



*A Service of Lessons and Carols*

**(Large print with music)**

*First Presbyterian Church  
Durham, North Carolina*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

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A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

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

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS**

Mindy Douglas

**PRELUDE**

*Carols of the Manger for Harp and Organ*

Dale Wood (2002)

**INTROIT**

*Now Yield We Thanks and Praise*

J.S. Bach, har. (1685-1750)

*Now yield we thanks and praises to Christ enthroned in glory,  
And on this day of days tell out redemption's story,  
Who truly have believed that on that blessed morn,  
In holiness conceived, the Son of God was born.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

Mal King

Leader: In Isaiah, the prophet declares that when God comes among us, the deaf shall hear, the blind shall see, and the tongue of the speechless shall sing for joy. I light this candle as a sign of our hope that God's love in Christ brings healing to us, and to the whole world.  
As we witness to the power of healing love, in ourselves and in others. . .

People: **Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 123**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

*Carol*

**THE BIDDING PRAYER**

Marilyn Hedgpeth

Dear People of God: In this season of Advent, let it be our responsibility and joy as God's people to prepare ourselves to hear again the tidings of the angels, to go even to Bethlehem and see the very Son of God lying in a manger. Let us hear and heed in holy scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion until the glorious redemption brought to us by the holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly festival of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But, first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world: for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which Christ died. And, because God rejoices in it, let us remember the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry, the oppressed, the immigrant fleeing for safety, the sick, and those who mourn; the lonely and those who feel unloved, the aged and particularly the little children, and those who do not know the love of God.

Keep watch, this day, with those who work, or watch, or weep, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Give rest to the weary and bless the dying; soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous, and guard the strong.

We make our prayer in the words Christ has 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.**

\*Those who are able, please stand.

<b>FIRST LESSON</b>	Genesis 3:8-12; 22-24 <i>Adam and Eve are driven from the garden.</i>	Li-Chen Chin, Sean Wehrman
<b>HYMN NO. 108</b>	<i>Of the Father's Love Begotten</i>	<i>Divinum Mysterium</i>
<b>SECOND LESSON</b>	Isaiah 35:1-10 <i>The prophet affirms that the Lord will come to save us.</i>	Mindy Douglas
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>The Lord Shall Come and Not Be Slow</i> <i>The Lord shall come and not be slow; His light is soon appearing. Prepare, you sinners, here below who are these tidings hearing. Arise, O sleepers, trim you lamps! Their flames so swiftly burning Reveal the path to hope and peace, the dawn for which you're yearning. Come forth, you weary, meek, and poor! Forget your strife and labor. Messiah comes to those who toil, bestowing God's own favor. Your king eternal, Lord on high, in humble form and lowly, Transforms a simple oxen stall into a throne most holy, For Christ shall come and not be slow; His light is now appearing. Rejoice, you saints on earth below! His reign of love is nearing.</i>	Zebulon M. Highben (2011)
<b>MEDITATION</b>	<i>"The Dream of Home"</i>	Mindy Douglas
<b>*HYMN NO. 360</b>	<i>Christ Is Coming</i>	<i>Unser Herrscher</i>
<b>THIRD LESSON</b>	Micah 5:2-5a <i>The prophet Micah foretells the glory of little Bethlehem.</i>	Torrell and Vanessa Armstrong
<b>SOLO</b>	<i>Little Star of Bethlehem</i> <i>Lesley Curtis, soprano</i> <i>Little Star of Bethlehem! Do we see thee now? Do we see thee shining o'er the tall trees? Little child of Bethlehem! Do we hear thee in our hearts? Hear the angels singing: Peace on earth good will to men! Noel! O'er the cradle of a King, hear the angels sing: In Excelsis Gloria, Gloria! From His Father's home on high, Lo! for us He came to die; Hear the angels sing: Venite adoremus Dominum.</i>	Charles Ives (1925)
<b>FOURTH LESSON</b>	Luke 1:26-38 <i>The birth of Jesus foretold.</i>	Joseph Harvard
<b>*HYMN NO. 145</b>	<i>What Child Is This</i>	<i>Greensleeves</i>
<b>FIFTH LESSON</b>	Luke 2:1-20 <i>The Birth of Jesus</i>	John Weicher
<b>ANTHEM</b>	<i>This Child, This King</i> <i>Let us see this child, this king, softly now He comes, as was foretold. Angels surround Him, heaven sings His name. Let us see this child, this king, wrapped in swaddling as we wrap our own, Born of a virgin, born in David's city. Why should the angels of heaven come down unto poor shepherds of Bethlehem town? Why should God love us and send His Son, His only begotten, the radiant one? Let us see this child, this king wrapped in swaddling as we wrap our own. Born of a virgin, born in David's city, born this holy night, born to wear a crown. Let us see this king.</i>	Daniel Gawthrop (1989)

**\*HYMN**

*God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

*London Carol (18<sup>th</sup> Cent.)*

*God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!*

*From God our heav'nly father a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!*

*"Fear not, then," said the angel "Let nothing you affright;  
This day is born a savior of a pure virgin bright,  
To free all those who trust in him from Satan's power and might."  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!*

*Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas doth bring redeeming grace.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy!*

**DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

Invitation to the Offering

John Weicher

Offertory Anthem

*King Jesus Was Aborn in a Manger*

Cary Ratcliff (2000)

*King Jesus was aborn in a manger. Hallelujah!  
He came for the poor and the lowly. He came for the rich and the mighty.  
He came for to die for his people, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, the Lord is born! 'Glory, glory' the angels say.  
Glory, glory to God in the highest for our savior is born this day. Come sing it now!  
King Jesus was aborn in a manger. Hallelujah!  
They said he was the Prince of Peace. They said he was the Lamb of God.  
He came for to save his people, hallelujah  
Hallelujah, the Lord is born! "Glory, glory" the angels say.  
Glory, glory to God in the highest for our savior is born this day. Come sing it now!  
King Jesus was aborn in a manger. Hallelujah!*

\*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, ever-more and ever-more. Amen.*

*(Please be seated.)*

**SIXTH LESSON**

1 John 4:7-12

Sam Miglarese

*God's love is shown in the sending of Jesus, and our love for one another is our response to God's love.*

**ANTHEM**

*More Love*

*Shaker Song, arr. Sid Davis (1987)*

*More love, more love; the heavens are blessing, the angels are calling. O Zion, more love.  
If ye love not each other in daily communion, how can ye love God, whom ye have not seen?  
More love, more love; the heavens are blessing, the angels are calling. O Zion, more love.*

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
People: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray.

All: **O Lord, you have given us your word for a light to shine upon our path; grant us so to meditate on that word, and to follow its teaching, that we may find in it the light that shines more and more in the darkness, until that perfect time when we will gather with all your people in your full presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

*In Dulci Jubilo*

J. S. Bach

*Pageant participants who have speaking parts, please remain in the sanctuary following worship today for a short rehearsal.*

*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.

*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 and is always held on Christmas Eve.

The striking *Advent paraments*, purchased with funds from the bequest of Anne St. Clair Williams, were designed and created in 2012 by Laurie Wohl, a fiber-artist internationally known for her "Unweavings." The pulpit hanging contains a text in Hebrew and English drawn from Isaiah 12:3: "With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation" while the text for the lectern hanging 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."

The *sanctuary table* upon which the Advent Wreath sits was made by *George Danser* and is given to us by his wife, *Jean Cary*, and him. 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.

*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 or return to an usher.

*Nursery care* for infants to 6 years of age is provided during all of worship this Sunday, on the second floor of the Education Building. See an usher if you need childcare. 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 and youth. Books are on the pews in the narthex for young children to read and enjoy should they need a break from the service.

**Year-End Giving:** The church must receive your charitable contributions by 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24, 2019; or be placed in the offering plate at a service through Sunday, December 29, 2019; or the gift must be postmarked by December 31, 2019, if mailed, to be deductible on your 2019 taxes. Thank you for your support. If you wish to make a contribution by credit card, this may be done through the church's website ([www.firstpres-durham.org](http://www.firstpres-durham.org)) at any time. To be deductible on your 2019 taxes, please initiate the gift by Friday, December 27. If you wish to make a donation through a gift of stock, please notify Tom Bloom, Business Administrator ([t.bloom@firstpres-durham.org](mailto: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 2019.

**~ Our Concerns ~**

**CONDOLENCES:**

We extend condolences to **Sandy and Thomas Roberts** on the death of Tom's mother, **Sarah Roberts**, who died December 2 in Connecticut. A private family memorial service will be held; and to the family of **Anne Hall (Moanie) McMahon** (friend of FPC) who died December 7th. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

**CONCERNS:**

**Isabel Brown**, a patient at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill  
**Jimmy Levy**, grandson of Cheryl McDonald (former member)  
**Carley and Jon Meade**, family of Bruce, Ellie, Kristin and Dayton Meade  
**Carol McKnight**, recovering at home from an injury  
**Larry Newark**, brother-in-law of Jean Wilson  
**Danny Parker**, father-in-law of Al and Judy Arrowood's son Jon  
**Chuck Barenchi**   **Margaret Mubanga**   **Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett**  
**Joseph Ngumi**   **Carolyn Wolfe**

**Care Communities:**

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**  
Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin**  
Dubose Center at The Cedars (Chapel Hill): **Arthur Clark**  
Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**  
Emerald Pond, Durham (Room 212): **Paul Cornsweet**  
Pruitt Health at Carolina Point, Durham: **Helen Garrison**  
Southern Living for Seniors, Louisburg: **Phillip Herndon**  
The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

**Family and Friends of the Congregation:**

**Fran Alwood**, mother of Jennie Alwood  
**Ken Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss  
**Camilla Crampton**, companion of Mal King  
**Ralph Edwards**, grandfather of Amy Wilson  
**Doug Neece**, brother of Vern Neece  
**Jim Vacca**, father of Jamie Chambliss

**~ Serving Today ~**

Narthex Greeter: **Alice Raney**  
After Worship Greeters: **Wendy McCorkle** (font/side door); **Alice Raney** (rear/narthex)  
Ushers: **John Mozart** (head), **Christy Gudaitis, Dale Gaddis, El Hess, Bob Pleasants**





### ***Sopranos***

*Katie Becker  
Maddie Brigman  
Isabel Brown  
Dawn Carsey  
Kathy Conner  
Lesley Curtis  
Mindy Douglas  
Minna Fullenkamp  
Wendy McCorkle  
Charlotte Nelson  
Sara Radtke  
Laurie Ray  
Cathy Snell  
Amy Wilson*

### ***Altos***

*Kate Busa  
Marsha Butler  
Caroline Gulley  
Hope Hunter  
Christyn Klinck  
Katy Loeblich  
Laura McNab  
Diane Prosser  
Franzi Rokoske  
Hendrika Vande Kemp*

### ***Tenors***

*Bob Breitweiser  
Stephen Cole  
Brent Curtis  
Matthew Eggleston  
Tom Juhnke  
Jerry Postema*

### ***Basses***

*Doug Butler  
Stewart Cameron  
Drew Cummings  
Mal King  
Dewey Lawson  
David Smith  
David Verner*

Minister of Music, Kathryn Cain Parkins

Special thanks to our harpist, Jacquelyn Bartlett.

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## **Advent Midweek Worship**

**Wednesday, December 18 - meditation by David Smith**

Join us in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. for worship, candle lighting, and communion. Worship will be followed by a light supper in Watts-Hill Hall. Donations will be received to offset the cost of the meal.

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22**

**9:45 a.m. - Sunday School**

**11:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion**

**followed by a farewell reception for Sam Miglarese**

The *Hunger for Change Offering* (last one for 2019) for hunger relief programs locally and around the world, will be received during worship. The PC (USA) *Joy Gift Offering*, which supports financial assistance programs of the Board of Pensions and PC(USA) racial ethnic schools and colleges, will also be received. Online via the church's website and text-giving are new ways to give to the Joy Gift Offering.

## **Christmas Eve Services - Tuesday, December 24**

**3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service with Pageant, Candles, and Communion**

A simple 45-minute family-friendly service featuring the children's pageant, "Bird Watchers," We need angels, shepherds, all kinds of animals, and wise people to serve as bird watchers in the pageant. Those with singing/speaking parts will practice after worship this Sunday, December 15, in the sanctuary for about 15 minutes. Everyone else will practice again on Monday, December 23, from 11:00 a.m.-noon. You may pick up costumes this Sunday in the basement beneath the sanctuary.

**5:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion and Candle Lighting Service**

The birth of the Christ Child is celebrated in word and song with communion and a candle lighting service.

**At both services on Christmas Eve, childcare will be available and an offering will be received for CWS and their refugee support programs.**



## THE HUNGER FOR CHANGE OFFERING

Hunger has become more prevalent, particularly since the recession. First Presbyterian Church of Durham has a long history of involvement in hunger-related mission, most notably Pennies for Hunger (now Hunger for Change) and the Durham CROP Walk. In addition, we coordinate volunteers for the Community Kitchen at Urban Ministries of Durham, collect food for the members at Iglesia Emanuel Presbyterian Fellowship, and the Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC. Our youth sponsor the annual Souper Bowl of Caring to raise money for hunger-related missions. We also encourage giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing Hunger Offering on Easter Sunday which funds mission activities related to disaster assistance and hunger programs locally and around the world.

The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

- 50% - International Hunger Relief Programs
- 40% - Local Hunger Programs
- 10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients.

If your family committed to saving a **penny**/day each month, you'd be donating about \$0.30 per month or \$3.65 for the entire year. That's not much in the face of the rising need. Save a **nickel**/day, and you can contribute \$1.50 per month. A **dime**/day will generate \$3.00 and a **quarter**/a day will generate \$7.50 per month.

The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Please consider supporting this hunger relief effort with a generous offering each month.

**Remember to bring your offering**

**NEXT SUNDAY!**



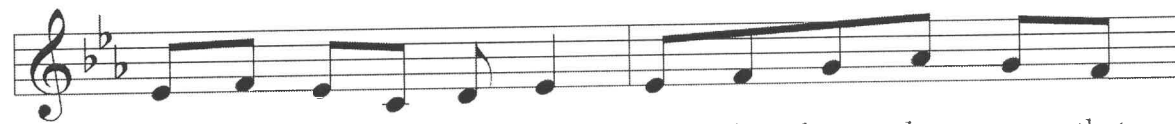
# Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



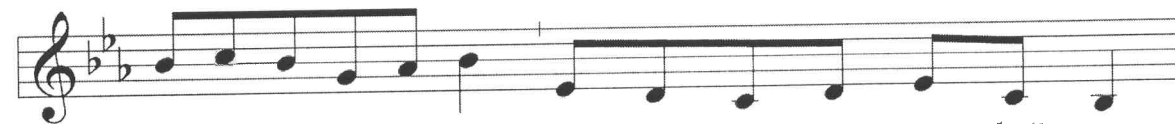
1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan  
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it  
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full  
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one  
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel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

# 123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear



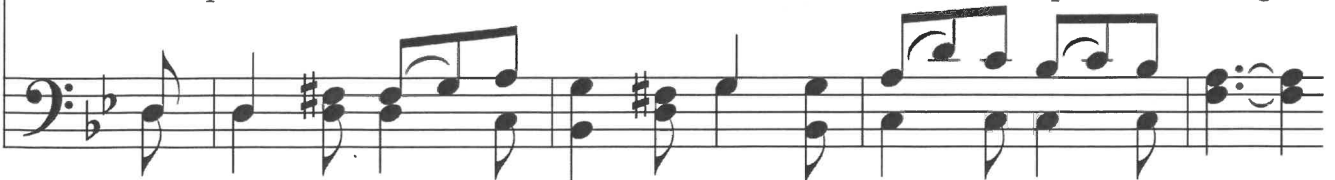
1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un - furled,  
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suf-fered long;  
4 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,  
5 For lo, the days are has-tening on, by proph-ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world:  
be - neath the heaven-ly hymn have rolled two thou-sand years of wrong;  
who toil a - long the climb-ing way with pain - ful steps and slow,  
when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gra-cious King":  
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov-ering wing,  
and we at war on earth hear not the tid - ings that they bring;  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing:  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,





## Christ Is Coming!

1 Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion from its groans and  
 2 Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of your bit - ter  
 3 With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, flutes are tuned and  
 4 Long your ex - iles have been pin - ing for your prom - ised

la - bor cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion  
 cross and pain; we shall yet be - hold your glo - ry,  
 harps are strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus  
 rest and home, but in heav - en - ly glo - ry shin - ing,

hope re - store and faith in - crease: Christ is com - ing!  
 Lord, when you re - turn to reign: Christ is com - ing!  
 on - ward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is com - ing!  
 soon the ris - en Christ shall come. Christ is com - ing!

Christ is com - ing! Come, O bless - ed Prince of peace.  
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.  
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the song.  
 Christ is com - ing! Joy - ful, shout the vic - tory psalm.

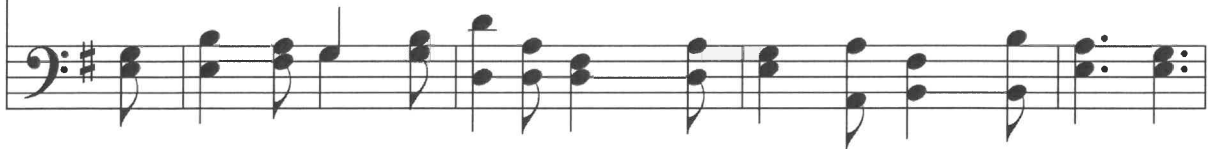
## What Child Is This



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.



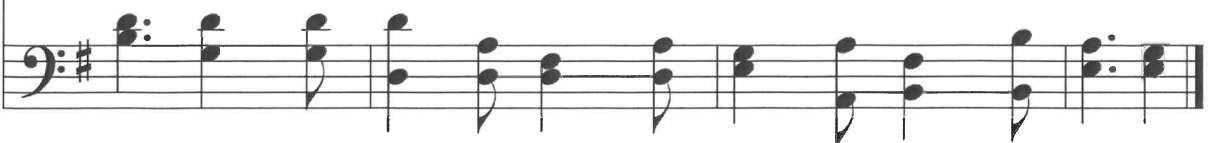
Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



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!



# 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 -



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

## The Week at a Glance!

<p><b>Later Today</b></p> <p><b>After Worship</b> Pageant rehearsal (in the sanctuary) Pick up costumes from basement area</p> <p><b>4:00 PM</b> Youth Groups Christmas Party</p> <p><b>5:30 PM</b> All-Church Potluck and Carols Sing-Along (Watts-Hill Hall and foyer)</p>	<p><b>Monday, December 16</b></p> <p><b>9:00- 2:00 AM</b> Walk-in-Ministry</p> <p><b>9:30– 11:00 AM</b> FPC at Urban Ministries Community Kitchen</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Personnel Committee</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, December 17</b></p> <p><b>8:00-8:45 AM</b> HS Midweek Morning Meal at Coffee World</p> <p><b>1:30 PM</b> Worship Planning</p> <p><b>2:30 PM</b> All Staff</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, December 18</b></p> <p><b>5:00 PM</b> Handbell Choir</p> <p><b>6:00 PM</b> Advent Worship &amp; Communion (Meditation by David Smith)</p> <p><b>6:30 PM</b> Advent Supper</p> <p><b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir</p>
<p><b>Thursday, December 19</b></p> <p><b>9:00-12:00 AM</b> Walk-in-Ministry</p>	<p><b>Friday, December 20</b></p> <p><b>7:00-9:00 AM</b> FPC at Urban Ministries Community Kitchen</p> <p><b>Christmas Newsletter today!</b></p>	<p><b>Saturday, December 21</b></p> <p><b>1:00 PM</b> Alleluia Children's Choir rehearsal at Covenant PC</p>	<p><b>Sunday, December 22</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i></p> <p><b>9:40 AM</b> Call time for Alleluia Children's Choir at Covenant PC</p> <p><b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School</p> <p><b>11:00 AM</b> Worship &amp; Communion</p> <p><b>After Worship</b> Retirement Reception for Sam Miglarese</p>

### Church Office Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, December 25 through Friday, December 27 - Closed

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – Closed

### Deadlines for Newsletter articles

Issue date: December 20 (Special Christmas edition) - Deadline for news: December 17

Issue date: December 31 - Deadline for news: December 29

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