



Trinity Presbyterian Church
Pensacola, Florida
Love God. Love Neighbor. Make Disciples.
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December 24, 2020 · Christmas Eve · 5 and 7 p.m.

Greetings! Welcome to Trinity Presbyterian Church. Whether you are a first-time guest or here every week, we're glad that you're here to worship with us tonight. 2020 has been a stressful year, but tonight, the Good News is that God has come to us in the Christ Child to live with us, as one of us, to sustain and deliver us! Thanks be to God!

PRELUDE

"O Holy Night"

Hyunjoo Kim and Rachel Lee

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

"Light of Light"

Joel Raney

Featuring The Handbell Choir and Hyunjoo Kim, piano

Congregation sings

Light of Light, we humbly pray;
Shine in our hearts today.
Dispel the gloom and dark of night;
Fill all the world with love and light.

REFRAIN: Voices cry out from a world in grief.

Prayers of those who seek relief.
End their darkness, hear their call
For peace on earth, good will for all.

Responsive Litany Liturgist: 5 PM Greg Longuet 7 PM Greg Landsgaard

ONE: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.

ALL: Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.

ONE: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and grant us peace.

ALL: Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.

ONE: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and bring us true joy.

ALL: Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.

ONE: Light of Light, shine in our hearts and fill us with love.

ALL: Joy to the world, Emmanuel has come.

Candle Lighting

Tonight we light all five candles – the candles of hope, peace, joy, love, and finally, the Christ Candle, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior. The candle of hope reminds us that in sending Christ, God sent hope to the earth. The candle of peace reminds us that peace will one day reign. The candle of joy is a reminder that we have been given eternal life and have no reason to be fearful. And the candle of love represents God's redeeming love for us, brought to earth in the form of a tiny child.

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WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

*CAROL

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ADESTE FIDELIS

*UNISON PRAYER

Great and glorious God, on this holy night we gather – to stand with shepherds amazed at your glory; to sing with angels rejoicing in your work; to wait with Joseph, trusting in your promise; to sit with Mary, cradling your love. Tonight, we receive your Good News of great joy, for unto us is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Glory and praise to you forever, O God! Amen.

*CAROL

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

GLORIA

SCRIPTURE (UNISON) The Prophecy Isaiah 9:2-7 (NRSV)

- ² 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.
- ³ 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.
- ⁴ 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.
- ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in
blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ 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.
- ⁷ 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.

*CAROL

“The First Nowell”

ENGLISH CAROL

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 2:1-21 (NRSV)

In those days, a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ 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. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ 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.

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ 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: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*CAROL

“Hark, The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

SERMON

THE PATH HOME: I’ll Be Home For Christmas

Hugh Hamilton

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

ANTHEM

“Noel”

Rachel Lee and Hyunjoo Kim

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Pastor: God is with you

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Tonight, we have much for which to thank you, God: you sent your Child to shine among us while we were still under the shadow of death. You broke the yoke of sin and emptiness that burdened us. You dwelt among us in justice and truth, giving grace and peace. We join the angels’ song to the shepherds:

People: Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth,
good will to all:

Sing: Refrain from “Angels We Have Heard on High”

Glo-o-ri-a, in excelsis Deo,

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Pastor: Teach us, Child of Bethlehem, Prince of Peace, to follow your example of righteous living and good will to all. As Jesus broke bread with his disciples and followers, so we remember you as we break bread together this night. Be among us now as we proclaim the mystery of faith

People: **Christ was promised; Christ is born; Christ indwells us!**

Pastor: At this table unify our hearts and lives that we may be your people and return to the world glorifying and praising you through our living. We pray in the name of the Child of Bethlehem, who grew to teach 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANTHEM

"All is Well"

Clara Riggelman and Hyunjoo Kim

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

John 1:1-14

***CAROL**

"Silent Night! Holy Night!"

STILLE NACHT

***PRAYER (UNISON) Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson**

"Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake, Amen!"

(Extinguish candles)

***CAROL**

"Joy To the World"

ANTIOCH

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Hallelujah"

Handel

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740–1743)
Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

John Francis Wade (c. 1740–1743)
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,
3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!

Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain

O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -
dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

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!

This French carol probably dates from the 1700s, though it was not printed until the following century. Because it uses a vernacular language for the narrative stanzas and Latin for the refrain, it belongs to a special category called "macaronic" or mixed-language texts.

TEXT: French carol; trans. James Chadwick, 1860, alt.

MUSIC: French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

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GLORIA
 7.7.7.7 with refrain

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

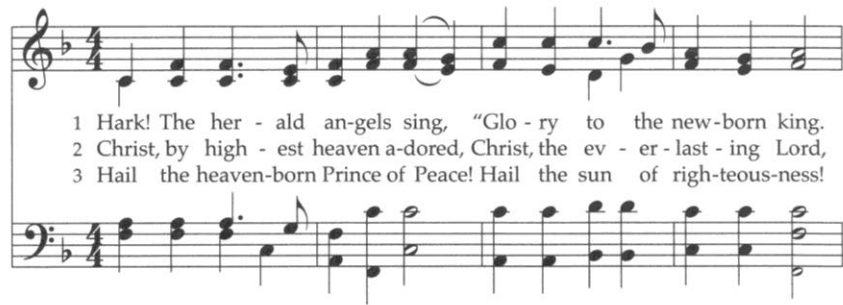
their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

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

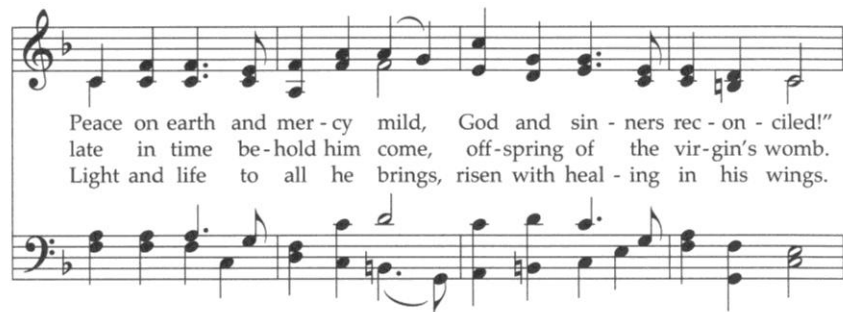
born is the King of Is - ra - el.

"Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (*natus / nē*) as well to "news" (*nova / nouvelle*).

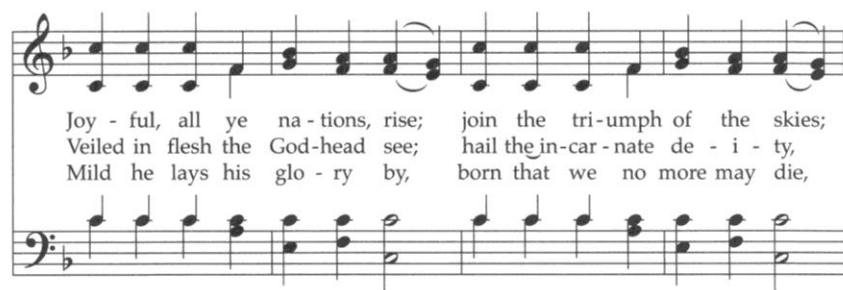
119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



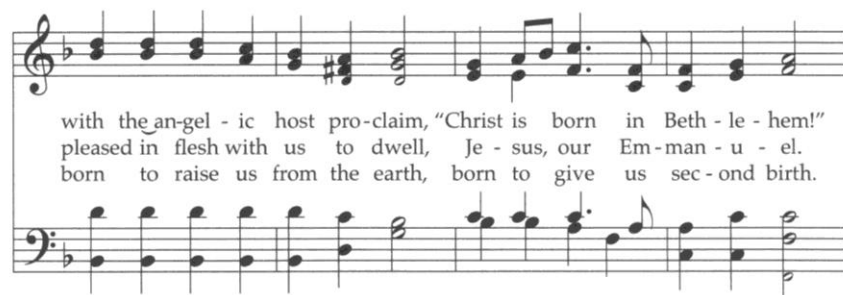
1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



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.



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

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

MENDELSSOHN
 7.7.7.7.D with refrain

Silent Night, Holy Night!

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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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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,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.