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***Christmas Eve***  
**December 24, 2022**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**  
**Christmas Eve, December 24, 2022**  
**Candlelight Service, 7:00 PM**

**Prelude**

*Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*  
*O Little Town of Bethlehem*  
*Go, Tell It On the Mountain*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Aaron David Miller  
arr. Miller  
arr. Miller

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Isaiah 40:1, 3-5

One: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. A voice cries out:

**All: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;**

One: the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

**All: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'**

**\*Carol**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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**\*Lighting of the Christ Candle**

The Christ Candle  
Sonja Bontrager & Michael Aumack

**\*Light the Candle**

*Hope is a Candle*

Christ is the light that the proph-ets a - wait - ed, Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child.

Christ is the love and the mys-tery and laugh - ter cand-les, make way! Christ is the day.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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## Prayer

## Anthem

*Sing We Now of Christmas*  
from *Sing We Now of Christmas*

arr. Howard Helvey

Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel.  
Of our Lord and Savior we the tidings tell.  
Sing we Noel, for Christ the King is born.  
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel.

Angels called the shepherds, "Leave your flocks at rest.  
Journey forth to Bethlehem. Find the Child, so blest."  
Sing we Noel, for Christ the King is born.  
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel.

In Bethlehem they found him; Joseph and Mary mild,  
seated by the manger; watching the holy Child.  
Sing we Noel, for Christ the King is born.  
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel.

From the eastern country came the kings afar;  
bearing gifts to Bethlehem, guided by a star.  
Glory to God, for Christ the King is born.  
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel.

Gold and myrrh they took there, gifts of greatest price.  
There was never a stable so like paradise.  
Sing we Noel, for Christ the King is born.  
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel.

## First Reading

John 1:1-9

Rev. Reynolds

## \*Carol

*Helpless and Hungry/What Child Is This?*

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## Second Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Dr. Robu

**\*Carol**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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## Invitation to Offering

## Offertory Anthem

*Coventry Carol*  
from *Sing We Now of Christmas*

arr. Howard Helvey

Lully, lulla, Thou little tiny Child;  
by by lully, lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do  
for to preserve this day  
this poor Youngling for whom we do sing,  
by by lully, lullay?

Herod, the King, in his raging,  
charged he hath this day  
his men of might, in his own sight,  
all young children to slay.

That woe is me poor Child for Thee;  
and ev'ry morn and day,  
for Thy parting neither say nor sing  
by by, lully, lullay!

## Third Reading

Luke 2:8-14

Rev. Reynolds

**\*Carol**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

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Anthem

*Go, Tell it on the Mountain*  
from *Sing We Now of Christmas*

arr. Howard Helvey

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
o'er silent flocks by night,  
behold, throughout the heavens  
there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled  
when lo! above the earth  
rang out the angel chorus  
that hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger  
the humble Christ was born.  
And God sent us salvation  
that blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere.  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

## Fifth Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

Rev. Reynolds

## Anthem

*Come to Us, O Christmas Star*

Victor C. Johnson

Come and kindle ev'ry star on this, the darkest night.  
Giver of the sun and moon, come swaddle us with light.  
Enter ev'ry longing heart and lead each troubled soul  
from the winter of despair into the spring of hope.

Come to us, O Christmas Star, upon this holy night.  
Savior of the nations, come, eternal light of life.

Send the blessed Morning Star to make the darkness flee.  
Burn within and shine without for all the world to see.  
Set the coldest heart aflame, bright Star of Bethlehem,  
with the fire of joy and peace that we may dance again.

Come to us, O Christmas Star, upon this holy night.  
Savior of the nations, come, eternal light of life.

## Homily

"Christmas TV Dinners"

Dr. Robu

## \*Carol

*Silent Night, Holy Night*

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## Postlude

*Silent Night, Holy Night!*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

Neil Harmon

**Please exit in silence after the Postlude**

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O  
 2 True God of true God, 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. Come and be-hold him,  
 our low-ly na-ture he hath not ab-horred; Son of the Fa-ther, be-  
 sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heav'n a-bove; glo-ry to God, all  
 Je-sus, to thee be all glo-ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther,

Refrain  
 born the King of an-gels.  
 got-ten, not cre-at-ed.  
 glo-ry in the high-est. O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let  
 now in flesh ap-pear-ing.

us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.

## Helpless and Hungry

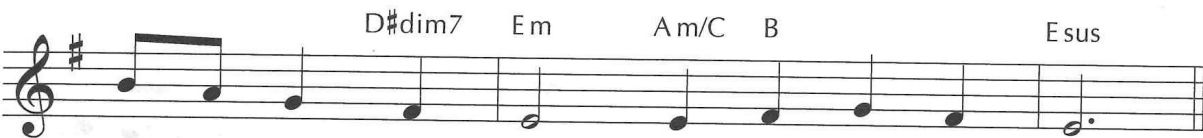
"Helpless and Hungry," verse 1, followed by "What Child Is This," verse 1;  
 "Helpless and Hungry," verse 2, followed by "What Child Is This," verse 2;  
 Both sung simultaneously on verse 3,  
 Northside sing "Helpless and Hungry" Southside sing "What Child Is This"



1 Help - less and hun - gry, low - ly, a - fraid, wrapped in the  
 2 Who is the strang-er here in our midst, look - ing for  
 3 Bring all the thirst - y, all who seek peace; bring those with



chill of mid - win - ter; comes now a-mong us, born in - to  
 shel - ter a - mong us? Who is the out - cast? Who do we  
 noth-ing to of - fer. Strength-en the fee - ble, say to the



pov - er - ty's em - brace, new life for the world.  
 see a - mid the poor, the chil - dren of God?  
 fright-ened heart: "Fear not: & here is your God!"



Who is this who lives with the low-ly, shar-ing their sor-rows,



know-ing their hun-ger? This is Christ, re-vealed to the world in the



eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

# What Child Is This

Em G D Em Am B

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry'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, peas - ant, king, to own him.

Em G D Em B Esus Em

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.

Bm G D Em Am B

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.

Bm G D Em B Esus Em

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!  
 Hail, hail the Word - made - flesh, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Ma - ry!



# O Little Town of Bethlehem

Capo 3: (D) F (Em) Gm (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry, 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,

(D) F (B7) D7 (Em) Gm (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F

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 the heav'n's.  
 cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day!

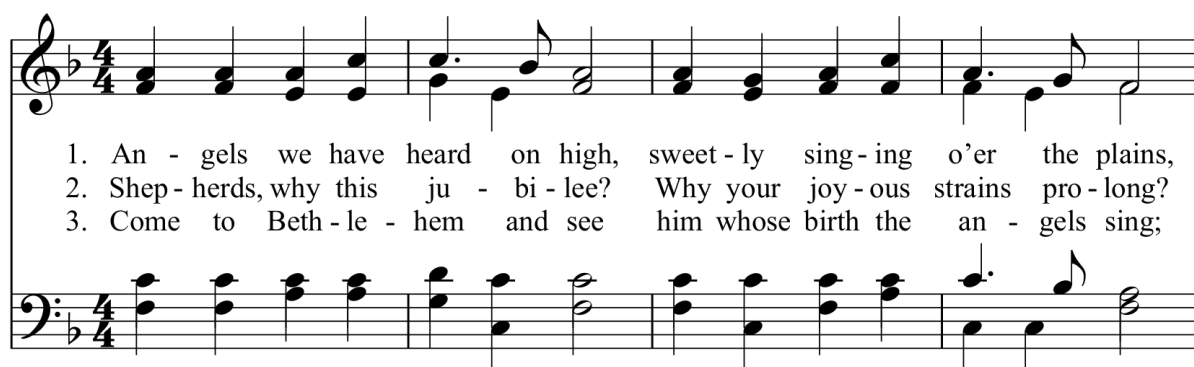
(D) F (Em) Gm (F#) A (Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (F#) A

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.

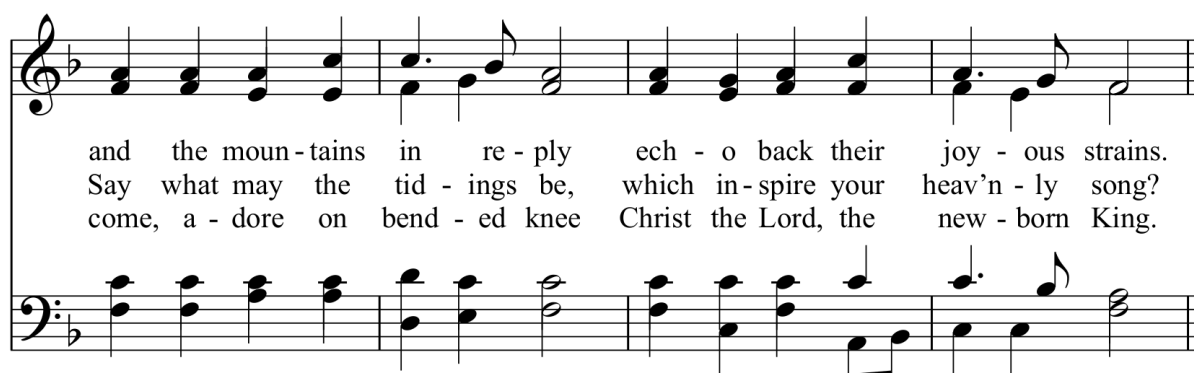
(D) F (Em) Gm (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing—let "Glo - ry!" ring with 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.

## 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 back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the 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 in ex - cel - sis De - o.



## Silent Night, Holy Night

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright  
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;  
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light  
4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and  
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -  
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing  
with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"  
grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.

**Special thanks** to Rev. Craig Reynolds for joining us this evening.

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*Poinsettias that adorn our  
sanctuary are given in  
honor and in memory of  
our loved ones.*



*Given in Honor & Memory of:*

*Colleen Euson*

*Amy Neel*

*Martha Bay Black*

*Richard Neel*

*LaVonta & Ralph Gilchrist*

*Emma & Richard Brown*

*Friends & Family*

*Charles & Doris Watson*

*Richard & Patti Shields*

*Boyd Mundhenke*

*Robert & Elsie Olsen*

*From:*

*Rich Euson*

*Garry & Elaine Neel*

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*Joe Henderson*

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Eleanor Vernon's 99th Birthday*

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*Cindy Sparks*

*From:*

*Steve & Kitchel Woods*

*Sarah Smith*

*Steve & Cathie Yager*

*Alan & Nancy Roskam*

*Uhlig Family*

*Jennifer King*

*His Children*

*Henry Waters*

## December 2022/January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>18</b> 9am Fine Arts Board Mtg.  New Member Sunday  10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>19</b> 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>20</b> 7pm Christmas Organ Concert	<b>21</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  6:30pm Christmas Pageant  7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel)  2pm Cooking food for Shelter  5:30pm Serving at the Shelter	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7pm Christmas Eve Service
<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>  10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> No Wednesday Night activities	<b>29</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>New Years Eve</b>
<b>1</b> <b>New Years Day</b>  10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Cabinet Mtg	<b>4</b> 6pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Nebraska Wesleyan Choir Concert	<b>5</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel)  2pm Cooking food for Shelter  5:30pm Serving at the Shelter	<b>6</b> 7pm Folk Concert	<b>7</b>

**Please join us for worship tomorrow Sunday, December 25th.  
Dr. Robu will be Preaching.**

### The Plymouth Covenant

Believing in Jesus Christ, the Interpreter of God to humankind, we accept His teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We therefore join in covenant, one with another, to worship, work, and serve together that we may express through our Church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ.



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# ***Celebration of Worship***

**December 25, 2022**

# Celebration of Worship

December 25, 2022

10:30 am

## Christmas Day

*Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve*

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*"In the end, we'll all become stories." - Margaret Atwood*

### Opening Voluntary

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Neil Harmon

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

### Call to Worship

### \*Opening Hymn

*The First Nowell*

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### \*Responsive Reading

From *Enfleshed*

One: We come together and remember:

**All: through all things, the love of God holds us.**

One: We come together and proclaim:

**All: we are holy and beloved.**

One: We come together and seek:

**All: make us rich in love that is tender and just, O God. Let us give thanks,  
for God will not lead us astray.**

### \*Response of Praise

*Hope is a Candle*

Christ is the light that the proph-ets a - wait - ed, Christ is the li - on, the lamb, and the child.

Christ is the love and the mys-tery and laugh - ter cand-les, make way! Christ is the day.



## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

From *Enfleshed*

**Spirit of compassion, be near to our hearts. We long to build community that is rich in love and endures through conflict and the slog of the ordinary. Guide us, O God, in learning to bear with one another and in practicing patience with ourselves. May it be so among us through the one who taught us to pray ...*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.***

### Solo

"Christmas Lullaby"  
from *Songs For A New World*  
Karen Robu

Jason Robert Brown

I'll never have the power to control the land  
Or conquer half the world  
Or claim the sun  
I'll never be the kind who simply waves her hand  
And has a million people do  
The things I wish I'd done

In the eyes of heaven  
My place is assured  
I carry with me heaven's grand design  
Glory, Oh,  
Glory I will sing the name of the Lord  
And He will make me shine

But in the eyes of heaven  
My place is assured  
I carry with me heaven's grand design  
Glory, Oh,  
Glory I will sing the name of the Lord  
And He will make me shine

And I will be like Mother Mary  
With a blessing in my soul  
And I will give the world my eyes  
So they can see  
And I will be like Mother Mary  
With a blessing in my soul  
And the future of the world inside of me

And I will be like Mother Mary  
With a blessing in my soul  
And I will give the world my eyes  
So they can see  
And I will be like Mother Mary  
With a blessing in my soul  
And the future of the world inside of me

And I will be like Mother Mary  
With the power in my veins  
To believe in all the things  
I've yet to be  
And I will be like Mother Mary  
And I'll suffer any pains  
For the future of the world  
For the future of the world  
Inside of me

## Prayer Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer

From *Enfleshed*

### \*Hymn Response

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

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### Invitation to Offering

### Offertory Anthem

*Home on Christmas Day*  
as recorded by Kristin Chenoweth

arr. Mac Huff

And now that winter's here,  
[And today is] Christmas.  
I see your face so clear,  
though you're far away.  
Your home is in my heart;  
it's ev'rywhere I go,  
and I'll be waiting here  
'til you're home to stay.

I think of winters past;  
we were all together.  
The sweetest memories  
all come into play.  
Your voice rings in my ear  
just to let me know  
that you'll be here with me,  
home on Christmas day.

Angels calling from up high  
will bring a starry sky  
to light the frosted ground below,  
so you will know your way  
back home tonight.  
A candle burns so bright  
to show the way.

I'll make a silent wish,  
just for you, this Christmas,  
to keep you safe and warm,  
never led astray,  
that ev'rywhere you go  
you're sheltered from the storm,  
and that my Christmas wish is  
with you ev'ry day.

Angels calling down to say  
they'll always know the way  
to lift you 'til you soar so high  
that I will see you in the sky above,  
my Christmas gift of love  
will guide you by.

And now I promise you  
with all my heart, this Christmas,  
that all the love we've shared  
will never go away.  
Your spirit's ev'rywhere,  
and I hope you know  
that you are always here,  
home on Christmas day.

## Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

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.

**\*Hymn of Preparation**     *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*     (page 9)

**Sermon**     “I Lied to Santa and Other Christmas Memories”     Dr. Robu

**\*Hymn of Departure**     *There’s a Star in the East*     (page 10)

**\*Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**     *In Dulci Jubilo*     arr. Norman Dello Joio  
Christopher Shaw, organ

**\*Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.**

## **North Entry Greeter** Katy Brammer

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# The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor  
 2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the  
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing  
 east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave  
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their  
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.  
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

*Refrain*

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;  
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.  
He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

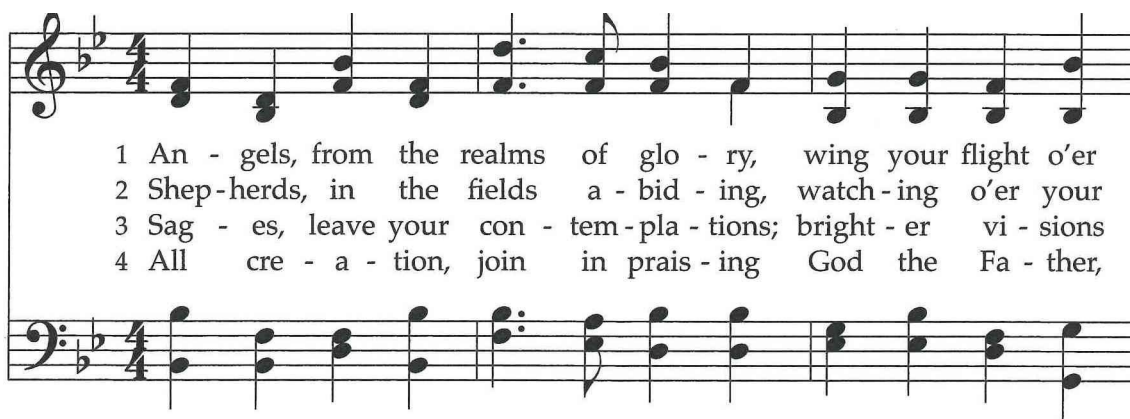
Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 6/8 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It includes three systems of music with lyrics. The first system contains three verses of the chorus. The second system contains the first verse of the verse. The third system contains the second verse of the verse. The fourth system contains the final chorus. The music is written on a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines indented to align with the music. The score ends with a double bar line.

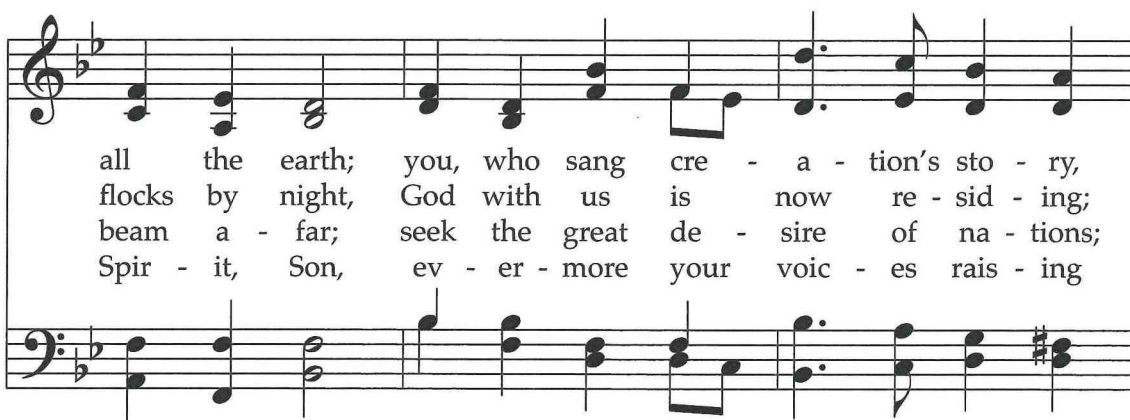
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## Angels, from the Realms of Glory



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!

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## There's a Star in the East

1 There's a star in the east on Christ-mas morn. Rise up, shep-herd, and  
 2 If you take good heed to the an-gel's words, rise up, shep-herd, and

fol-low. It will lead to the place where the Christ was born.  
 fol-low. You'll for-get your flocks; you'll for-get your herds.

*Refrain*

Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low. Fol-low, fol-low;

rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low. Fol-low the star of

Beth-le-hem. Rise up, shep-herd, and fol-low.

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*Poinsettias that adorn our sanctuary are given in honor and in memory of our loved ones.*

**Given in Honor & Memory of:**

**From:**

Colleen Euson

Rich Euson

Amy Neel  
Martha Bay Black  
Richard Neel

Garry & Elaine Neel

LaVonta & Ralph Gilchrist  
Emma & Richard Brown

V. Jane Gilchrist & Charles Brown

Friends & Family

Joe Henderson

Charles & Doris Watson  
Richard & Patti Shields

Kurt & Sue Watson

Boyd Mundhenke

Nancy Mundhenke & Family

Robert & Elsie Olsen

Don & Penny Olsen

Barbara & Herb Lindsley  
Betty and Bill Woods

Steve & Kitchel Woods

Friends & Family

Sarah Smith

Loved Ones

Steve & Cathie Yager

Our Parents

Alan & Nancy Roskam

Dr. Walter J. Vernon  
Eleanor Vernon's 99th Birthday

Uhlig Family

Shirley & Stan Driver

Jennifer King

Bert McCormick

His Children

Cindy Sparks

Henry Waters

## December 2021/January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>  10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  No Wednesday Night activities	<b>29</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>New Years Eve</b>
<b>1</b> <b>New Years Day</b>  10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Cabinet Mtg	<b>4</b> 6pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Nebraska Wesleyan Choir Concert	<b>5</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects  2pm Cooking food for Shelter  5:30pm Serving at the Shelter	<b>6</b> 7pm Folk Concert	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>9</b>  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, January 1st  
Dr. Robu will be Preaching.**

### The Plymouth Covenant

Believing in Jesus Christ, the Interpreter of God to humankind, we accept His teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We therefore join in covenant, one with another, to worship, work, and serve together that we may express through our Church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ.