

**DECEMBER 24, 2023**  
**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD/CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**7:00pm Worship Service**  
**CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**CONYNGHAM, PA**



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**Weekly Worship:    Saturday @ 5:00pm**  
**Sunday @ 10:30am**

**MISSION STATEMENT**

**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is a redeemed family of God's people empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the love of God in Jesus Christ in this community and in the world.**

**As an active and growing congregation, we share ourselves, our time, and our possessions to serve the Lord by serving others. Inspired in worship, nurtured through teaching, supported with fellowship, and strengthened by prayer, we reach out to others with the Gospel, now and in future generations.**

**Patterson Derr - Minister of Music/Treasurer**

**Cynthia Derr – Church Secretary/Congregation Council Secretary**

**Sexton – Margie Yost**

**Congregation Council – Betty Anne Bernstein, Julia Bobrowski, Joyce Bradbury, Beth Brown Barbara DeLong, Jean Frye, Deb Jones, Marty Kellow, Dave Kisenwether, Scott Steiner, Jessica Thorne(vice-president) and Ken Welsh (president)**

**Designated Pastor – Rev. Wayne Lupole**

Welcome in the name of Christ, whose church this is! If you are seeking a church home, please notify the church office. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:** Hearing Assistive Devices are located on the table at the entrance to the worship space. An ADA Compliant restroom and changing station are located in the entrance hallway. A first aid kit, water, juice and snacks are in the kitchenette adjacent to the Parlor (main entrance room).

**FOR SECURITY:** During worship, only the upper-level main entrance doors are open- all other doors are locked.

Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

Individual communion cups are ready for pick up for you to use at home. They are inside the front door of the parlor and may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

Our Sunday morning 10:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation” or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clcconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab.

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**GATHERING**

<b>PRELUDES</b>	<b>“A Celtic Christmas Overture”</b> <i>Patt Derr - Piano</i> <b>“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”</b> <i>Celebration Singers</i>	<b>arr. Larry Shackley</b>  <b>arr. Pinkzebra</b>
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PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

<b>GATHERING HYMN</b>	<b>“O Come, All Ye Faithful”</b>	<b>ELW(red) #283</b>
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**GREETING**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the Word made flesh,  
our life and our salvation.

**C** **Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**A** Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light.  
Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day  
wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

<b>HYMN OF PRAISE</b>	<b>“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”</b>	<b>ELW(red) #270</b>
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## WORD

### A READING FROM ISAIAH

#### **Isaiah 9:2-7**

*This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!*

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.  
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.  
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.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
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.  
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.

L The Word of the Lord  
 C **Thanks be to God!**

## A READING FROM TITUS

### **Titus 2:11-14**

*The appearance of God's grace is an invitation for God's people to live a life worthy of the new age inaugurated in Jesus.*

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

L The Word of the Lord  
 C **Thanks be to God!**

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**“What Child Is This”**

**Please join in singing**

**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.**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE THE 2<sup>nd</sup> CHAPTER

**C**      **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Luke 2:1-20**

*Luke tells the story of Jesus' birth with reference to rulers of the world because this birth has significance for the whole earth, and conveys a divine offer of peace.*

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

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

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

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

**℟**      The Gospel of the Lord.

**C**      **Praise to you, O Christ**

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

**SERMON****Pastor Fairchild**

*All children are invited to join Pastor Chip for the children's sermon and to join in carrying the Christ Child to the manger.*

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

**HYMN OF THE DAY****“Away In a Manger”****ELW(red) #278****MEAL****SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*Please greet each other as you are comfortable.*

PLEASE BE SEATED

**OFFERING****MUSIC AT THE OFFERING****“On a Silent Night Long, Long Ago”*****Celebration Singers* arr. Phillip Keveren**

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**OFFERTORY****“The First Noel”**

**The first Noel the angels did say  
 was to certain poor shepherds  
 in fields where they lay;  
 in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
 on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
 Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!  
 Born is the King of Israel.**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A* In thanksgiving for our offering, let us pray.  
 God of abundance,  
 receive and bless these gifts we have offered.  
 Join our hearts with the song of the angels,  
 and gather us at your table of celebration.  
 Strengthen us to share with all the world  
 the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
 poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
- C** **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P* The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P* Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
- P* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**C**     **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 trespasses,**  
           **as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
           **and lead us not into temptation,**  
           **but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**  
           **forever and ever. Amen**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P**     Glory to God in the highest!  
           Come to the table of peace.

## COMMUNION

**P** Lamb of God,  
**C** you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
**P** Lamb of God,  
**C** you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Those using the pre-filled communion elements and the people on Facebook will take communion first. Those taking communion from the altar will receive next. Proceed forward from your pew toward the altar. The Lectern side (right facing Altar) will proceed first and then the Pulpit side (left facing Altar). Pick up an empty communion glass as you approach, or use a cup filled with grape juice. Receive the bread and eat the wafer, then the assistant will fill your cup with wine and drink. Deposit empty cups in the bowls provided on the way back to your pews and be seated. If you need a gluten-free wafer, come forward with your arms crossed in front of you.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS - sing first and last verse of each hymn

**ELW #279 – “O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**ELW #289 – “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**ELW #282 – “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

## COMMUNION BLESSING

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.  
**C** Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*A* God our redeemer,  
 you have fed us at this table  
 with gifts of grace, truth, and life.  
 As you have gathered us in joy,  
 send us forth as messengers of your peace.  
 Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
 born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*The ushers will come forward and receive the light from the Pastor's candle and then distribute the light to persons on the end of the pews. The light will then be shared from one person to the next. Unlit candles should be tipped towards lighted candles to avoid dripping hot wax. When all have received the light we will begin the hymn.*

## HYMN

### “SILENT NIGHT”

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.

Silent night, holy night!  
 Shepherds quake at the sight;  
 glories stream from heaven afar,  
 heav'nly hosts sing, alleluia!  
 Christ, the Savior, is born!  
 Christ, the Savior, is born!

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

## **SENDING**

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** God bless you and keep you,  
 † Jesus grant you grace and truth,  
 and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,  
 now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### **EXTINGUISH CANDLES**

### **SENDING HYMN**

**“Go Tell It on the Mountain”**

**ELW(red) #290**

### **DISMISSAL**

**P** Christ the Savior is born!  
 Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

**“Angels We Have Heard on High”**

**arr. Anna Laura Page**

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The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Sue Danko in memory of Mike Danko and loved ones.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God by Sue Oliver in honor of her family members.

**Worship Helpers**

Asst. Minister	Ashley Marsicano
Acolyte	Julia Bobrowski
Reader	Ashley Marsicano
Comm. Assts.	Dave Getz & Tom Toth
Ushers	Joanne & Dave Getz

**Next Weekend:****December 30 & 31, 2023****FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS****Saturday 5pm Service****Worship Service at 10:30am****Sunday School at 9:15am**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR 2024 OFFERING  
ENVELOPES. THEY ARE ON THE TABLE IN THE PARLOR.**

**Poinsettia Gifts**

Helen Badamo and family  
in memory of Anthony Badamo

Rusty and Linda Beishline  
in memory of loves ones

Dick and Betty Anne Bernstein  
in memory of parents and grandparents and in honor of children and grandchildren

Gordon and Grace Boyer  
in memory of Don Boyer and loved ones

Sue and Steven Boyer  
in memory of Don Boyer

Jim and Joyce Bradbury  
in memory of loved ones

Beth & Blake Brown  
in memory of George Dippel

Lisa and Jay Budgeon  
in memory of loved ones

Chivers Family  
in memory of Charles and Florence Kisenwether

Patterson and Cynthia Derr  
in memory of Cindy's dad and Patt's mom and dad

Arline and Juergen Friedrich  
     in memory of loved ones  
 Paul and Dorothy Heckrote  
     in memory of parents, loved ones and Emma McElwee  
 Shirley Heckrote  
     in memory of Paul & Hazel Heckrote  
 Ken and Shirley Ikeda  
     in memory of loved ones  
 Fred and Marian Jaxheimer  
     in memory of Marian's parents and Fred's father  
 Diana Jessel  
     in memory of Thomas Sterba  
 Deb Jones, Tony and Jesse  
     in memory of H. Raymond and Eleanor Jones  
 Deb Jones and Dennis Mallams  
     in memory of Tom Winters  
 Mary Lou Keck  
     in memory of Marvin Keck  
 Edna Kisenwether  
     in memory of loved ones  
 Children & Grandchildren  
     in memory of their devoted mothers, sisters Linda (Slosser) Kurtz and Sharon (Slosser)  
     Gregory  
 Kurtz and Gregory grandchildren  
     in memory of their grandparents Charles and Nora Slosser  
 Kurtz Family  
     in honor of Betty Anne Bernstein and family for their years of dedication to the church  
 Harry Mallams  
     in memory of Harry & Ruth Mallams and Kurt Mallams  
 Linda Mantz  
     In memory of Viola Assenmacher  
 Charles Lingenfelter  
     in memory of Sandra H. Lingenfelter  
 Dawn Luchi  
     in memory of Leo Luchi  
 Sandy Marchetti  
     in memory of Ted and Helen Houseknecht  
 Sue, Lynn, Alyssa and Kayla Oliver  
     in memory of John and Johnnie Oliver  
 Roy and Doris Renninger  
     in memory of their parents

Cathy, Tim and Tyler Russell  
in memory of Ellen, John and David Light and Betty and Bob Russell  
Wil and Carol Samler  
in memory of Dennis R. Moore, Sr. and Donna Andraski  
Scott, Lori, Kyle, Shelby and Ryan Steiner  
in memory of loved ones  
Ruth Swank  
in memory of loved ones  
Tom Toth  
in memory of Carol Pastorella  
Rick Walck  
in memory of Rich, Emily and Diana  
Kathleen Wittig  
in memory of her parents Thomas and Mildred Judge  
Rosalie Wright  
in memory of Ed Wright  
Margie Yost  
in memory of Bill, Sondra and Jim Yost

*Please take your poinsettia home with you after worship tonight*

*A BLESSED AND  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL!*

### **EPIPHANY CELEBRATION PLANNED**

Do you have a Nativity set(s) that you would like to be on display at our Epiphany Celebration on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**? Would you like to share some good food and fellowship at a light lunch that day after church? If the answer is yes, look in the church parlor for the sign-up sheet.

### **WHAT'S HAPPENING ON JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>**

This year we are not going to let Epiphany come and go without a celebration! Plan to be a part of the festivities. Humphrey the camel will be here during Sunday School, there will be a display of church members' Nativity sets, there will be a children's sermon during worship and then lunch and fellowship time. Invite someone to come with you! Everyone is welcome! Don't let the "post-Christmas blahs" set in and help get 2024 off to a great start by being in Sunday School and church on **January 7<sup>th</sup>**!

### **HERE IS HOW TO GET YOUR NATIVITY SET (SETS) DISPLAYED**

Please bring your Nativity set(s) to Roth Hall on **Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> between 10am-Noon**. Volunteers will be there to help with setting things up for the display.

After lunch on **Sunday January 7<sup>th</sup>** anyone who brought a Nativity set will be responsible for dismantling and packing up whatever they brought to display and will take it home with them that day. The goal is to have everyone's Nativity set kept safe and with its owner. Don't miss this special day here at our church! Help spread the good news that Jesus is the Light of the World!

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!  
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:  
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!  
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*  
 Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,  
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

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ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.  
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

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## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



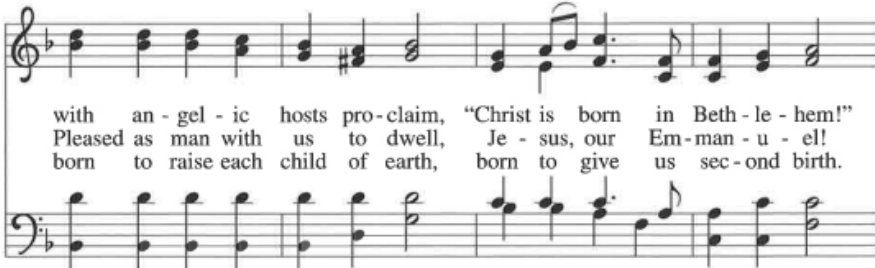
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."  
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

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*Refrain*



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"


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# Away in a Manger

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1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes,  
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky care  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care

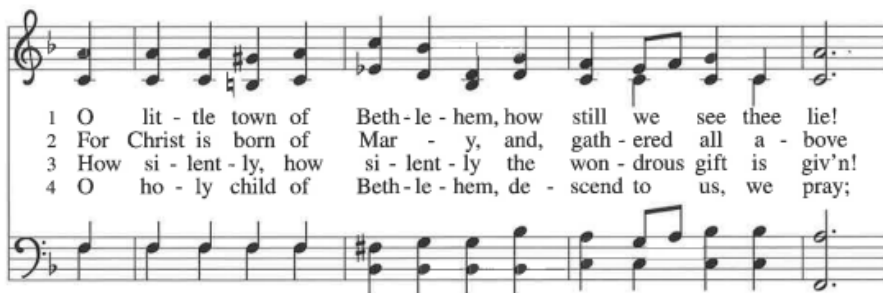


the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.  
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

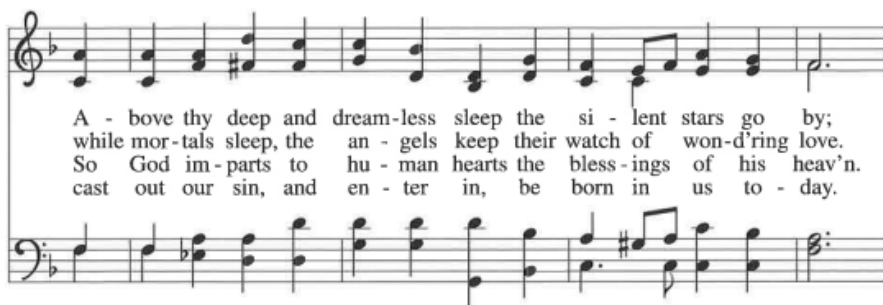
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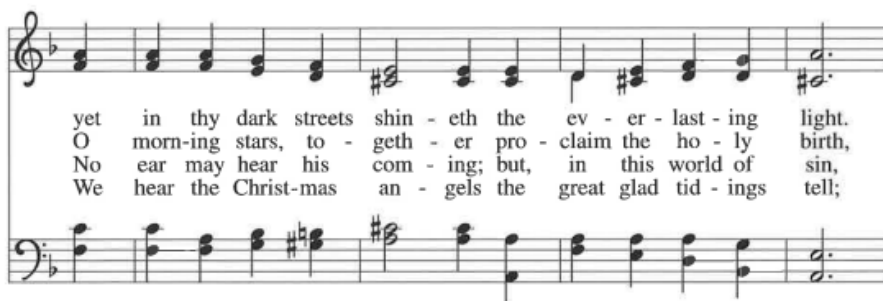
## O Little Town of Bethlehem



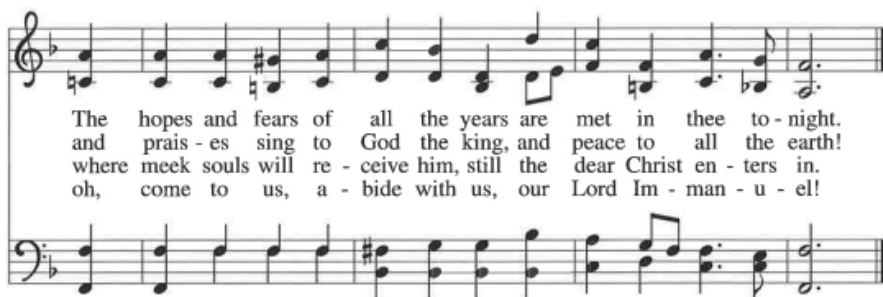
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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-d'ring love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
 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 tid - ings tell;

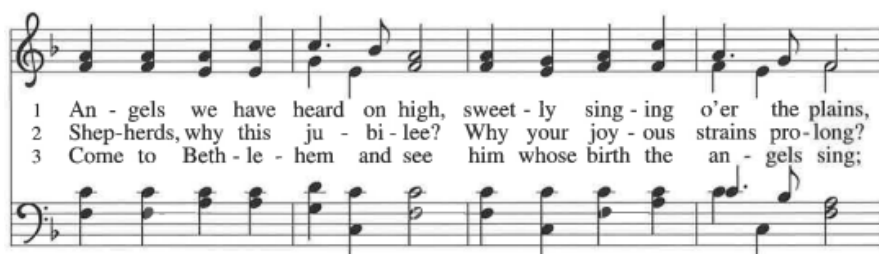


The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

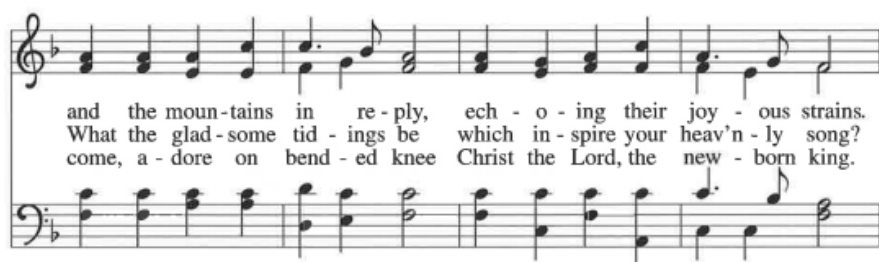
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## Angels We Have Heard on High



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 tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - 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

## CHRISTMAS

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

The image shows a musical score for a Christmas song. It consists of two staves, a treble staff and a bass staff, both in G major (one sharp). The treble staff begins with a melodic line in the right hand, featuring a series of eighth notes and a dotted quarter note, followed by a series of chords. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and a few moving lines. The lyrics 'ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.' are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

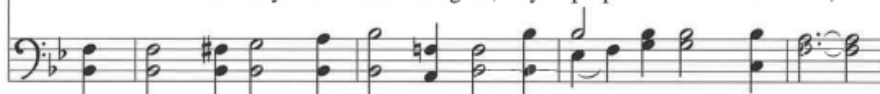
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## It Came upon the Midnight Clear

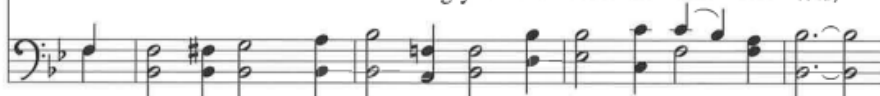
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1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold;  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
 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 heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 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,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



# Go Tell It on the Mountain

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*Refrain*

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
 2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
 3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

*Refrain*

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
 rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
 and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
 Music: African American spiritual

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