

United Church of Christ of California – California, MO
Rev. Russell Cobb Pastor
Mrs. Beth Dampf Organist
Mrs. Becky Schneider Bell Choir Director

December 5, 2021 ~ Second Sunday in Advent

The Bell

The Prelude

Lighting of the Candles Ella Burger Emily Burger

Welcome and Announcements

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

Advent Reading: Peace (from the book of Genesis)

Leader: Today we relight the candle of HOPE

Lighting of The Candle of HOPE.

Leader: Now we light the candle for the second Sunday in
Advent. This is the candle of PEACE.

Lighting of the Candle of PEACE.

Leader: As we prepare for the coming of Jesus, we remember
that Jesus is our hope and our peace. From the prophet Isaiah:

Congregation: **“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.”**

Leader: From the Gospel of John:

Congregation: **“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to
you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”**

*Hymn No. 128 “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, Grant that we may find peace as we prepare for our Lord’s birth. May divisions in ourselves and in our families be peacefully resolved. May there be peace in our cities and in the countries of our world. Help us to see the paths of peace in our lives, and then give us the courage to follow them. Lord, let us remember that you only are the giver of lasting peace and that you are always with us. 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 Pastor Russ

Anthem “Carol of the Bells” Bell Choir

Prayer for Illumination Grace Dampf

Speak to us, Lord. Speak to us in the waiting, the watching, the hoping, the longing, the sorrow, the sighing, and the rejoicing. Speak to us by your Word in these Advent days, and walk with us until the day of your coming. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:9-13 p. 635

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:1-5 p. 1086

Sermon

A Charlie Brown Christmas Psalm 1 & Luke 1:76-80

Hymn No. 123 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

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. 114 “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

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*Postlude

Thank you to the **Jay Bestgen Family** for leading the
Advent Call to Worship this morning.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2021

There will be a congregational meeting on December 12th 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.

A **Nursery** is available in the upstairs hallway, just outside the sanctuary. The attendant on duty is Taylor Ratcliff. The volunteer helper is Julie Medlin. 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.

ANGEL TREE

**Please return Angel Tree Gifts to the UCC church
by Sunday, December 12th**

Wednesday Evening Meal – Dec. 8th 6:00 p.m.

Chicken Pot Pie, Veggies, Fruit

Live Nativity

The Middle School & High School Youth Fellowship is putting
on a Live Nativity this evening at 7:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy this activity and support our youth!

Activities Calendar: December 5, 2021 ~ December 12, 2021

Sunday, December 5th - Second Sunday of Advent

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

10:30 a.m. – Worship

5:30 p.m. – MS & HS Youth meet for dinner

7:00 p.m. – Live Nativity (by the MS & HS Youth Fellowship)

Tuesday, December 7th

10:30 a.m. – Prayer Cell (meet at Laura's house)

7:00 p.m. – Sunday School Teachers & Officers Meeting

Wednesday, December 8th

6:00 p.m. – Fellowship Meal

6:30 p.m. – Confirmation, God's Singers

Bell Choir, Christmas Program Practice

7:30 p.m. – Sr. Choir

Sunday, December 12th – Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School

10:30 a.m. – Worship

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.

Sermon Notes

A Charlie Brown Christmas Psalm 1 & Luke 1:76-80

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.

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"

Rev. Cobb: rev.cobb@calmo-ucc.org; 573-489-7891 (cell phone)

Church office: 573-796-4885 **Website:** www.calmo-ucc.org

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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

Please pray for these . . .

Love & Justice in God's World

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)

Sunday, December 12, 2021

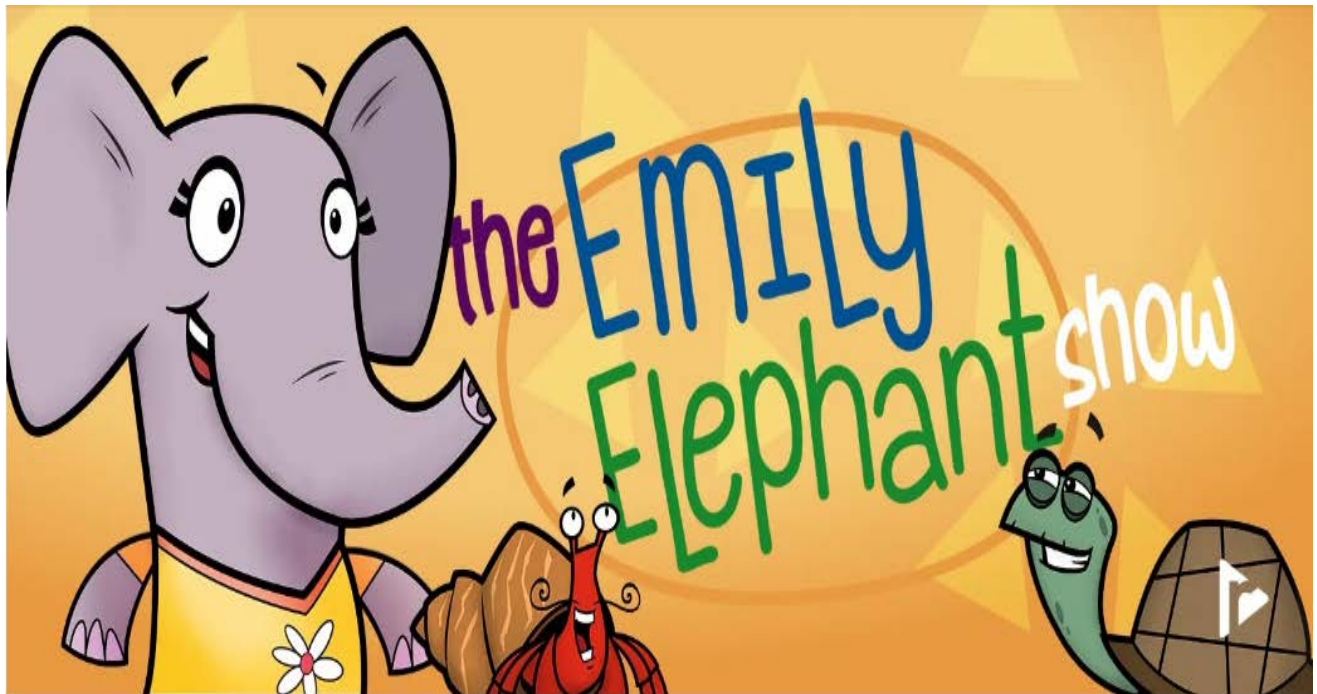
after children's time till the end of the worship service
for Grades K-3rd grade.

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 will take place the second Sunday of each month.

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



It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load Whose
 4. For, lo, the days are has - t'ning on, By

glo - rious song of old, From an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly
 forms are bend - ing low, Who toil a - long the
 proph - et bards fore - told, When with the ev - er -

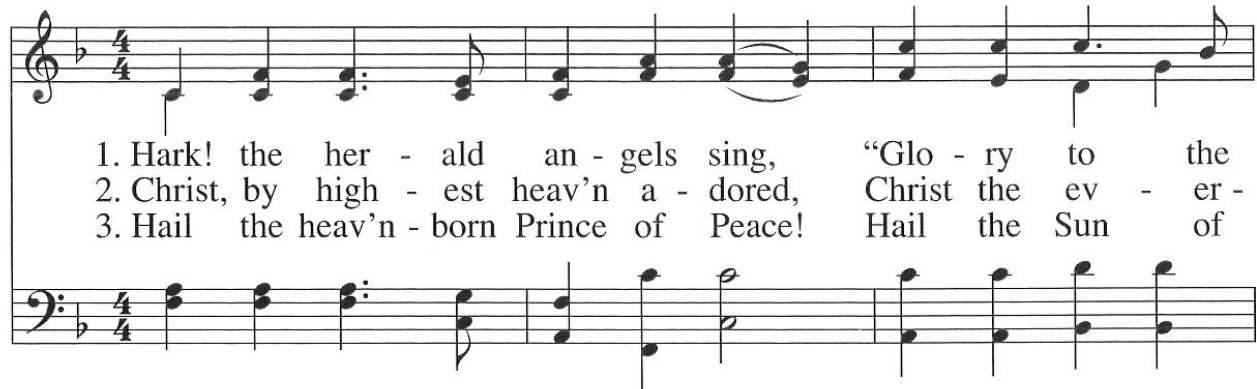
near the earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace
 mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A -
 climb - ing way, With pain - ful steps and slow, Look
 cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold; When

on the earth, good will to all From
 bove its sad and low - ly plains They
 now, for glad and gold - en hours Come
 peace shall o - ver all the earth Its

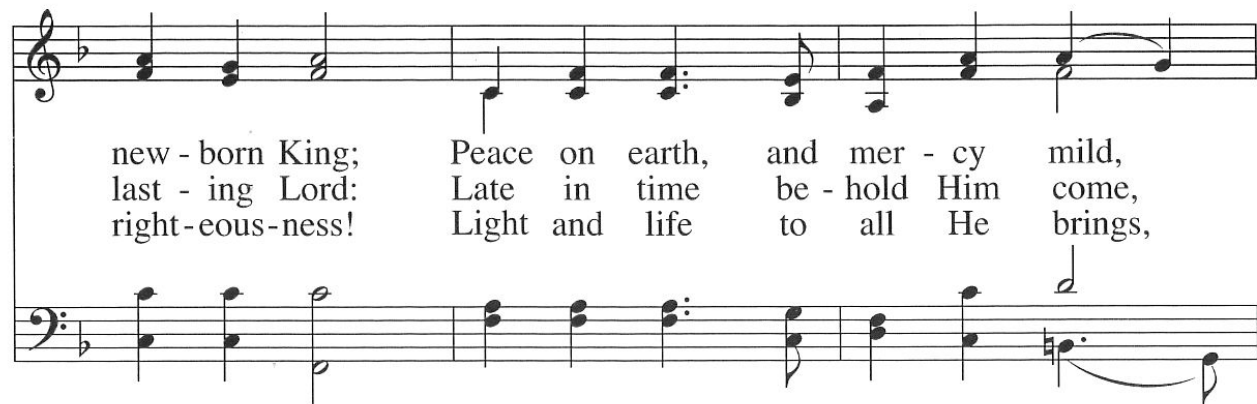
heav'n's all gra - cious King"; The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - 'ring wing, And ev - er o'er its
 swift - ly on the wing; O rest be - side the
 an - cient splen - dors fling, And all the world send

still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song Which now the an - gels sing. A - men.

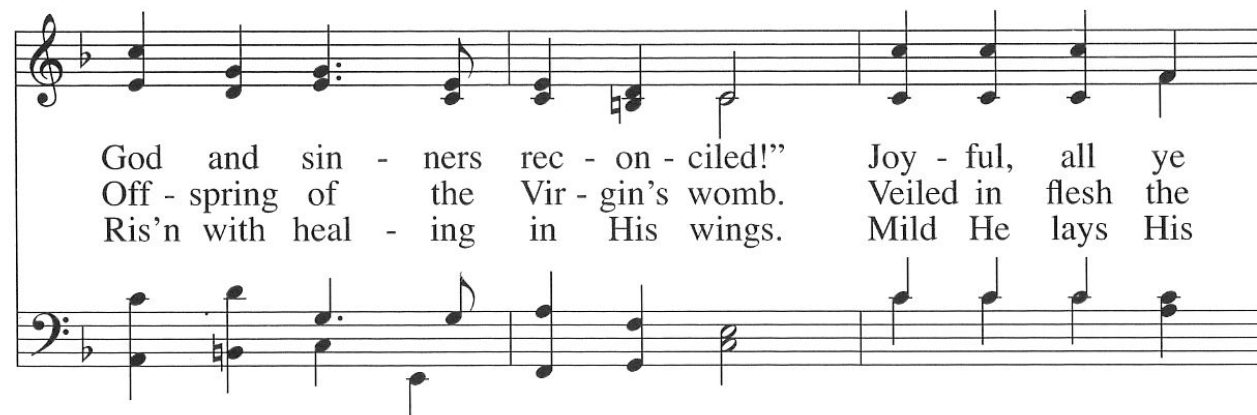
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



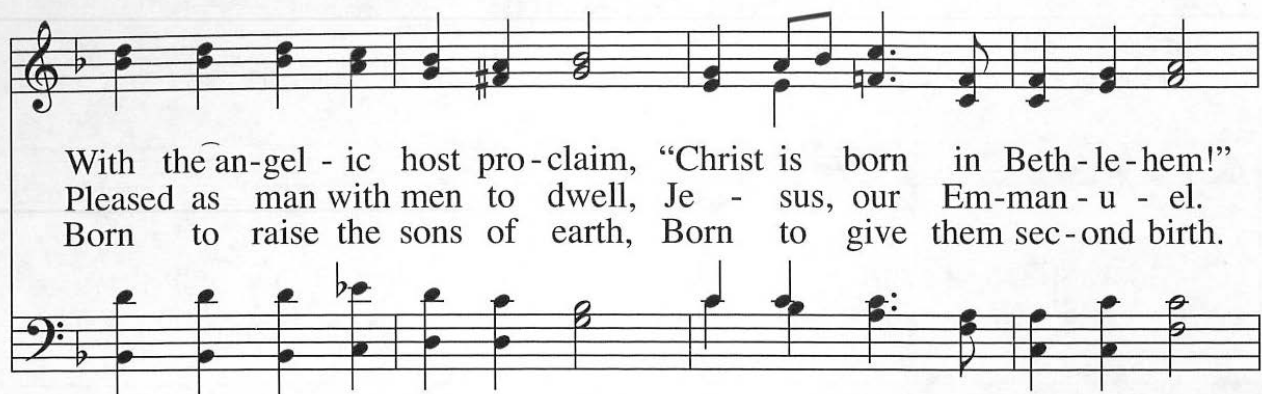
new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
last - ing Lord: Late in time be - hold Him come,
right-eous-ness! Light and life to all He brings,



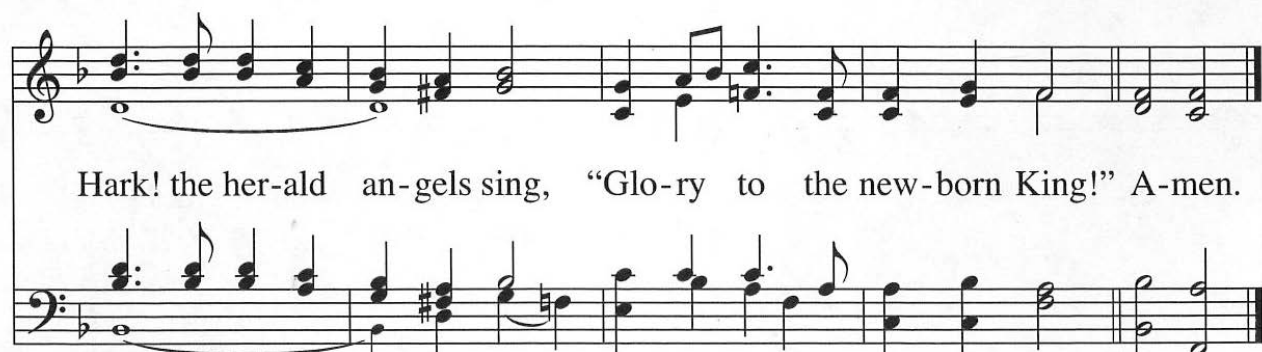
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings. Mild He lays His



na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
God - head see: Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,
glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

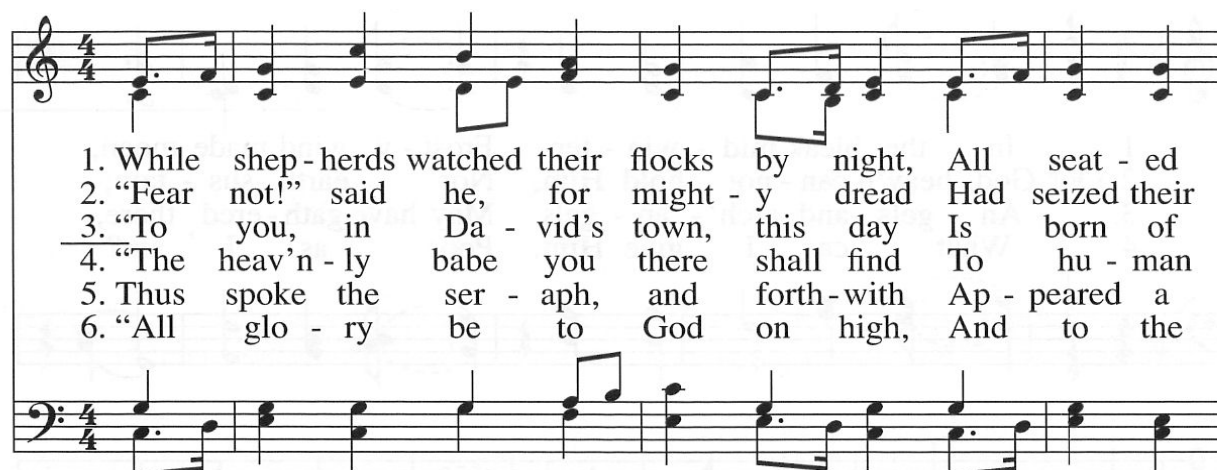


With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec-ond birth.

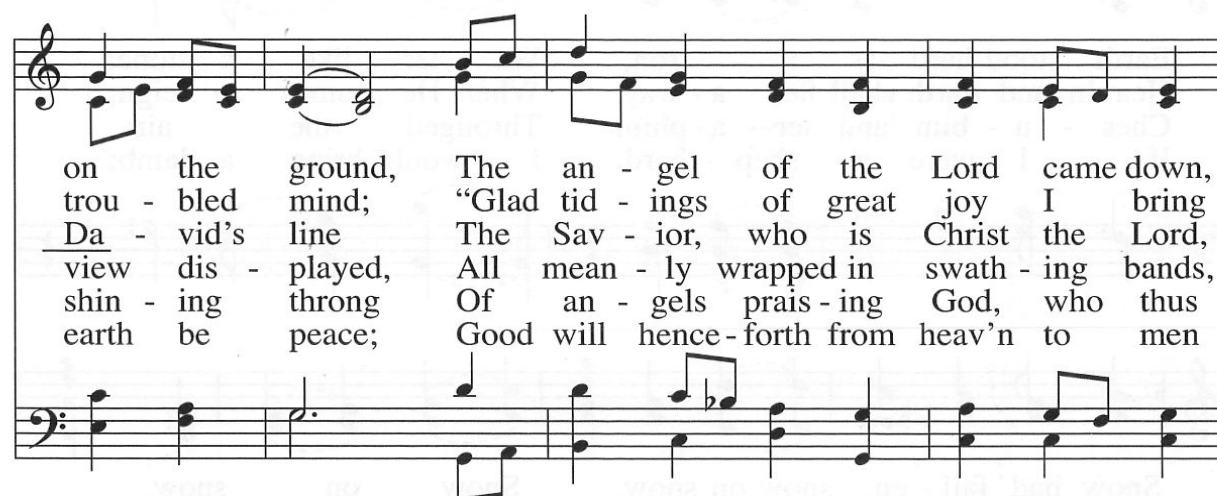


Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!" A-men.

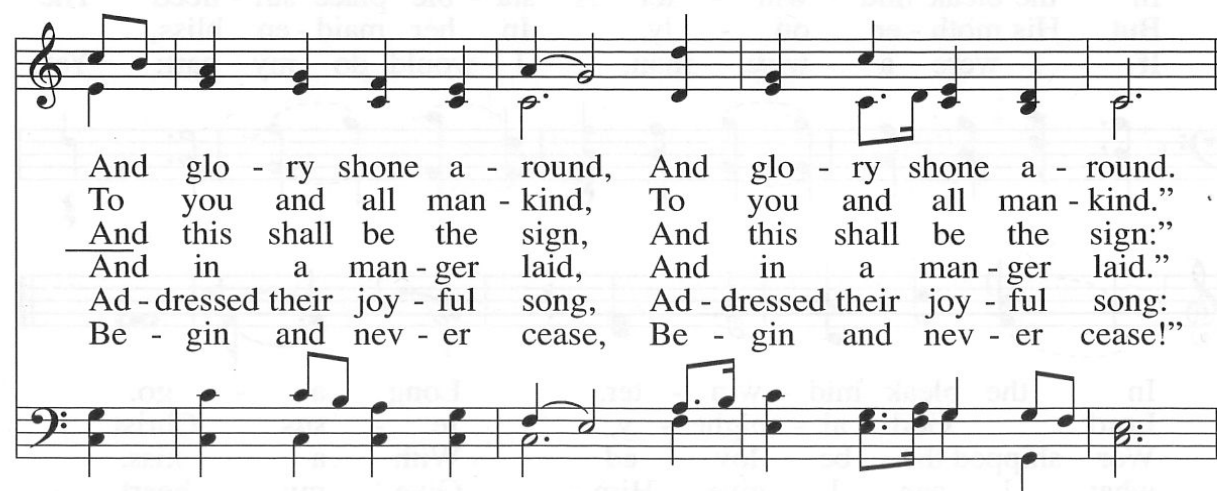
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks



1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, All seat-ed
 2. "Fear not!" said he, for might-y dread Had seized their
 3. "To you, in Da-vid's town, this day Is born of
 4. "The heav'n-ly babe you there shall find To hu-man
 5. Thus spoke the ser-aph, and forth-with Ap-peared a
 6. "All glo-ry be to God on high, And to the



on the ground, The an-gel of the Lord came down,
 trou-bled mind; "Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring
 Da-vid's line The Sav-ior, who is Christ the Lord,
 view dis-played, All mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands,
 shin-ing throng Of an-gels prais-ing God, who thus
 earth be peace; Good will hence-forth from heav'n to men



And glo-ry shone a-round, And glo-ry shone a-round.
 To you and all man-kind, To you and all man-kind."
 And this shall be the sign, And this shall be the sign:"
 And in a man-ger laid, And in a man-ger laid."
 Ad-dressed their joy-ful song, Ad-dressed their joy-ful song:
 Be-gin and nev-er cease, Be-gin and nev-er cease!"

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.