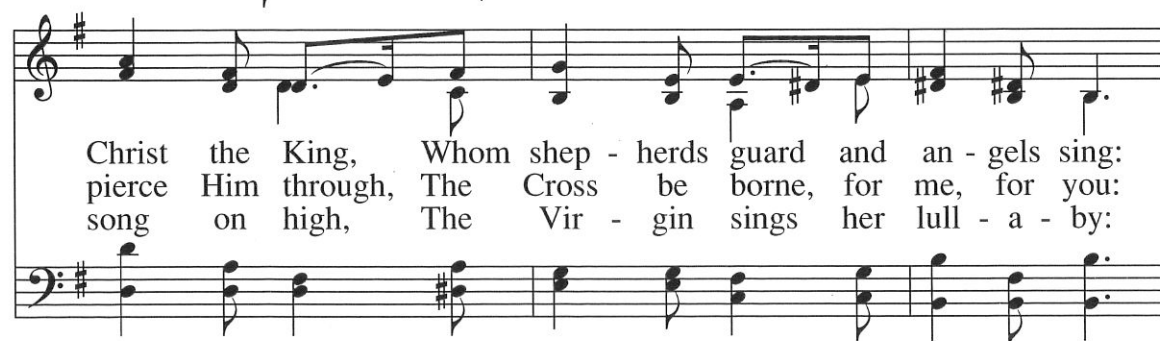
1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's  
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate Where ox and  
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come peas - ant,



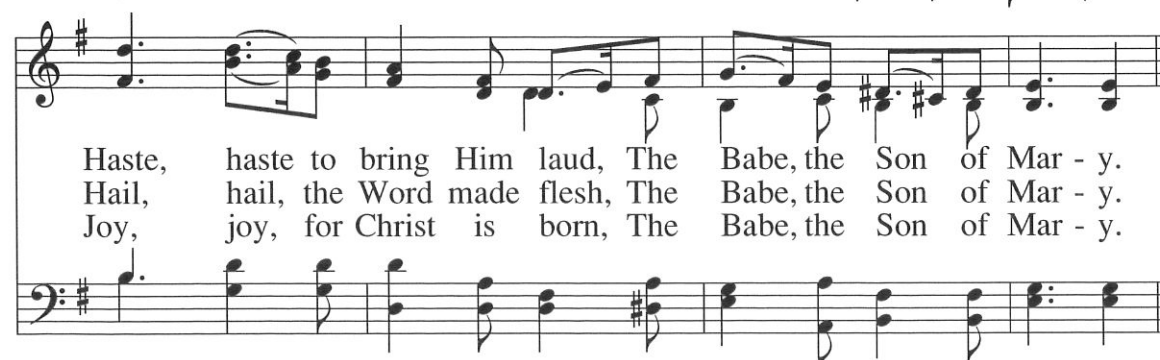
lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While  
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here The  
 king to own Him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let



shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is  
 si - lent Word is plead - ing. Nails, spear, shall  
 lov - ing hearts en - throne Him. Raise, raise the

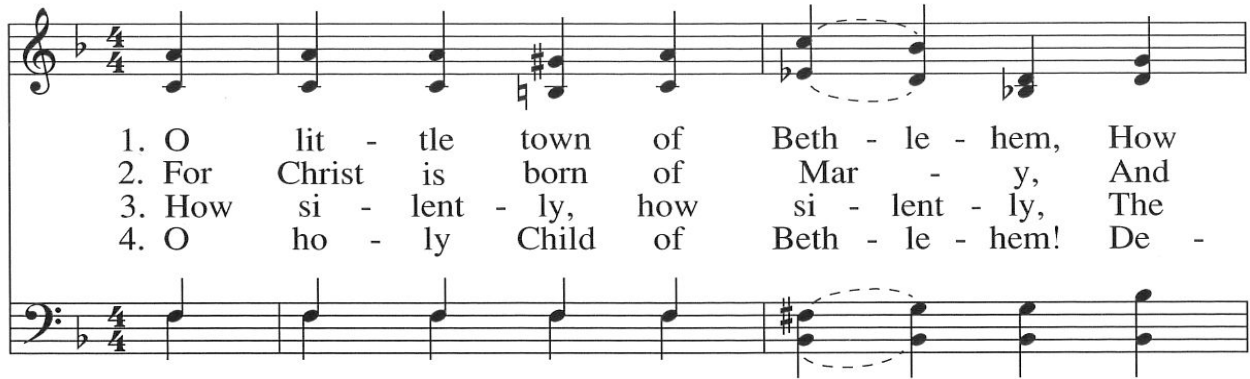


Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:  
 pierce Him through, The Cross be borne, for me, for you:  
 song on high, The Vir - gin sings her lull - a - by:

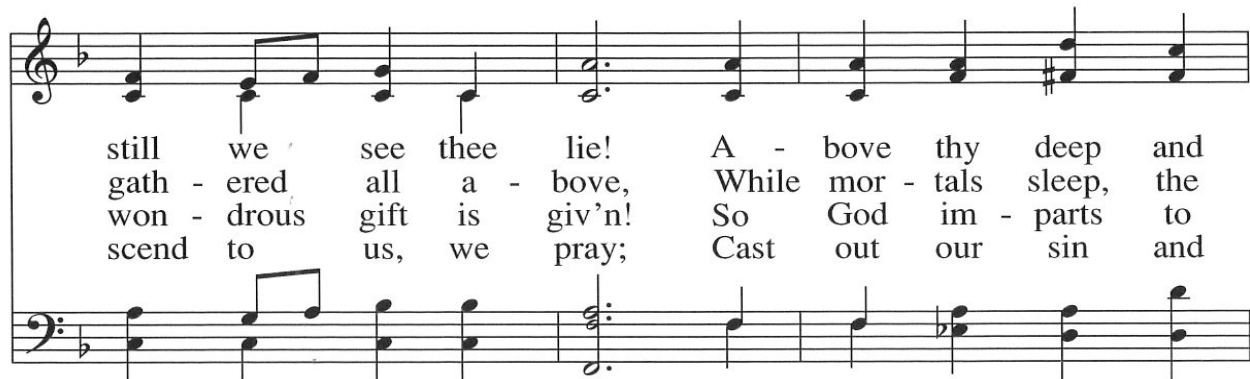


Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y.  
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y.  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The Babe, the Son of Mar - y.

# O Little Town of Bethlehem



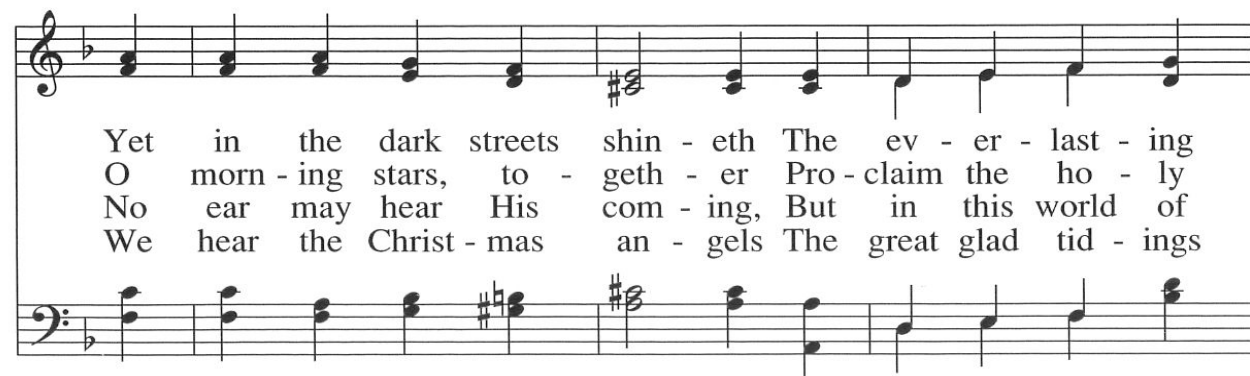
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How  
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De -



still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and  
 gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the  
 won - drous gift is giv'n! So God im - parts to  
 scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin and



dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
 an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.  
 hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.  
 en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



Yet in the dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly  
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings

Light; The hopes and fears of  
 birth! And prais - es sing to  
 sin, Where meek souls will re -  
 tell; O come to us, a -

all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 God the King, And peace to all on earth.  
 ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!





## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son,  
our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he arose 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 Spirit; the one  
Holy universal Christian Church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of  
sins; the resurrection of the body; and the  
life everlasting. Amen.



## GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

## 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 for ever. Amen.



## DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom all blessings  
flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



## KYRIE

*Minister: Lord, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
*Minister: Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
**Congregation: Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
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