

# Christmas Eve Family Service

**December 24, 2022 • 4 pm**



**East Liberty  
Presbyterian Church**

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# EAST LIBERTY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*As a diverse community of believers, we strive to follow God – the Creator who calls us, Jesus who teaches us, and the Spirit who empowers us. We show God's unconditional love by providing a refuge for spiritual growth, ardently pursuing justice, and extending Christ's radical hospitality to all. (Strategic Vision mission statement, 2011)*

## CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE DECEMBER 24, 2022 — 4:00 PM

### TIME OF PREPARATION

O Holy God, we hear the story of shepherds and magi, of maiden and carpenter, of prophets and angels, and we too come to Bethlehem for a blessing. You are born in our hearts because you have chosen the weakness of our bodies for your birth. We are filled with love because you have taken upon yourself our humanity; we are filled with hope because you have offered us your Spirit, your life and your light; we are filled with faith because all that is meek and lowly and humble in us and in creation becomes holy this night. Our salvation has come into this holy time and we gather to say together, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace and goodwill to all.”  
— Maren C. Tirabassi

### PRELUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo, BWV 729”

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Angels We Have Heard on High”  
“O Holy Night”

Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *organ*  
Cody Conley, *violin*  
Adolphe Adam  
Dr. Moore, *organ*  
Cody Conley, *violin*

### WELCOME & CHURCH NEWS

The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf

### \* SHARING GOD’S PEACE

The Rev. Schoenewolf

Leader: La paz de Cristo esté con ustedes.  
People: Y también contigo.

The peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

The Leisher family

Leader: Friends, listen up! There is good news to tell – good news for all!  
People: To us is born this day in Bethlehem a Savior who is Christ the Lord!  
Leader: **Friends, look around! God is giving us a sign of God’s love:**  
People: You will find a child wrapped in cloth and lying in a manger. This baby is Emmanuel – God with us!  
Leader: Let us sing our praises to God!  
People: Glory to God in the highest and peace to all people on earth!

### \* HYMN #119 (*music printed in bulletin*) “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

MENDELSSOHN

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Yodit Betru, Paul Harper, and Olivia-Beza Harper

Leader: Living 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.  
People: May the good news of this night inspire us to tell the world of our great joy: for to us is born a Savior; the Messiah, the Lord. Glory and praise to you forever! Amen.

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

The Rev. Ashley DeTar Birt  
The Rev. Schoenewolf  
The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth

HYMN #110

"Love Has Come"

BRING A TORCH

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

The Rev. Schoenewolf

HOMILY

"Can you hear it?"

The Rev. Schoenewolf

OFFERING INVITATION

Frances Wilson and family

Leader 1: God's love has come to us in many ways.

Leader 2: Tonight, we celebrate God's most precious gift to us and to all.

Leader 3: With thanksgiving we offer our gifts too, as an act of worship, adoration and praise.

Leader 4: With joyful hearts let us now receive this evening's offering.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"I Wonder as I Wander"

John Jacob Niles  
Robin Thompson, *soloist*

\* HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION #133 (*vs. 1 and 3 only*)

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

ADESTE FIDELES

### — THE LORD'S SUPPER —

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Rev. Woodworth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Rev. DeTar Birt

Leader: El Señor esté con ustedes.

The Lord be with you.

People: Y también contigo.

And also with you.

Leader: Levantemos nuestros corazones.

Lift up your hearts.

People: Lo tenemos levantado al Señor.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Demos gracias al Señor nuestro Dios.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: Es justo dar gracias y alabanzas a Dios.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Lord's Prayer can be found on pg. 35 (English), on pg. 40 (Español) or on pg. 45 (한국어) in the Glory to God hymnal.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Rev. Fowler-Searcy and The Rev. Schoenewolf

SHARING THE BREAD & THE CUP

*The communion elements are gluten-free bread and grape juice. The congregation is invited to come forward by using the center aisle to the communion servers where each may receive the bread and the cup, then returning to their seats via the side aisles to partake of the elements. Those not able to come forward will be served in their seats.*

COMMUNION CAROLS (*music printed in bulletin*)

HYMN #145

"What Child Is This"

GREENSLEEVES

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Cody Conley, *violin*

HYMN #114

"Away in a Manger"

CRADLE SONG

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### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Rev. DeTar Birt

Leader: You are Emmanuel, God-with-us, not just today, but always. We thank you for your presence with us in this Communion meal, through your Body, the church, and through the saving work of Jesus, our Prince of Peace.

All: May we respond to this precious gift with the courage of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the praise of the angels, the wonder of the shepherds and the generosity of the magi. In the name of the Christ-child we pray. Amen.

### \* LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE & SHARING OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The Rev. Schoenewolf

John 1:1-5

### \* HYMN #122 (music printed below)

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

STILLE NACHT

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.

Text: Joseph Mohr, 1816; stanzas 1-3, English trans. John Freeman Young, 1863;  
stanza 4, English trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell, 1863, alt. Music: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818. Public domain.

STILLE NACHT  
Irregular

### \* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

The Rev. Schoenewolf

### POSTLUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo”

Marcel Dupré

*As part of ELPC's mission to extend radical hospitality to all, our full worship service is now being livestreamed on Facebook and archived at [www.ELPC.church](http://www.ELPC.church). This notice is to inform you that by being in attendance, you give permission for incidences where you appear within the video. Should you have any questions, please see one of our pastors.*

*Please turn off all electronic devices before the service begins.*

#### ◆ PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Preaching: The Rev. Heather Schoenewolf  
Participants: The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy  
The Rev. BJ Woodworth  
The Rev. Ashley DeTar Birt  
Yodit Betru, Paul Harper, and  
Olivia-Beza Harper  
Sara Hackett  
Derail Holcomb  
The Leisher family  
The Simpson-Hunt family  
Frances Wilson and family  
Musicians: Dr. Edward Alan Moore, *Organist and  
Music Director*  
Cody Conley, *Violin*  
Cantors: Jacob Berger  
Adrianna Cleveland  
Robin Thompson  
Beadles: Mario Seneca and Polly McQueen  
Crucifer: Erich Stein  
Sound: Tim Benedict and Wayne Gaines

#### ◆ CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

10 pm.....Candlelight Service. Prelude music begins at 9:30 pm. The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy preaching.

#### ◆ WORSHIP FLOWERS

The poinsettia plants in the Sanctuary are in loving memory of the Honorable Andrew W. Mellon and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beatty Mellon.

#### ◆ SUNDAY WORSHIP

*There will be no Journey service on Sunday, Dec 25. This worship service will resume on Sunday, Jan 8, 2023.*

11 am.....Sanctuary Worship. Our largest service with a multi-cultural congregation and music from organ, piano and choir.  
Dec 25 — The Rev. BJ Woodworth preaching.

#### ◆ WEEKDAY WORSHIP

Taizé: Prayerful Song and Quiet Meditation  
Chants and periods of meditative silence modeled after the Taizé community in France. Rev. BJ Woodworth leads this service in the Chapel.

Wednesdays, 7 pm



Prayer Room (*in Highland Ave hallway*)

Come to sit and pray in silence. Come to experience the quiet in the midst of the wonderful busyness.

Available everyday

#### ◆ SPIRITUAL LIFE OFFERING

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom (Meeting ID 959 8065 3992) to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies.

Mondays, 7:30 to 8 am

Meeting ID #959 8065 3992

Passcode: bestill

*resumes on Jan 9*

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person at 6 pm in the Sanctuary (before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service).

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are grateful to have you join us for worship this morning and ask you to register your name in our red Friendship Books.

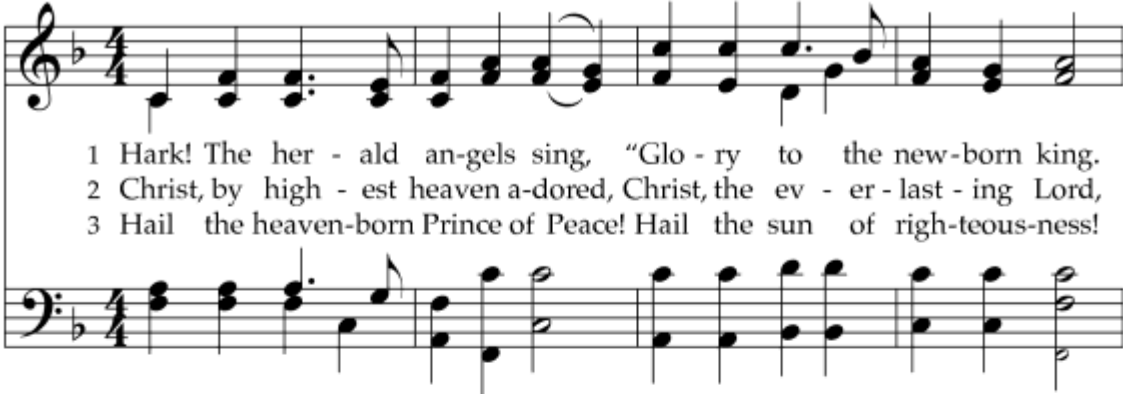
*To learn more about our programs, church activities and volunteer services, we invite you to also:*

Pick up a copy of our newsletter, the *Reaching Out*, either in the Narthex or at the Hospitality Desk near the Highland Avenue doors.

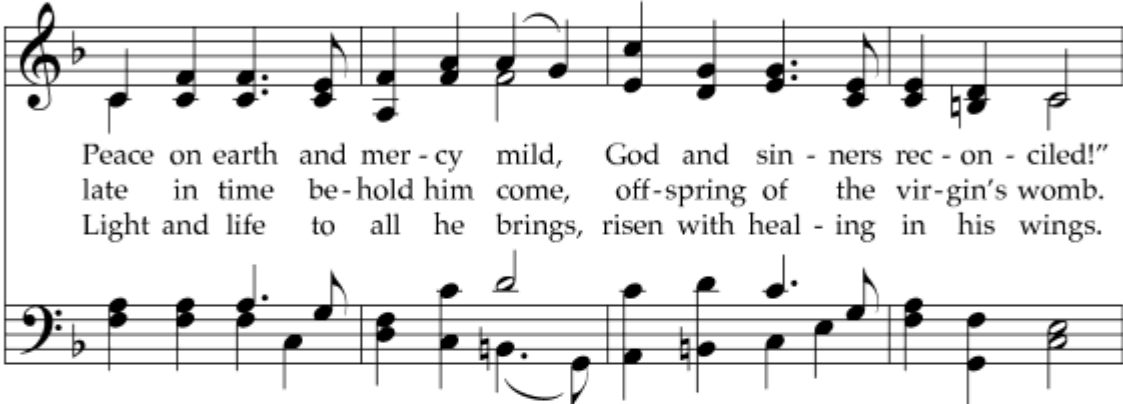
Attend an *Inquirers' Class* to learn more about ELPC, Presbyterian theology, and to explore membership. Please contact Megan Leisher for info on future classes ([MeganL@coh.net](mailto:MeganL@coh.net)), or speak to one of the Pastors.

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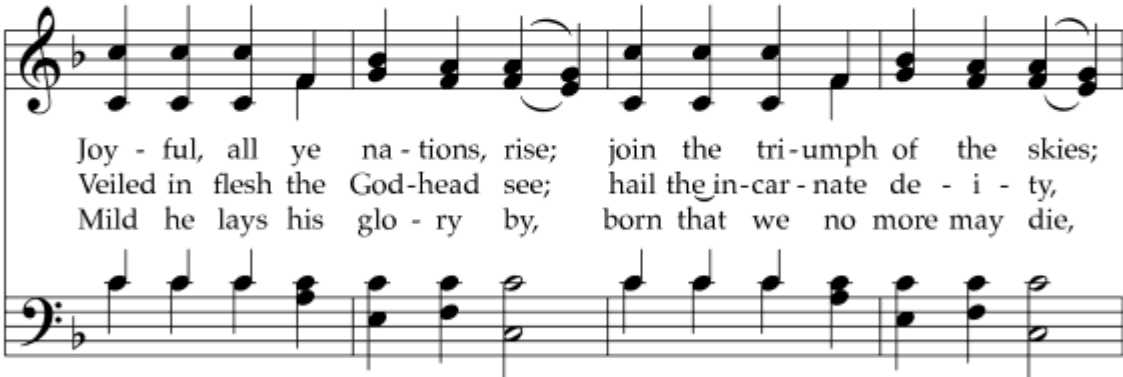
# #119 — HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING



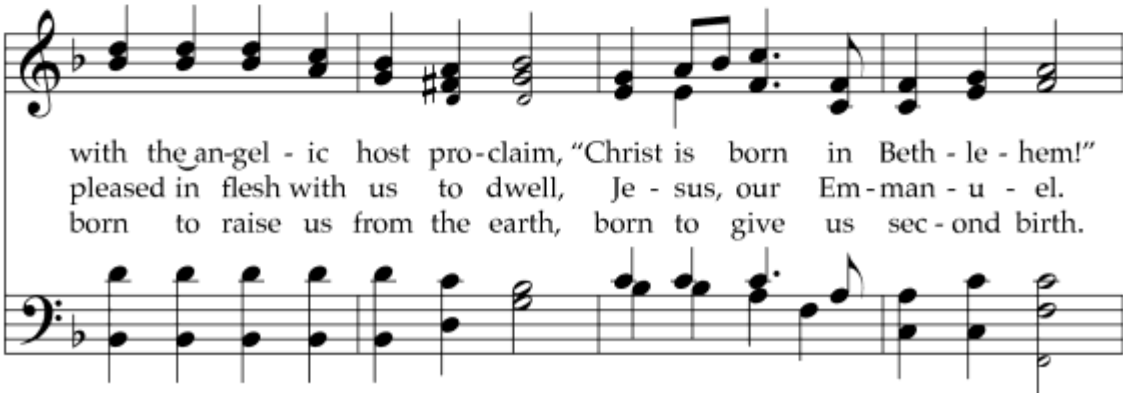
1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



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.

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.



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

This musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, featuring a series of chords and single notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic foundation with chords and a few moving lines. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.



# #110 — LOVE HAS COME

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (A) C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all  
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the  
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)  
 C F Dm F C B<sup>b</sup> F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of  
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her  
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)  
 Gm7 A7 B<sup>b</sup> C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a  
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she  
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

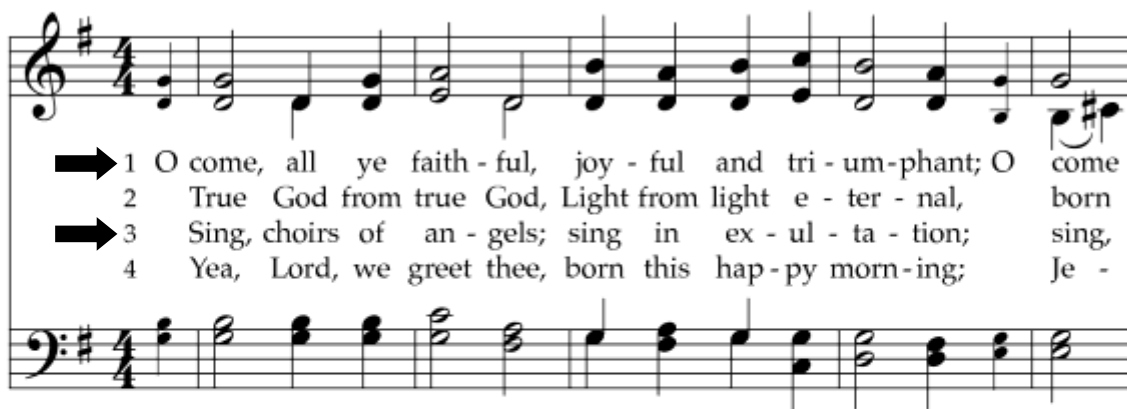
(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)  
 F C B<sup>b</sup> C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.  
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

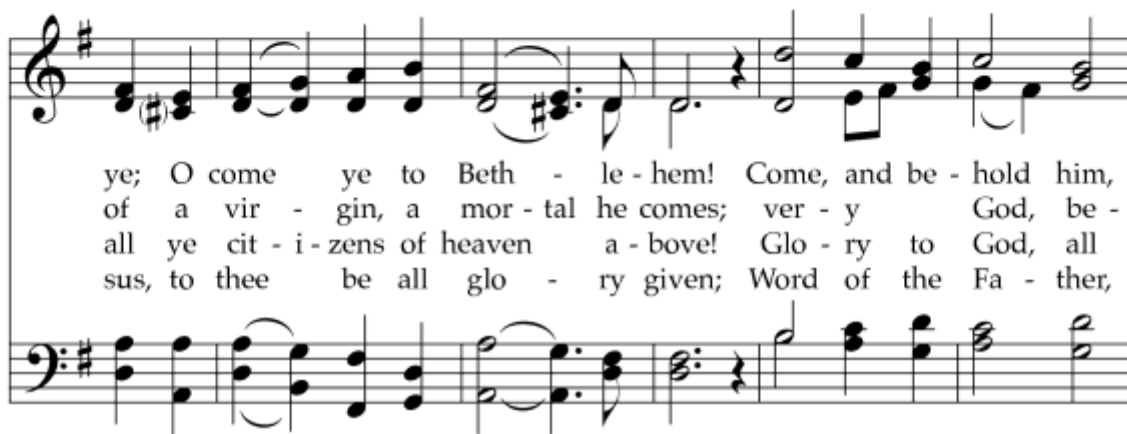
Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."



# #133 — O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL (*verses 1 and 3 only*)



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*



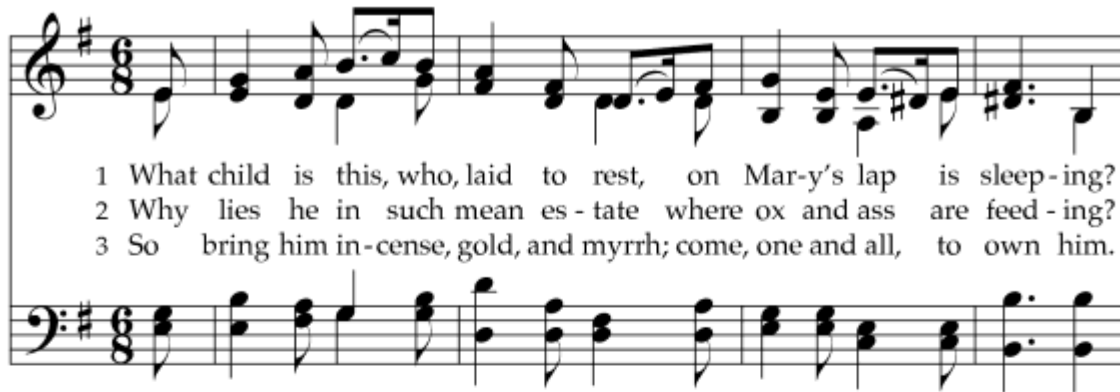
born the King of an - gels!  
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let  
 glo - ry in the high - est!  
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



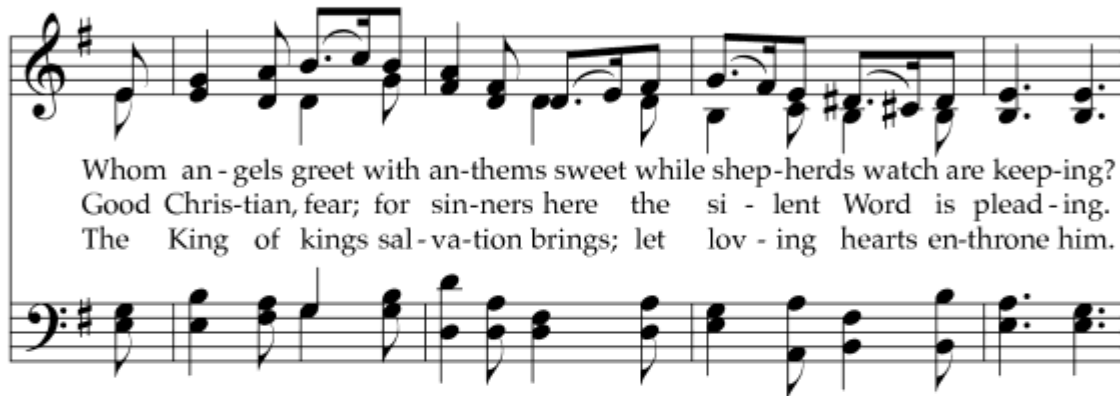
us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

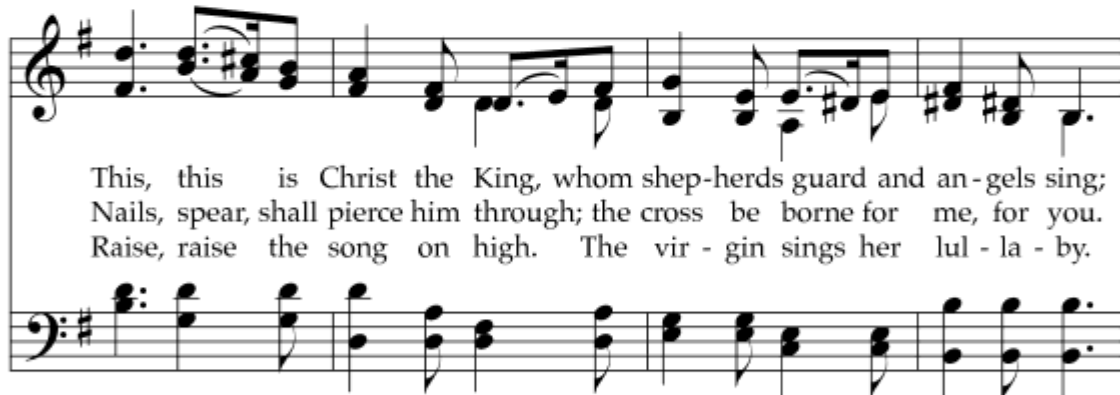
## #145 — WHAT CHILD IS THIS



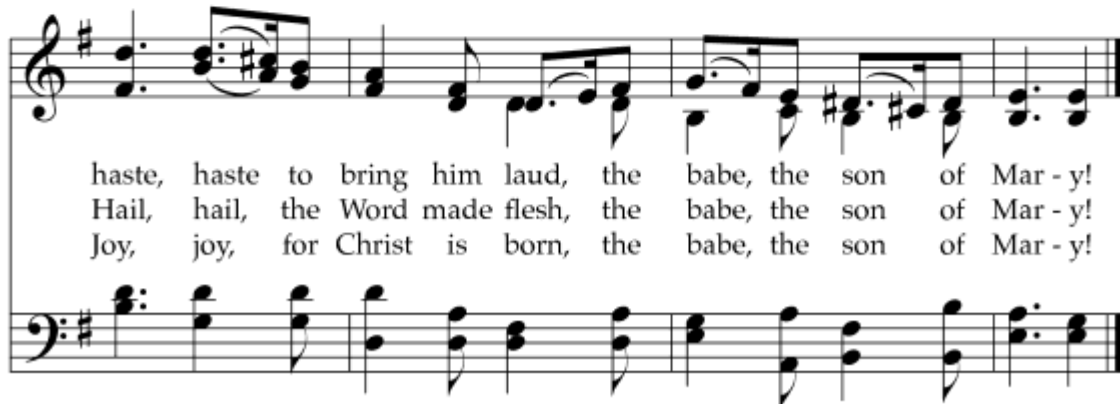
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



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.



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.



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

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

# #114 — AWAY IN A MANGER

Capo 5: (C) F (Am) Dm (C) F (Dm) Gm

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

(F) B $\flat$  (G) C (C) F (Dm) Gm (F) B $\flat$  (G) C

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.

(C) F (Dm) Gm

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,

(G) C (C) F (Dm) Gm (G) C (C) 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.

This anonymous carol probably originated among Pennsylvania Lutherans in the late 19th century, giving rise to a mistaken assertion that it had been written by Martin Luther. This tune is also by an American but has become the one usually used in Canada and Great Britain.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, c. 1885;  
 stanza 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892  
 MUSIC: William James Kirkpatrick, 1895

CRADLE SONG  
 11.11.11.11  
 (alternate tune: MUELLER, 115)

We invite you to join us at 10 pm this evening for our next

# *Christmas Eve*

worship service. Music begins at 9:30 pm.

