



## FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

*Epiphany of the Lord*

January 6, 2019

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

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

*Gaudete*

Medieval Carol, arr. by David Smith

\*CHILDREN'S PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 121 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*St Louis*

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!*

*Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.*

*Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;*

*the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.*

*For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.*

*O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.*

*How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!*

*So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.*

*No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,*

*where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.*

PRAYER OF ADORATION *(in unison)*

Sam Miglarese

God of endless light, you sent a star – rising from darkness, guiding seekers and sages, overwhelming us with joy. Let the splendor of your dawning light grow in us and in all the world until the whole creation shines with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

*"Journey to Bethlehem"*

by Akiko Kageyama

**Cast:** *Narrator*, Mary Ellis Merritt; *Angel*, Vanessa Armstrong; *Star*, Cordie Ramont; *Shepherd 1*, Logan Brown; *Shepherd 2*, Noah Dillon; *Joseph*, Ricky Bennett; *Mary*, Brianna Bennett; *Baby Jesus*, Luke Bennett.

**Supporting cast:** all the children and youth of the church. **Handbells:** Jane Brawley, Kate Busa, Brent Curtis, Mindy Douglas, Andrew Hedgpeth, Marilyn Hedgpeth, Mary-Jo Keenan, Julie Maxwell, Betsy Robinson, Phyllis Supple, Tess Tessier.

*(Following the pageant, the children may go and sit with their parents  
or go to the playroom for the remainder of worship.)*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 151 (verse 1) *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!*

\* Those who are able, please stand.

**\*CONFESSION OF SIN** (remain standing)

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people. We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and pour out the gifts of your Spirit, that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Response (Hymn No. 121, verse 4)

*St Louis*

*O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;*

*cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.*

*We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;*

*O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

**\*THE PEACE**

John Weicher

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Jane Wettach

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Isaiah 60:1-6

(Pew Bible, OT Page 690)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 2:1-12

(Pew Bible, NT Page 2)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

**MEDITATION**

*"Following the Star"*

Mindy Douglas

**\*HYMN NO. 151**(verses 2,3)

*We Three Kings of Orient Are*

*Kings of Orient*

*Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.*

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Frankincense to offer have I; incense owns a deity nigh;  
prayer and praising gladly raising, worshiping God Most High.*

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

## DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*In Dulci Jubilo*

Sam Miglarese  
Medieval Carol, arr. by Jim O'Briantt

\*Doxology (Hymn No.143, verse 4)

*Regent Square*

*All creation join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn king!*

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Mindy Douglas

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, God of majesty and splendor. By your power you created all that is. We praise you that you revealed your love by sending your Son Jesus to be the Light of the World. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All (sung):

(Sung to Hark! The Herald Angels Sing)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of Hosts, by all adored!  
Heaven and earth cannot contain all the Glory of your name!  
Hail, hosanna, God most high! Blest is he who now draws nigh  
In the name of God the King! Hallelujah glad we sing:  
Hail, hosanna! Praises due be forever, Lord to you!*

Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. He was born to dwell among us, full of grace and truth; in him we have seen your glory. He lived for you, spoke your truth, and showed your love. Great is the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

*(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)*

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*As you come forward to receive the elements, please bring your blessing bags/supplies and place them in the baskets. You are invited to dip your hand in the baptismal font and remember your baptism.*

Note: *gluten/peanut-free bread is served at the station to the right, in front of the lectern.*

Communion Hymn No. 151 (verses 4,5)      *We Three Kings*      *Kings of Orient*

*Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

*Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! sounds through the earth and skies.*

*O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

All: **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN NO. 150**

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

*Dix*

**\*BENEDICTION**

Mindy Douglas

**\*POSTLUDE**

*I Saw Three Ships*

Richard Proulx

Following worship today, you are invited to take one or more poinsettias with you to enjoy at home or to share with someone you know who loves poinsettias. We are grateful to *Arthur Clark* for donating them for the season.

**Parents of young children:** the Children's Choir will rehearse from 12:15 – 12:45 in the choir room today.

**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, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that we may better know each other, please sign the **Ritual of Friendship pad**, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then **return it to the starting point**, noting the names of those sitting near you. On Sunday, December 30, we welcomed 12 visitors to our worship service.

**Music Notes:** Our **Prelude** for today's worship is an arrangement of the Christmas carol *Gaudete*, which was first published (with Latin lyrics) in 1581 in *Piae Cantiones*, a collection of Finnish and Swedish sacred songs. The lyrics are "Rejoice, rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary. Rejoice!" Our **Offertory** is even older: *In Dulci Jubilo* was written in the 14th century with a mixture of Latin and Medieval German lyrics. We know the tune as Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (#132 in our hymnal). We are grateful to the **First Presbyterian Wind Ensemble** (*Christyn Klinck, Joe Robinson, Brent Curtis, and David Smith*) for their musical contribution to today's service.

**Nursery care** for infants to 6 years of age is provided during worship on the second floor of the Education Building. There is a changing table in the narthex, located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

**Worship bags and activity bulletins** are available in the foyer for children. Books are on the pews in the narthex for younger children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

*Portions of today's worship texts* were reprinted from *Book of Common Worship, Eucharistic Prayers, and Feasting on the Word*.

Copies of the *These Days* devotional booklet for January – March 2019 have arrived. Pick up a free copy, regular or large print, from the foyer or narthex while supplies last.

**Flowers for Worship:** If you would like to donate flowers for worship, please sign up in the foyer on the Flower Chart located on the bulletin board near the elevator. Information regarding the flower donation process is also located there. **Families with standing reservations as flower donors must confirm their Sunday(s) for 2019 by signing up on the chart as soon as possible.**

**A Call for Nominations:** The Nominating Committee has two important tasks to complete this 2019 church year. They will manage the process to nominate members to the Associate Pastor for Youth and Their Families Nominating Committee and in the spring, will present a slate of candidates for the Diaconate, Session, and at-large members of the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee. Please use the enclosed nomination forms to submit your nominees. **The deadline for nominations has been extended to January 13, 2019.**

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### **BEGINNING January 13 . . .**

Our next segment of Membership Inquiry Classes will be offered **January 13, 20 and 27** in the **Wilson Parlor**. If you are curious about what membership entails at FPC, please join us for these classes, which meet from 9:45 – 10:45 on three Sundays in January. Contact **Marilyn Hedgpeth** for more information about these classes: [m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:m.hedgpeth@firstpres-durham.org) or 919-682-5511 ext. 220.

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### **~ Our Concerns ~**

#### **Added this week:**

**Heath Huberg**, friend of FPC

**Joseph Ngumi**, in rehab at Duke Regional Hospital – room 7315  
(Joseph's son Anthony is here from Kenya.)

#### **Recovering at Home:**

**Barbara Gerwe**

**Margaret Mubanga**

**Franzi Rokoske**

**Carolyn and Jim Wolfe**

#### **Care Communities:**

Brookdale Senior Living, Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bette Conroy, Ann Prospero, Bob Rankin**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr**

Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: **Helen Garrison**

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

#### **Family and Friends of Church Members and Staff:**

**Doug Hervey**, son of Jeanne Hervey

**Shirla Hudson**, mother of Tyler Momsen-Hudson

**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

**Nellie Van Ewyk**, sister of Hendrika Vande Kemp

## COMMUNITY EVENTS – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 13**

### **Vox Virorum Winter Concert**

**3:00 p.m., FPC Sanctuary**

Directed by *Jeremy Nabors*, accompanied by *Deborah Coclanis*

Free admission, \$10 suggested donation

Email us at [voxvirorum@gmail.com](mailto:voxvirorum@gmail.com) for more information



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

### **Durham City/County Employees' MLK Civic Celebration**

**12 noon, FPC sanctuary**

Speaker: *Judge Anita Earls*

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20**

### **Women's Voices Chorus in Concert**

**"Only Light, Only Love"**

**3:00 p.m., FPC Sanctuary**

**Special Guest: NCCU Vocal Jazz Ensemble**

Concert features music about light, love, and freedom; its centerpiece is based on the words of Martin Luther King Jr and will also feature freedom songs from around the globe, compositions and texts by contemporary female composers and poets, and other songs of hope and love. Tickets are available online (\$7 - \$17 each) from the following website: <https://squareup.com/store/womens-voices-chorus/item/january-only-light-only-love-1>.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 21**

### **Annual MLK Unity March and Community Worship**

The March begins at 10:30 a.m. from N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company (411 West Chapel Hill Street) and culminates with

a community worship service in the FPC sanctuary around 12 noon.

All are welcome to participate in the march and attend the worship.

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### **~ Serving Today ~**

Liturgist: *Jane Wettach*

Narthex Greeter: *Delia Kwon*

After Worship Greeters: *Tyler Momsen-Hudson* (narthex/rear); *Barbara Buckley* (side/font)

Ushers: *Julie Whiddon* (head), *Mary-Jo Keenan* (flowers), *Susan Seahorn*, *Mickey Velkey*

Communion Elders:

Head /replenish elements: *Karen Romines*

Bread: *Alice Raney* (B1, process), *George Bernhardt* (B2), *Chris Brown* (B3), *Jane Wettach* (B4)

Cup: *Barbara Buckley* (C1), *Tyler Momsen-Hudson* (C2, process), *Dewey Lawson* (C3), *Tom Bacon* (C4)

Shepherds: *Gray Wilson* (center aisle), *Cris Rivera* (font aisle), *Sigfried Fullenkamp* (pulpit aisle)

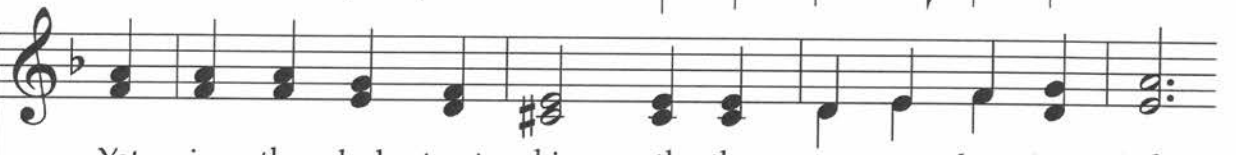
# 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.  
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.  
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!





# 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!



# 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions  
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



all the earth; you, who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;  
beam a - far; seek the great de - sire of na - tions;  
Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



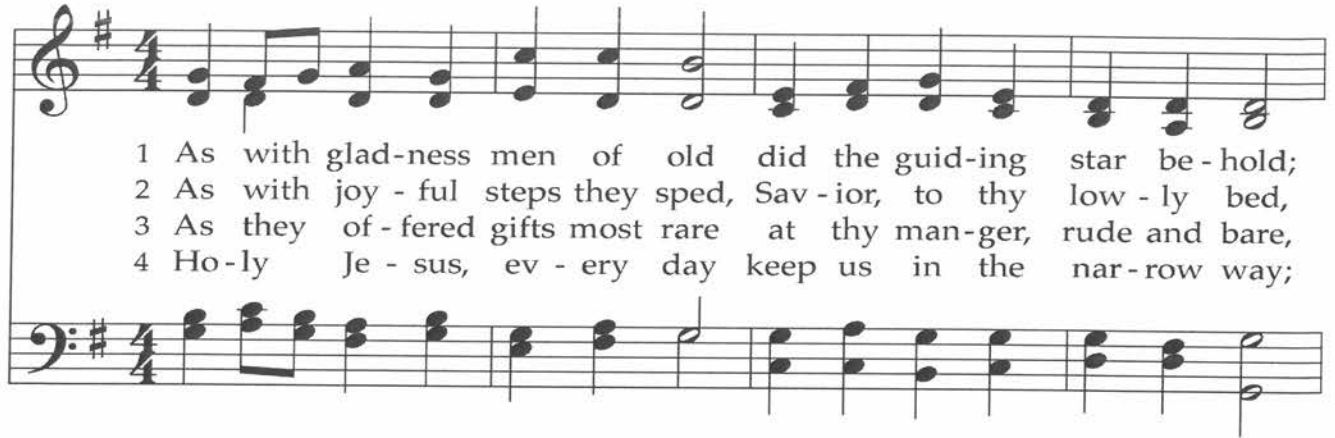
now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,  
you have seen his na - tal star:  
to the e - ter - nal Three in One:



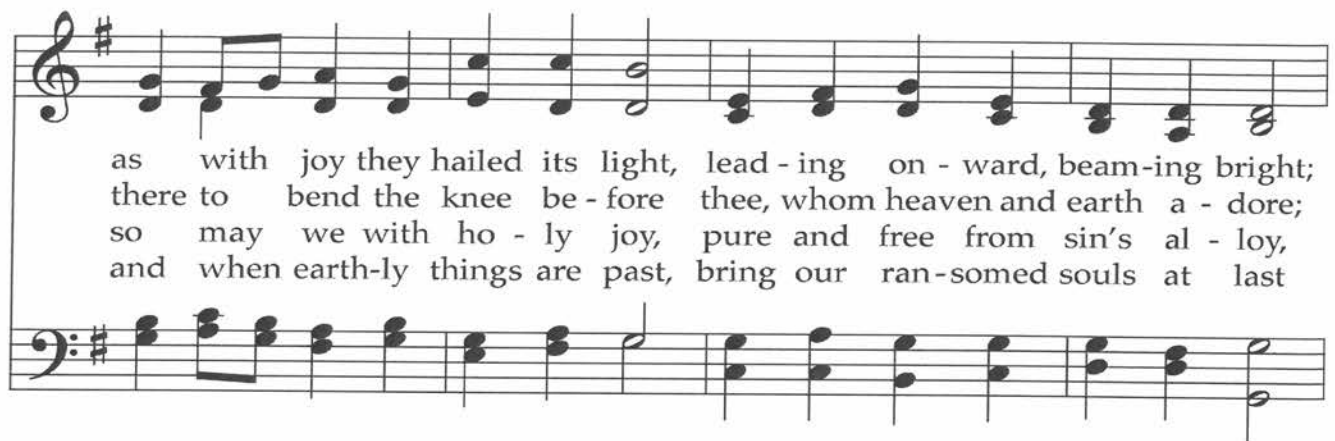
come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!



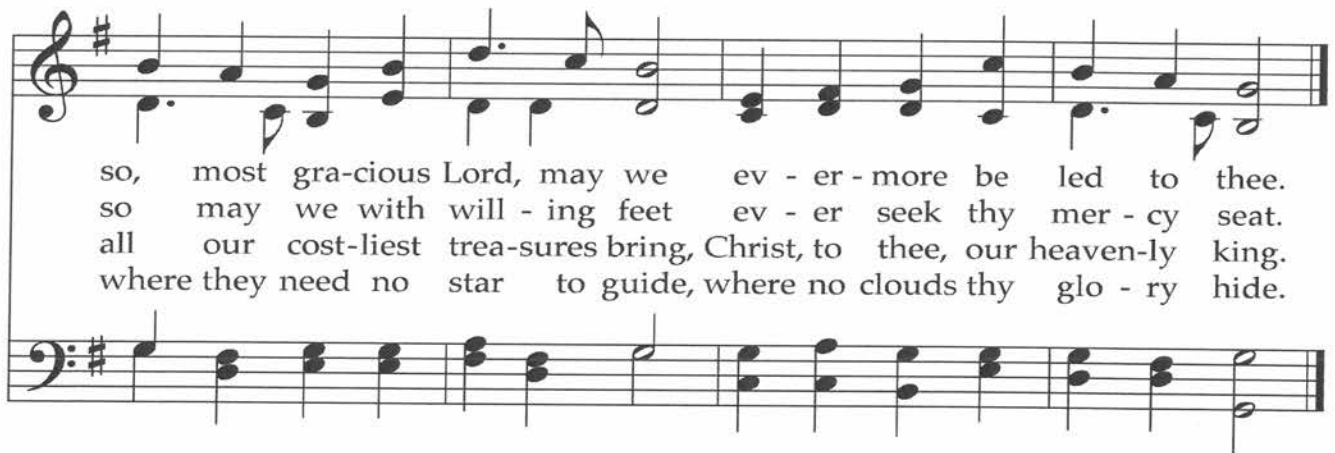
# As with Gladness Men of Old 150



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;  
2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,  
3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,  
4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;  
so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,  
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.  
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.  
all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav-en-ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

## The Week at a Glance!

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| <p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>12:15 – 12:45 PM</b><br/>Children's Choir</p> <p><b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b><br/>Middle School<br/>Youth Group</p> <p><b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b><br/>High School<br/>Youth Group</p> | <p><b>Monday, January 7</b></p> <p><b>10:30 AM</b><br/>Presbyterian Women<br/>Circle and Bible Study</p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b><br/>"Time Out" Radio Show<br/>(Bill Hendrickson<br/>interviews Connell<br/>Fullenkamp about<br/>tariffs, trade and the<br/>international economy)</p> | <p><b>Tuesday, January 8</b></p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Plan Worship</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> Program Staff</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b><br/>Budget Committee</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Book Group<br/>at the home of Valerie<br/>Von Isenburg</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b><br/>Vox Virorum<br/><i>Newsletter today!</i></p> | <p><b>Wednesday, January 9</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b><br/>Handbell Choir</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b><br/>Chancel Choir</p>   |
| <p><b>Thursday, January 10</b></p>  | <p><b>Friday, January 11</b></p> <p><b>12 Noon – 1:00 PM</b><br/>Bible Study: Isaiah</p> <p><i>Human Trafficking<br/>Awareness Day</i></p>   | <p><b>Saturday, January 12</b></p>   | <p><b>Sunday, January 13</b><br/><i>Baptism of the Lord</i></p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School/<br/>Membership Class</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b><br/>Worship with Communion<br/>Affirmation of Confirmands</p> <p><b>12:15 – 12:45 PM</b><br/>Children's Choir</p> <p><b>12:30 – 3:00 PM</b><br/>Scratch (Young Adults)<br/>Lunch and Planning Retreat</p> <p><b>2:00 – 4:00 PM</b><br/>Triangle Shape Note Choir</p> <p><b>4:30 – 6:30 PM</b><br/>Middle School Youth</p> <p><b>6:00 – 8:00 PM</b><br/>High School Youth</p> |

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