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# ***Celebration of Worship***

**December 24, 2025**

**6:00 PM Service**

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## Christmas Eve

### Opening Voluntary

*Listen to the Angels*  
*He is Born with Pat-a-Pan*  
*All is Well*  
Marisa Callan, piano

arr. Mark Hayes  
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### Call to Worship

#### \*Carol

*Joy to the World*

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#### \*Responsive Reading

One: Like the shepherds, we come to the stable,  
uncertain of what we have heard and seen,  
**All: longing to hear a word of peace and joy.**

One: Like the magi, we have journeys to make,  
gifts to offer, and hope in our hearts,  
**All: that this world can change for the better.**

One: Here, in the stillness of a winter's night,  
we gather to share the light of Christ,  
a light that shines in the nightfall.  
**All: We gather in the wonder of this night  
to share our joy and thanks for new life.**

From "Lessons and Carols: Christmas Eve Service" United Church of Canada

#### \*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE The Callen Family

#### \*Light the Candle

*Hope is a Candle*

GALLOWAY TAM



## FIRST LESSON

Luke 2:1-5

Murphy Miller

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.

**CAROL**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

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## SECOND LESSON

Luke 2:6-7

Ben Scafe

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.

**CAROL**

*Away in a Manger*

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## THIRD LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

Charlotte Scafe

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!'

**CAROL**

*Angels We have Heard on High*

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## FOURTH LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

Brody Scafe

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.

**CAROL**

*Still, Still, Still*

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**FIFTH LESSON:****Matthew 2: 1-6**

Tucker Scafe

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'

**SIXTH LESSON:****Matthew 2: 7-11**

Finley Stevens

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**CAROL***Angels From the Realms of Glory*

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**Prayer****Invitation to Offering****Offertory Solo**

*Oh Holy Night*  
The Callen Family

arr. John Leavitt

**Homily**

"It's OK to Fear"

Dr. Robu

**\*Closing Carol/Candle Lighting***Silent Night*

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**\*Benediction***Please exit in silence following the benediction*Select liturgy adapted or taken from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)

\* Please rise in body or in spirit

\*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers

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

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<b>Alan &amp; Nancy</b>	<b>Roskam</b>	<b>In memory of loved ones</b>
<b>Corinne &amp; Clifford</b>	<b>Depew</b>	<b>In memory of loved ones</b>
<b>Abby Arthur</b>	<b>Tom, Michael &amp; Robert Safley</b>	<b>In memory of Bob Arthur &amp; Sharon Safley</b>
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<b>Ingrid</b>	<b>Gill</b>	<b>In memory of Hugh Gill</b>
<b>Greg</b>	<b>Nickel</b>	<b>Love Ingrid, Grace &amp; Edie</b>
<b>Jared</b>	<b>Sprole</b>	<b>I Love You</b>
		<b>In memory of Frank &amp; Sally Sprole</b>
<b>Heidi</b>	<b>McCormick</b>	<b>In memory of: Bert McCormick, Edgar Turner, Mr. Young</b>
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<b>Garry &amp; Elaine</b>	<b>Neel</b>	<b>in memory of Amy Neel</b>
		<b>In memory our parents, Richard &amp; Emma Brown and Family, and Ralph &amp; LaVonta Gilchrist and Family</b>
<b>Jane Gilchrist</b>	<b>Charly Brown</b>	
<b>Cindy</b>	<b>Couch</b>	<b>In memory of my Sister, Mom and Dad</b>
<b>Steve &amp; Kitchel</b>	<b>Woods</b>	<b>In memory of Kitchel's brother, Bart Lindsley</b>
<b>Jeanne &amp; Jesse</b>	<b>Thompson</b>	<b>In memory of Tom &amp; James Thompson</b>
<b>Roxie &amp; Ray</b>	<b>Mengelkoch</b>	<b>In memory of our parents</b>
<b>Rich</b>	<b>Euson</b>	<b>In memory of Colleen Euson</b>
<b>Bernie &amp; Alberta</b>	<b>Nichols</b>	<b>In memory of our parents</b>

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## Verses 1, 2 and 4

# Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

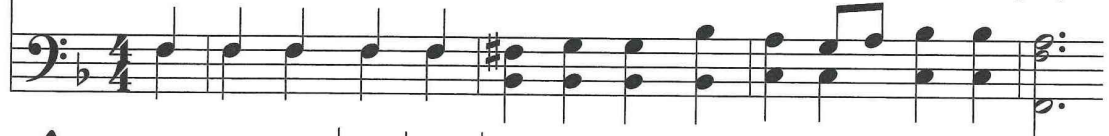
heaven and na - ture sing,

## Verses 1 and 2

# O Little Town of Bethlehem



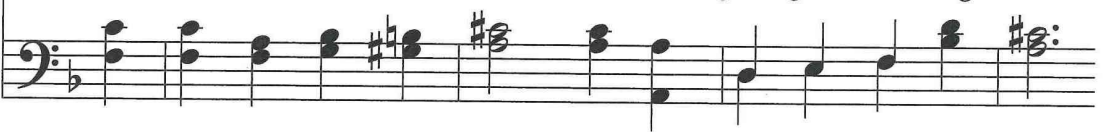
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!  
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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!



# Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B $\flat$  (D) F

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

(A7) C7 (D) F

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.

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F

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

(A7) C7 (D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

## O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining; it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
 A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!  
 Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born!  
 O night divine! O night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming, with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.  
 So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming, there came the wise men from Orient land.  
 The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger; in all our trials born to be our friend.  
 He knows our need, to our weakness is no stranger.  
 Behold your King; before Him lowly bend! Behold your King; before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
 Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, and in His name all oppression shall cease.  
 Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise His holy name.  
 Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
 His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

# 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!

# Still, Still, Still

STILL, STILL, STILL 3.6.9.8.3.6

1 Still, still, still: the night is calm and still. The  
 2 Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Je - sus, soft - ly sleep, while  
 3 Joy, joy, joy; glad tid - ings of great joy! For

(A) (D) (A) (D)  
 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

Christ - child in his crib lies sleep - ing; an - gels round him watch are  
 Ma - ry sings, and gent - ly holds you, safe - ly in her arms en -  
 through God's ho - ly in - car - na - tion, Christ is born for our sal -

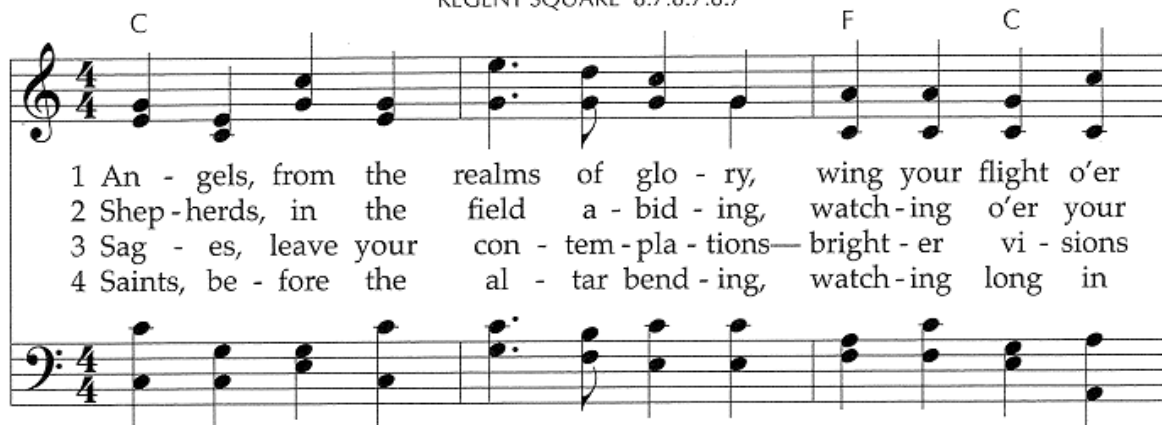
(D/C $\sharp$ ) (G) (D/A) (G) (A7) (D)  
 E $\flat$ /D A $\flat$  E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$ 7 E $\flat$

keep - ing. Still, still, still: the night is calm and still.  
 folds you. Sleep, sleep, sleep: sweet Je - sus, soft - ly sleep.  
 va - tion. Joy, joy, joy; glad tid - ings of great joy!

# Angels, from the Realms of Glory

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

C F C



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions — bright - er vi - sions  
4 Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in

G7 C Am E




all the earth. As you 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,  
hope and fear, shall be - hold God's love un - end - ing:

Am G/D D7 G



now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth;  
yon - der shines the in - fant light; come and wor - ship,  
guid - ed by his na - tal star;  
Christ will once a - gain ap - pear;

C7 F Dm7 Gsus G7 C



come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

# 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.

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