

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 5th, 2021

2nd Sunday in Advent

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MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Overture From "Unto Us a Child Is Born" J.S. Bach/Arr. Ritter

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

Second Sunday in Advent: Peace

**Reader 1:** Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. (*Light the first candle.*)

We light this candle for peace. (*Light the second candle.*)

Hear Zechariah's song of hope for peace to the Christ child.

**A reading from Luke 1:76-79**

"You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

**Let us pray**

**God of hope, Prince of Peace, You speak peace into the world in the way of the Christ child. Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may be called children of God. God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness, come.**

\*HYMN O Come All Ye Faithful #173

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

O God, we have tried to cover up our sins, yet you know the disorder we have caused in our lives. You have witnessed our poor choices and our destructive habits. We have denied our baptism and ignored the responsibilities of discipleship. The good we do is often self-serving, while we avoid the full claims of

gospel partnership. Hear our cries of repentance and turn our lives around that we may know the wonder of your forgiveness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Good news! God has done great things for us. We are loved; we are forgiven, we are claimed by God's grace. The Holy One has begun a good work in us. Even now the love of God is expanding our knowledge, sharpening our discernment, and equipping us for excellence. Go and bear fruit.

\*GLORIA PATRI #805

SPECIAL MUSIC O How Joyfully Arr. Cindy Berry

Marian Penn & Nancy Dufek

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

\*HYMN O Little Town of Bethlehem #155

SCRIPTURE Mark 3:1-4 (p.912) & Luke 3:1-6 (p.934)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed #14

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY What Is This Lovely Fragrance Paul Manz

\*DOXOLOGY #809

\*DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER (unison)

**How good you have been to us, gracious God! You have restored our fortunes when we felt all was lost. You have filled our mouths with laughter and our tongues with shouts of joy. We give thanks, not only with a portion of our income, but also through renewed commitment to righteous living. By your grace, we share in the work Christ came to accomplish among us. May love abound in and through us. Amen.**

\*HYMN Angels We Have Heard on High #152

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Remember those messengers of the faith you have known; Rejoice and give thanks for their witness.

**We, too, will prepare the way of Christ;**

**We will help to level the hills and valleys.**

Hold one another in your hearts day by day,

Pray that love may rule all your relationships.

**We will weep with those who weep.**

**We will rejoice with those who rejoice.**

God will be with you wherever you go;

The good work begun in you will be brought to completion.

**All flesh will see the salvation of our God;**

**We will live in covenant with our Creator.**

Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** The King of Glory Comes Refrain Only **#134**

**POSTLUDE** Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day *Douglas E. Wagner*

\*All those who are able, please stand.

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**PIANIST** Marian Pen

**TRUMPET** Joseph Deters

**VMIX** Hannah Deters **SOUND** Ernie Bliss & Robert Sanders

**PRODUCTION** Lynn Adams

**TECH SUPPORT** Ernie Bliss

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**United Presbyterian/Congregational Church**

**214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806**

**PASTOR: Reverend James Deters**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am**

*Illustration by Ben Cogger*

## **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at  
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the  
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## Mark 3:1-4

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Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.

## Luke 3:1-6

p.934

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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- 7 Todd Erickson & Grayson Kenneth Hall
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# 173 O Come, All Ye Faithful

"Let's go to Bethlehem" . . . Lk. 2:15

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,  
2. True God of true God, Light from 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,

O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!  
lo, he shuns not the vir - gin's womb;  
O sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove:  
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
"Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est";  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

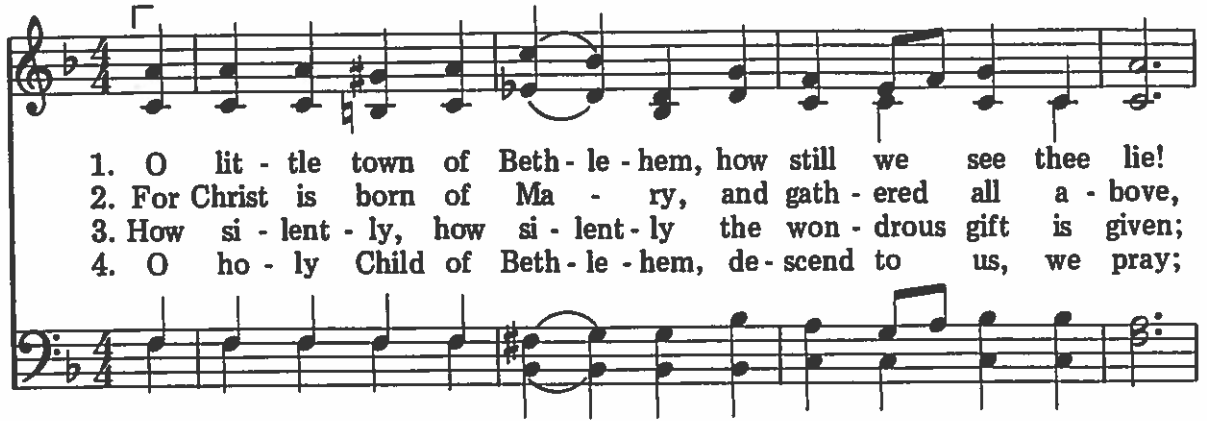
*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

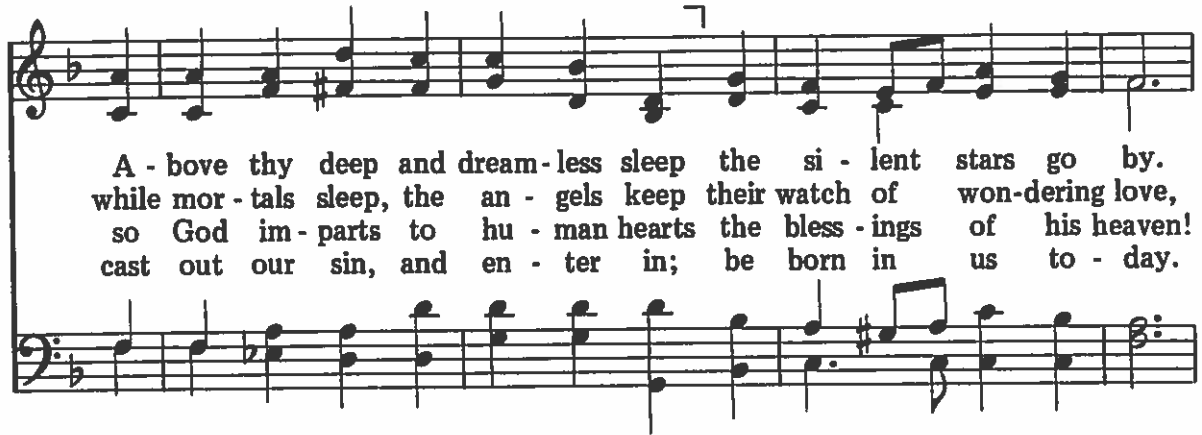
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

# O Little Town of Bethlehem 155

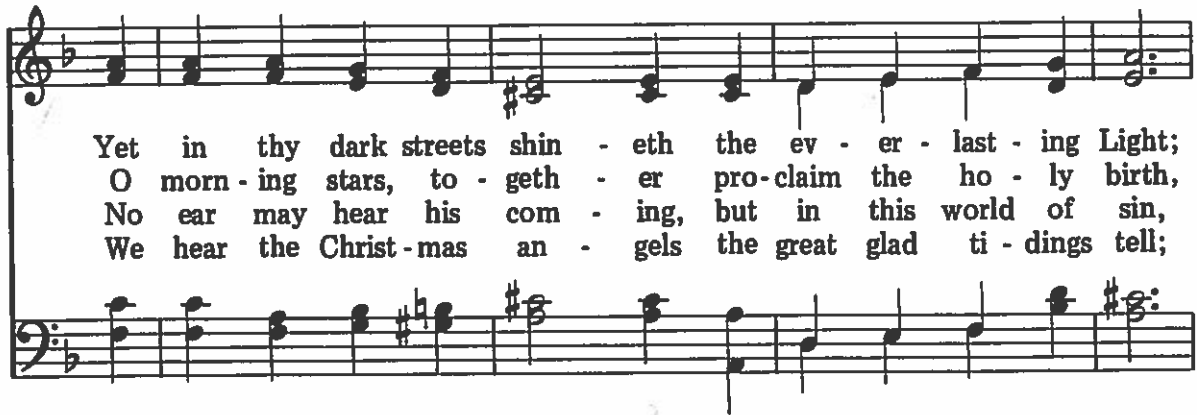
But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small . . . out of you will come . . . one who will be ruler over Israel. Mic. 5:2



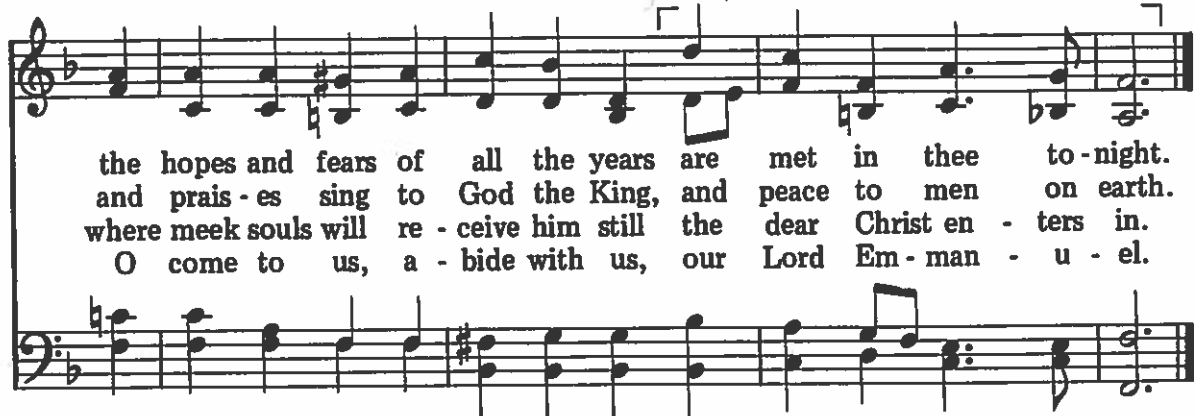
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, and gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is given;  
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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 men 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.

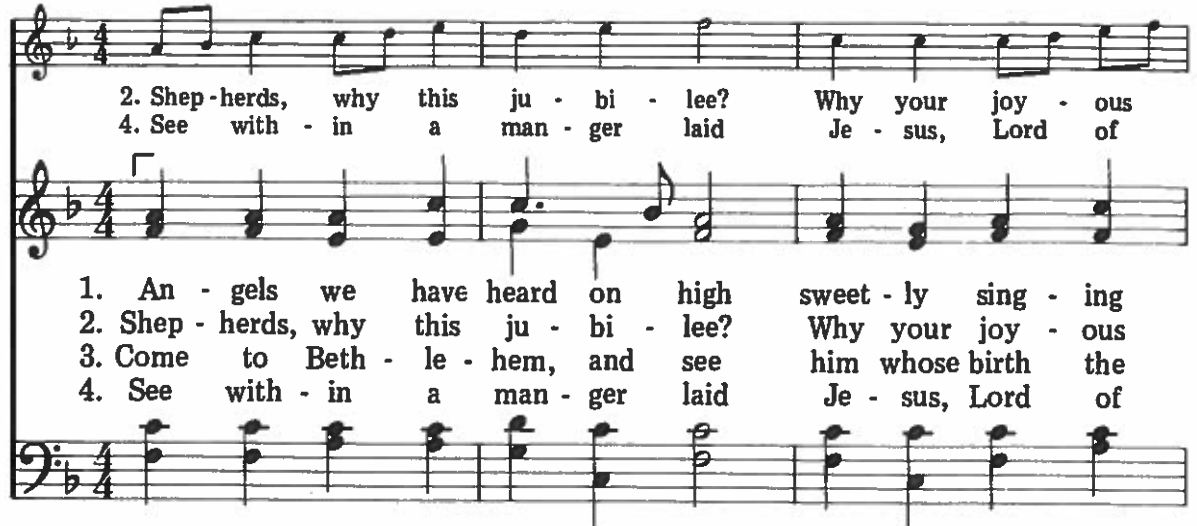


JESUS CHRIST

# 152 Angels We Have Heard on High

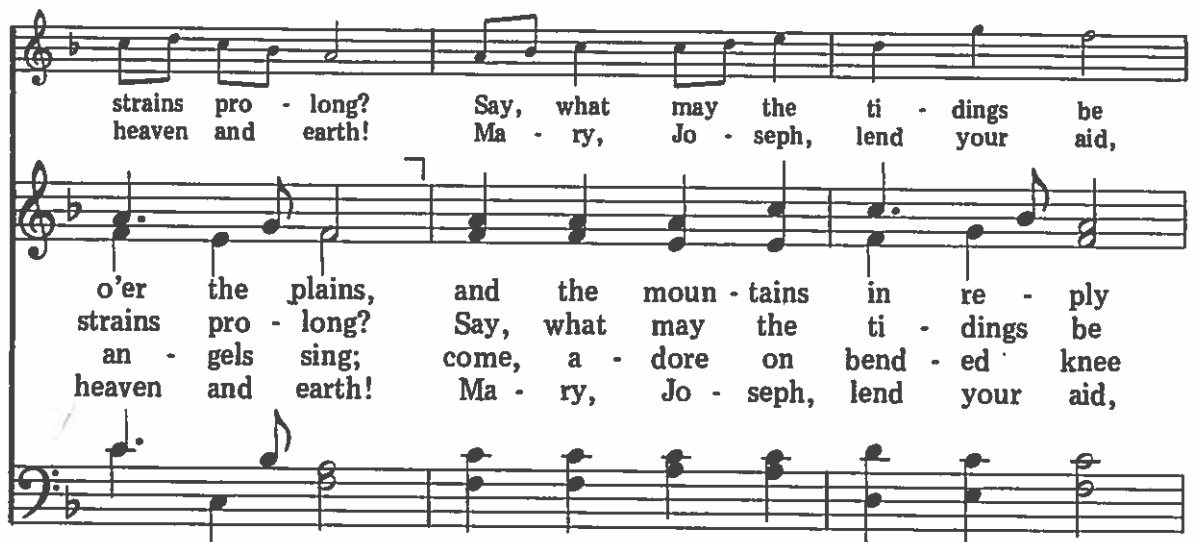
Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace . . . Lk. 2:14

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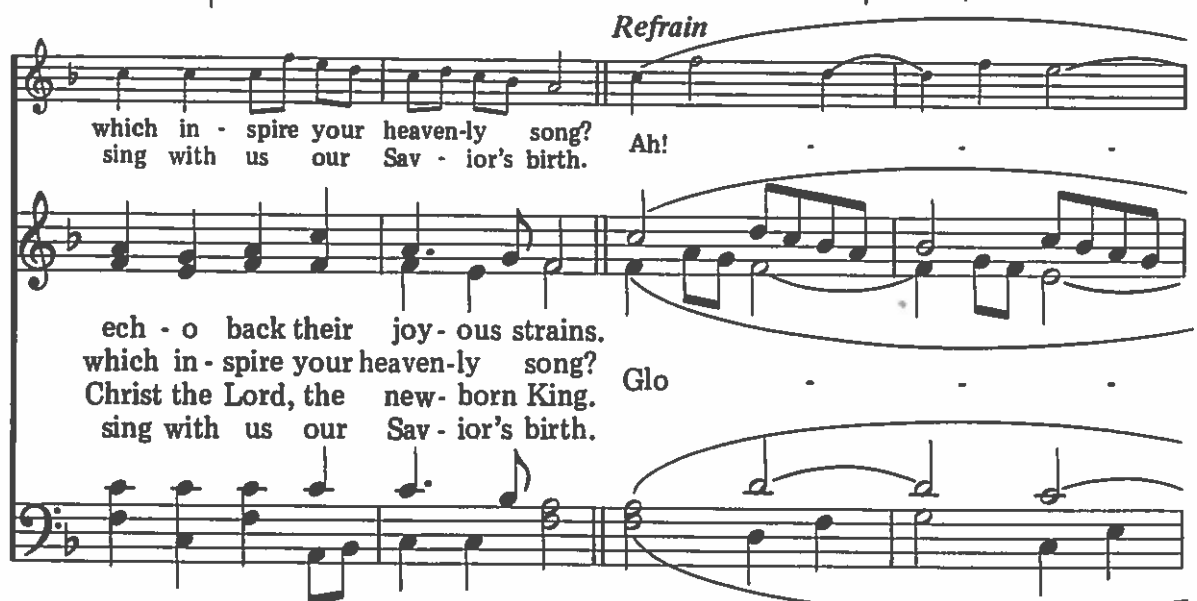
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of

1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing  
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem, and see him whose birth the  
4. See with - in a man - ger laid Je - sus, Lord of



strains pro - long? Say, what may the ti - dings be  
heaven and earth! Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

o'er the plains, and the moun - tains in re - ply  
strains pro - long? Say, what may the ti - dings be  
an - gels sing; come, a - dore on bend - ed knee  
heaven and earth! Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,



*Refrain*

which in - spire your heaven - ly song? Ah!  
sing with us our Sav - ior's birth.

ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
which in - spire your heaven - ly song? Glo  
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
sing with us our Sav - ior's birth.

WORDS: Traditional French carol, 18th C.; tr. *Crown of Jesus Music*, 1862, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional French melody, 18th C.; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1937; desc. Richard E. Gerig, 1956

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