

***Immanuel***  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



*Growing Together in the Way of Jesus*

**Maybe life is just carrying news. Surviving to carry the news. Maybe we have just one message, and it is delivered to us when we are born and we are never sure what it says; it may have nothing to do with us personally but it must be carried by hand through a life, all the way, and at the end handed over, sealed.**

— Paulette Jiles, *News of the World*

***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

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Never as devoted as we believe ourselves to be in our grandiosity,  
Never as inept or unloveable as we deem ourselves in our moments of shame.  
We come because we've caught wind of the news  
That Your love comes to turn the world and our lives upside down.  
We give thanks for the Gospel truth that this is so.  
And we bring You ourselves—all of our selves—  
Trusting that you lift up the lowly  
And you will cast down our false pride.

SILENT PRAYER                      WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader:    Hear the sound of love poured out.

*(The baptismal font is filled. As Christians, we are united in community through the waters of Baptism. Water is poured as a reminder that God claims, forgives, and renews us to live out God's love as a community of faith.)*

Leader:    O Lord, open our lips.

**People:    *And our mouths will declare Your praise.***

Leader:    Praise the Lord.

**People:    *The Lord's name be praised.***

ADVENT RESPONSE

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sarah Sherman

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

ANTHEM

Welcome to Our World

Chris Rice

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Strednak Singer

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-56

Rev. Strednak Singer

SERMON

"Favored with News for the World"

Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE     O Little Town of Bethlehem  
(verses 1, 2, & 4)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER     Rev. Strednak Singer

MESSAGE FROM OUR HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION TEAM

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY     There's a Song in the Air     K. Harrington

ADVENT DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Liz Pruchnicki

God, teach us to share Your grace, we pray!  
With gratitude and joy,  
We share these lives You have given us  
In the way that we steward our time, talent, and treasure.  
Hear our thanks, Giver of Grace!

HYMN OF SENDING     Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Postludio Pastorale

L. Bottazzo

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# O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come  
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born  
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,  
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -  
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all  
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; 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!

# 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem



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



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



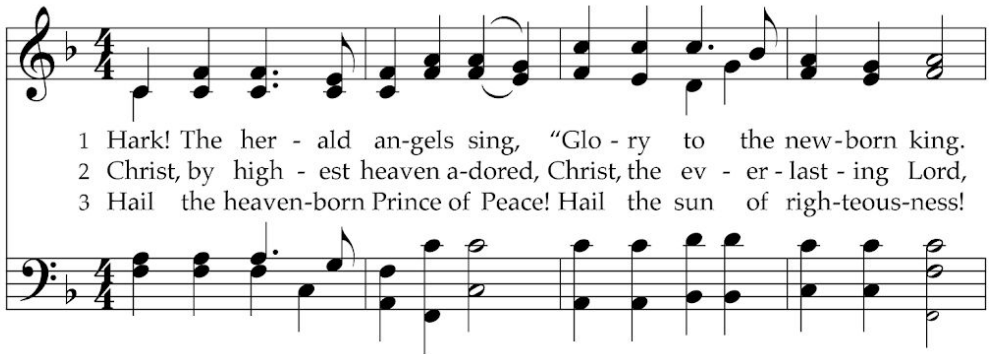
Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



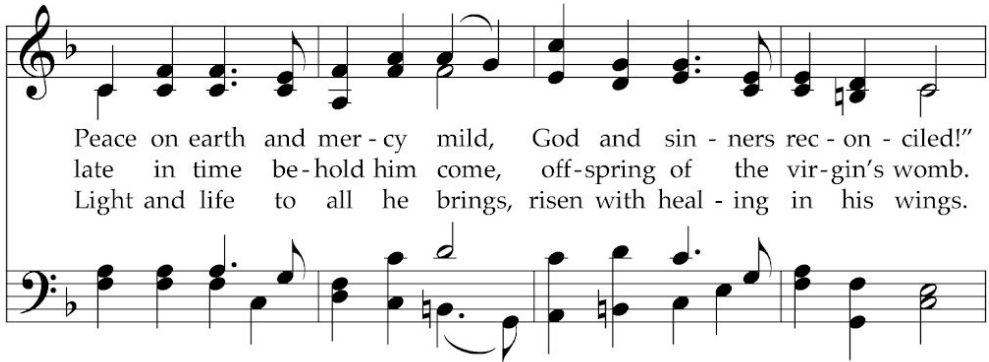
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.  
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!



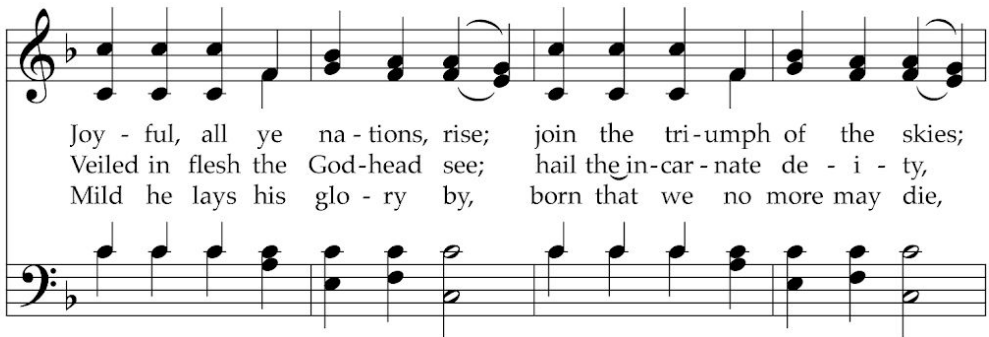
# 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



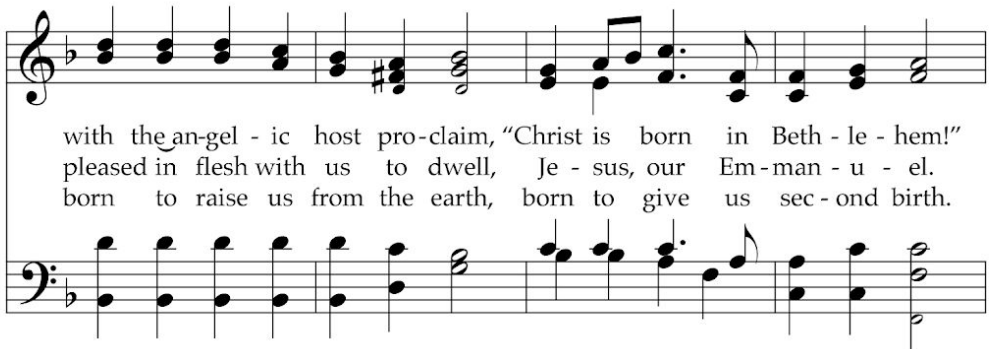
1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



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



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



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hark! The herald angels sing." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line.