

A Festival of Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 11, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Advent



First Presbyterian Church
of Athens

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF GOD

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. As we enter a holy space this morning, **please silence your cell phone.** The nursery is available downstairs during both services for children birth to age four. **Children are invited to remain in the sanctuary for this special service. Children's Church will resume next Sunday, December 18.**

Greeting

This is the day the Lord has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Prelude

Christmas Prelude on Divinum Mysterium

John R. Watkinson

Words of Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*During the season of Advent, our wreath will be lit each Sunday by elders-elect who will begin their service on the session in 2023.
11:00: Angela Hunt*

Congregational Response

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

*Hymn insert

Once in Royal David's City

IRBY

Bidding Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 16

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.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-19

Adam and Eve disobey God

Carol

This is the Truth Sent from Above

James Kirkby

This is the truth sent from above, the truth of God, the God of love;
therefore don't turn me from the door, but hearken all, both rich and poor.
The first thing which I do relate, is that God did man create;
the next thing which to you I'll tell, woman was made with man to dwell.
Then after that 'twas God's own choice to place them both in paradise,
there to remain from evil free except they ate of such a tree.
But they did eat, which was a sin, and thus their ruin did begin,
ruined themselves, both you and me, and all of their posterity.
Thus we were heirs to endless woes, till God the Lord did interpose;
and so a promise soon did run: that he would redeem us by his Son.

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

God's promise to Abraham

*Hymn 2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

A great light in the darkness

Carol

Christ Is Nigh

Mark Schweizer

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding, "Christ is night," it seems to say,
"cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day."
Wakened by the solemn warning let the earthbound soul arise;
Christ, our Sun, all ill dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.
He comes down like fragrant showers, raining on the fruitful earth,
love and joy and hope, like flowers springing on this path to birth:
see before him on the mountains peace, the valiant herald, go;
righteousness, in flowing fountains, from the hills to valleys flow.
Kings and monarchs bow before him, myrrh and gold and incense bring;
for all nations shall adore him, laud and praise, their offering;
unto him shall prayer unceasing with our daily vows ascend;
his great kingdom still increasing, kingdom that shall have no end.

Fourth Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-4a; 6-9

*A little child will lead them****Hymn 48***Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*
(stanza 1 – in harmony, stanza 2 – in unison)

EST IST EIN' ROS'

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

*An angel appears to Mary***Carol***The Angel Gabriel*

Basque Carol

The angel Gabriel from heaven came, his wings a drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
 "All hail," said he, "thou lowly maiden Mary, most highly favored lady," Gloria!
 "For know a blessed Mother thou shalt be, all generations laud and honor thee,
 thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold, most highly favored lady," Gloria!
 Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, "To me be as it pleaseth God," she said,
 "my soul shall laud and magnify his holy name." Most highly favored lady, Gloria!
 Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
 and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say – "Most highly favored lady," Gloria!

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

*Mary gives birth in Bethlehem****Hymn 43***O Little Town of Bethlehem*

FOREST GREEN

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

*Angels announce the Messiah***Carol***Joy to the World*

John Rutter

Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.
 Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns: let us out songs employ;
 while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeated the sounding joy.
 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.
 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
 the glories of his righteous, and wonders of his love.

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

*Magi come from the East****Hymn 53***What Child Is This*

GREENSLEEVES

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

*And the word became flesh***RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD****Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings**

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**Offertory Carol***Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Stephen Casurella

Corde natus ex Parentis ante mundi exordium,
 Alpha et O cognominatus, ipse fons et clausula
 omnium quae sunt, fuerunt, quaeque post futura sunt:
 saeculorum saeculis.
 O that birth forever blessed, when the Virgin, full of grace,
 by the Holy Ghost conceiving, bore the Savior of our race;
 and the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face,
 evermore and evermore.
 Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts, his praises sing;
 powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King;
 let no tongue on earth be silent, every voice in concert ring,
 evermore and evermore.
 Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
 hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be;
 honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
 evermore and evermore. Amen.

Hymn 31Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

MENDELSSOHN

Blessing and Charge**Postlude***In dulci jubilo*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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NOTES ON THE SERVICE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Musicians:

Dr. John Coble, *Director of Music and Organist*
Mrs. Meghan Bawcum, *Violin*
Mrs. Emily Elmore, *Flute*

Readers:

Susanna Trier, *St. Andrews Choir*
Declan Wilder, *Celebration Singers Choir*
Kitty Donnan, *Clerk of Session*
Madeline Van Dyck, *Stephen Minister*
Mark Hopkins, *Mission & Outreach Commission*
Sara Bryan, *Matthew 25 Commission*
The Rev. Margaret Davis, *Parish Associate*
The Rev. Leigh Bonner, *Interim Associate Pastor*
Dr. Ryan Baer, *Senior Pastor*

USHERS

Jimbo LaBoon III (head),
Chuck Toney, Jeffrey Trapnell

GREETER

11:00 a.m. Carol McKay

A special word of welcome to our guests: thank you for joining us for worship this morning. Please fill out the Fellowship Pad so that we may be in touch. We are delighted you are here and look forward to seeing you again.

Nurseries for children 4 years old and younger, available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., are located next to the Children’s Ministry Suite and are accessible down the stairs in the Atrium and through the glass door.

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIANS

Bryan Owens, Paulo Santos (Sunday Manager)

FLOWERS

The poinsettias are given to the glory of God.

TO AID IN WORSHIP

If you need to leave the sanctuary during the service, a live video feed is available in the Atrium and at 11:00 a.m. is on Facebook and YouTube.

Available in the Narthex or from an usher:

- **Personal hearing receivers** usable anywhere in the sanctuary
- **Large-print** hymnals, Bibles, bulletins, and hymnsheets
- **Sermons** from the previous six weeks

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office, 706-543-4338, by the Prayer Request link on our church website (firstpresathens.org) or on the prayer cards in the Fellowship Pads.

3rd Annual Adult Sunday School Christmas Social
Today, 9:30 a.m., Moses Waddel Room

Join our Sunday School classes as we celebrate Christmas! Everyone is welcome. Since the Chancel Choir rehearses during the Sunday School hour, it is difficult for members to fully engage in Sunday School, so this Social also celebrates our choirs and the exceptional music we hear and sing during worship.

Poinsettia Dedication

If you wish to give a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, please place your order by **tomorrow, December 12**. Each dedication is \$10. You may fill out the form and pay online (please click on the link posted in the church website under FPC News & Updates for more instructions), mail it with a check to the church office, or contact the church at 706-543-4338 or frontdesk@firstpresathens.org with your dedications. Each dedication will be listed in the December 18 worship service bulletin.

In Memory of

In Honor of

Given by

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

On **December 18**, we will have the opportunity to join with congregations from around the United States and give to our annual Christmas Joy Offering which will help support past, present, and future leaders in the Presbyterian Church. Please give generously.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you would like to have offering envelopes for 2023, please e-mail Jennifer Sunderlin at frontdesk@firstpresathens.org or call the church office at 706-543-4338 by **December 19**.

Holidays@First - Outreach Opportunities

Casa Christmas – assist Latino and Hispanic families with a donation to provide gift cards **by today** via financial contribution* (\$45 suggested).

Holiday Benevolence Market – choose meaningful and symbolic gifts on the shopping lists of 26 non-profit mission partners. Do so by mail **by December 31**. See shopping list at tinyurl.com/FPCHBM2022.

Holiday Meals on Wheels – help cover the cost of one or more meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas, or New Year's Day by making a financial contribution* **by December 31**.

Family Promise of Athens – help us host homeless families **Dec. 18 – Jan. 1** through Family Promise. Sign up at tinyurl.com/FPChostweek2022 or contact Susan Boatwright at boatwright.susan@gmail.com to take a shift or bring a meal. Please note the location change! The families will stay at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church static site, so volunteers report there, not our church.

** For financial contributions make your check to First Presbyterian Church and note cause in memo line, or give online at FirstPresAthens.org/give and select appropriate fund in drop-down menu.*

Advent Book Study

We are halfway through our study of the devotion book *Advent in Plain Sight* by Jill Duffield. If you haven't purchased a book or had to miss any of the meetings, you are still welcome to join us.

Dates: Wednesday 14 and 21 at 12:30 p.m. in Moses Waddel Room and 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. (ID: 865 9124 3724, Password: 185185)

Please RSVP at least one day in advance of your attendance at tinyurl.com/FPC2022adventbookstudy or on the FPC website. If you need assistance purchasing a book, please contact Jen Sunderlin at frontdesk@firstpresathens.org. If you have any questions about the study, please contact Leigh at lbonner@firstpresathens.org.

A very special invitation to join us on Christmas Eve:

Saturday, December 24

Family Service, 4:00 p.m.

Candlelight Services, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m. (prelude will begin 30 minutes before)

Please bring a box of diapers (infant or adult) to benefit the Athens Area Diaper Bank.

We will receive an offering to support Athens Area Emergency Food Bank.

Please note that all children are invited to take part in worship on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. We will not have additional childcare during the Christmas Eve or Christmas morning services. Childcare (Nursery Play) for our littles ones will resume on Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day (10:00 a.m. Worship Service)

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent, A Festival of Lessons & Carols, Adult Sunday School and High School Christmas Party, Night of Wonder, Casa Christmas Deadline

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Festival of Lessons & Carols
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Christmas Party, Moses Waddel Room
- 12:00 p.m. Atrium Refreshments, Atrium
- 4:30 p.m. Night of Wonder, The Hill (1800 Crescent Ln, Athens, GA 30607)
- 6:00 p.m. High School Christmas Party, Ness House

Monday, December 12

- 5:30 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal, Room 205

Tuesday, December 13

- 7:00 a.m. Our Daily Bread Breakfast, First Baptist Church
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Staff Conference Room
- 1:30 p.m. Knitting Purls, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

Wednesday, December 14

- 9:30 a.m. Circle 7, Presbyterian Village
- 12:30 p.m. Advent Book Study, Moses Waddel Room
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 202
- 7:00 p.m. Advent Book Study via Zoom (ID: 865 9124 3724, Password: 185185)

Thursday, December 15

- 9:10 a.m. Weekday School Chapel, Children's Ministry Suite
- 2:00 p.m. The Mellows, Presbyterian Village, 1400 Live Oak Lane Building Ste 100, Athens, GA 30606
- 5:30 p.m. Session Worship, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Stated Session Meeting, Moses Waddel Room

Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Joy Offering, Service of the Longest Night, Family Promise Host Weeks Begin

- 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services, Dr. Ryan Baer preaching
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Godly Play
- 11:00 a.m. A Very Merry Children's Church, Children's Ministry Suite
- 12:00 p.m. Atrium Refreshments, Atrium
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Movie Night, Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Called Session Meeting, Moses Waddel Room
- 7:00 p.m. Service of the Longest Night, Sanctuary

LOOKING AHEAD

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services: 4:00 p.m. (Family Service), 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. (Candlelight Services)

Service of the Longest Night Sunday, December 18, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the Service of the Longest Night. The service takes its name from the fact that in the Northern Hemisphere in December, there are more hours of darkness than light, and this service acknowledges that many in our community do not find this to be "the most wonderful time of the year." We will pray with and for those in our community who may be hurting and grieving, while remembering that the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

2023-24 Weekday School

First Pres Weekday School registration for Fall 2023 begins for in-house students on Tuesday, January 17. On Friday, January 20 at noon, community registration begins. Our Weekday School is a half day church preschool serving 3 months through 5 years. Questions? Call our director, Elaine Johnson, at (706) 206-8180 or e-mail elaine@firstpresathens.org.

EDUCATION – FAITH FORMATION

SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN

Director of Children's Ministries: Natalie Bishop
Nursery Coordinator: Rita Raines

Nursery Play, 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Children's Playroom • Infants – 4 Year Olds

Little ones are invited to Nursery Play during worship and Sunday school. Children will enjoy playtime, Bible stories, and a light snack with church friends.

Godly Play, 9:45 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Children's Ministry Suite • Pre-K – 5th Grade

Children are invited to Godly Play during the Sunday School hour. Godly Play is an innovative way of teaching and learning that helps children “discover” who God is rather than being “told” who God is. The structure and routine of Godly Play offer children a safe and nurturing space to explore, connect, wonder, and worship God.

Children and Worship, 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

All children are welcome to remain in worship with their families every Sunday. Children's bulletins, Bibles, and books are available at the children's tables located in the Narthex and on both sides of the choir loft.

Children's Church, 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Children, Pre-K – 1st Grade are invited to Children's Church to continue worshipping together by listening to God's Word, singing to God, praying to God and giving to God. On the last Sunday of the month, children, Pre-K–5th Grade are invited to a special Children's Church in the Children's Ministry Suite.

**All children are invited to remain in the sanctuary on the 1st Sunday of the month to take part in worship and Communion with family.*

SUNDAYS FOR YOUTH

Director of Youth Ministries: Kim Ness

Middle School Coordinator: Erin Osborne

The PIT (basement level) • 6th – 12th Grade

Sunday School (9:45 a.m.)

Middle School class is using a well-loved curriculum called re:form. With funny videos, creative activities, and lots of time to explore big and small questions of faith, this will be a fun, class for all our 6th–8th graders!

High School youth are encouraged to attend the intergenerational Inquirers Class that meets in the Moses Waddel Room. This semester, we are tackling issues of homelessness and how we can work together on the Matthew 25 goal to eradicate systemic poverty. Once a month, high schoolers will also be invited to worship together followed by lunch and a time of reflection.

Youth Group

Sunday night youth group is a fast hour of games, get-to-know you activities, devotionals and discussion. This year our theme is Justice and Joy. Youth will gather in the PIT to talk about their faith and begin to understand their role in doing justice AND bringing joy to a hurting world.

Middle School meets 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

High School meets 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Combined Youth Dinner (6:00 p.m.)

Between MS and HS youth groups, everyone will gather in Fellowship Hall for a shared meal. If you'd like to help provide a meal for our youth, please sign up here: tinyurl.com/FPCYouthDinnerHosts

For more information about youth ministry at FPC, visit www.fpcathenspit.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS

9:45–10:40 a.m.

IN PERSON

Builders • Room 301

This class is an invitation for parents of children and youth to come join for a time of fellowship and support.
*Coordinators: Dr. Ryan Baer (ryan@firstpresathens.org),
The Rev. Leigh Bonner (lbonner@firstpresathens.org)*

College Connections • Room 302

How does your life intersect with the stories we call Holy Scripture? We will take a deep dive into the writings of the New Testament with the goal of journeying from Matthew to Revelation. Grad and undergrad students are welcome to join at any time.

Coordinator: The Rev. Will Norman (will@pscuga.org)

Inquirers • Moses Waddel Room

Thoughtful introspection and lively group discussion covering contemporary issues and daily Christian living, with a focus on Matthew 25: Poverty and Homelessness.

Coordinator: Kim Ness (kness@firstpresathens.org)

HYBRID (in person and over Zoom)

Del Dunn Sunday School Class • Room 308

An in-depth study and discussion of scripture – with a chapter-by-chapter reading and discussion of Paul's Epistle to the Romans. Zoom and in-person.

Coordinator: Susan Landrum (slandrum@uga.edu)

Zoom ID: 875 216 0708, PW: 634175

New Voices • Room 310

Did John Calvin and Martin Luther get it right? How does the concept of “A Priesthood of Believers” guide our Church life? How does it inform our discussion of critical theological theories and lessons? And, how can the Waymaker (who?) guide us through difficult times?
Led by: Lewis Hudgins (lewisahudgins@gmail.com)

Zoom ID: 674 533 8902

Wayne F. Middendorf Men's Bible Class

Bride's Room, Tinsley Stern

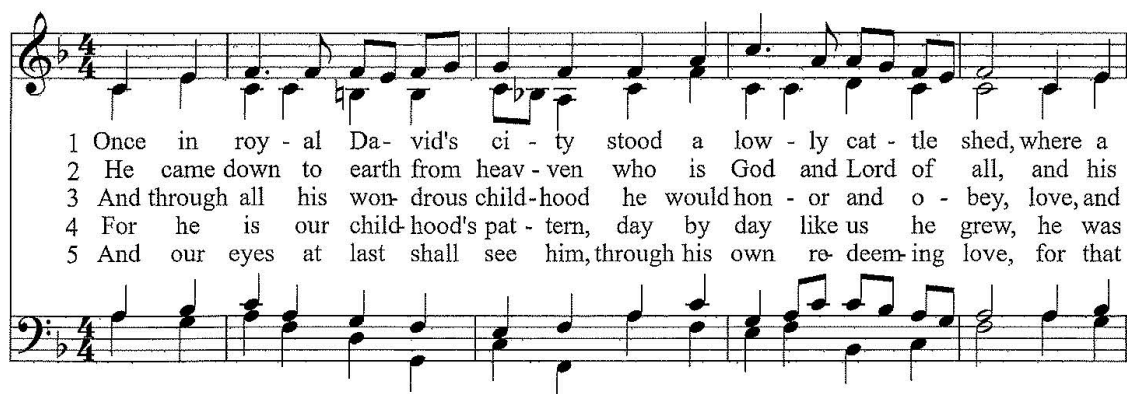
Open and honest discussion in a nonjudgmental atmosphere about various aspects of Christianity.

Contacts: Ian Hardin (ianhardin1@gmail.com), Jim Scanlon (jjtscanlon@yahoo.com)

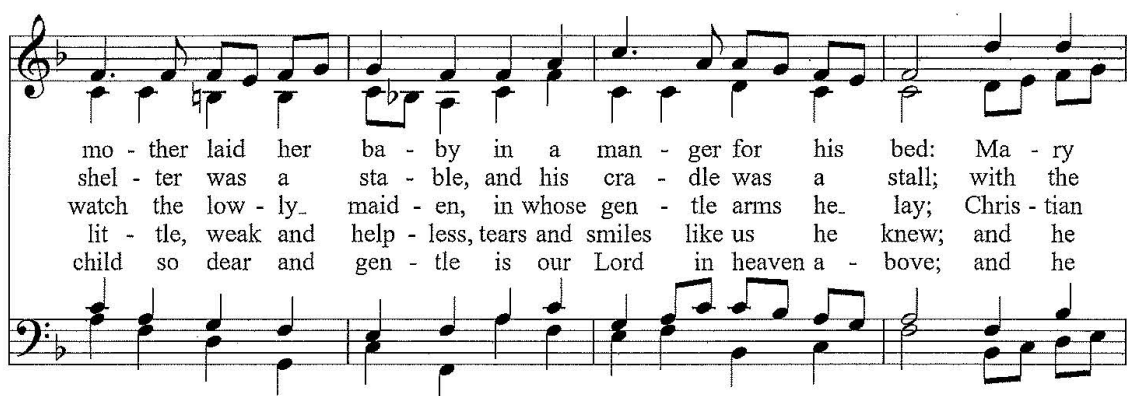
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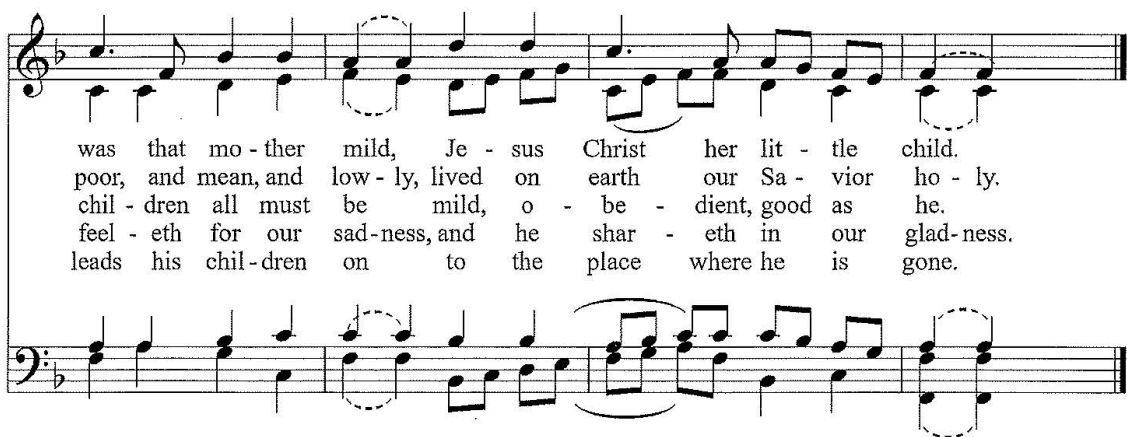
Stanza 1 – choir, stanzas 2-6 – all



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a low - ly cat - tle shed, where a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - ven who is God and Lord of all, and his
 3 And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey, love, and
 4 For he is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like us he grew, he was
 5 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love, for that



mo - ther laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry
 shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 watch the low - ly maid - en, in whose gen - tle arms he lay; Chris - tian
 lit - tle, weak and help - less, tears and smiles like us he knew; and he
 child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heaven a - bove; and he



was that mo - ther mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sa - vior ho - ly.
 chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
 feel - eth for our sad - ness, and he shar - eth in our glad - ness.
 leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.

- 6 Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,
 we shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;
 when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, 1744

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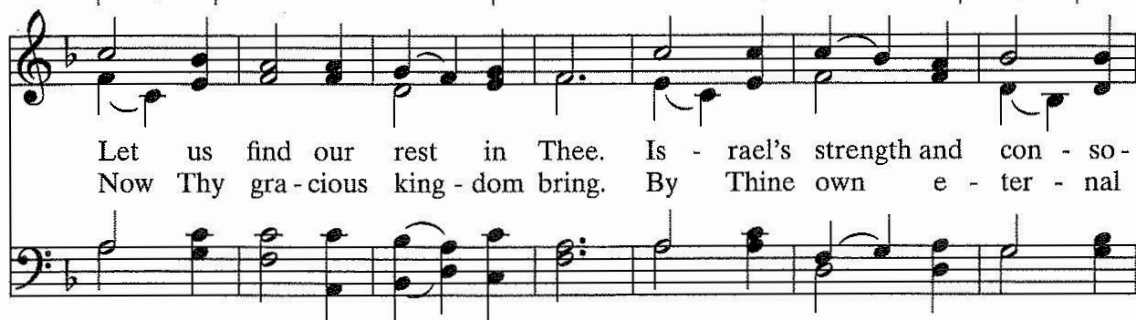
Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831



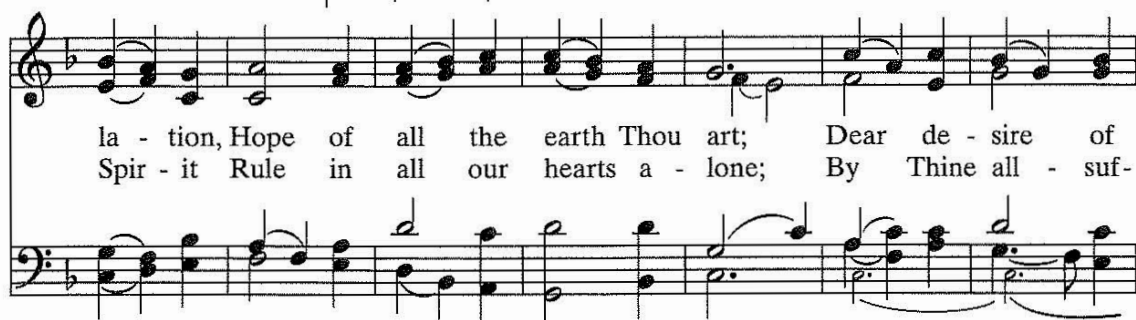
1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and



peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,



Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal



la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -



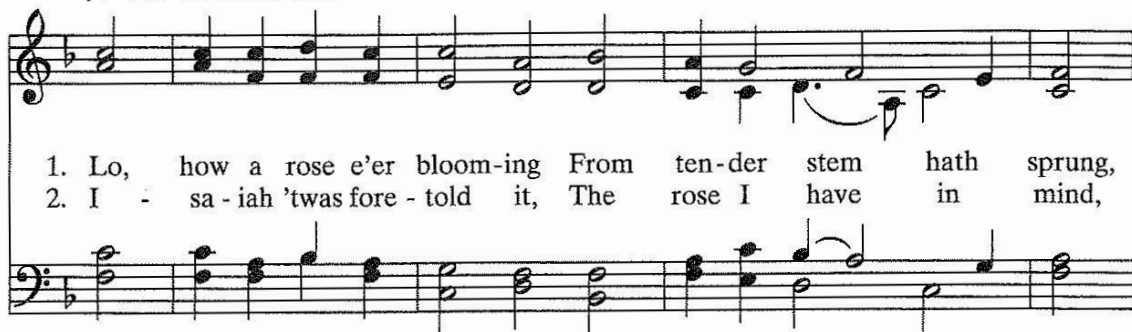
ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

ES IST EIN' ROS' 7.6.7.6.6.7.6

German carol, 15th century
 Trans. Theodore Baker (1851–1934)
 Alt. *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

*Alte Catholische Geistliche
 Kirchengesäng*, Cologne, 1599
 Arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609



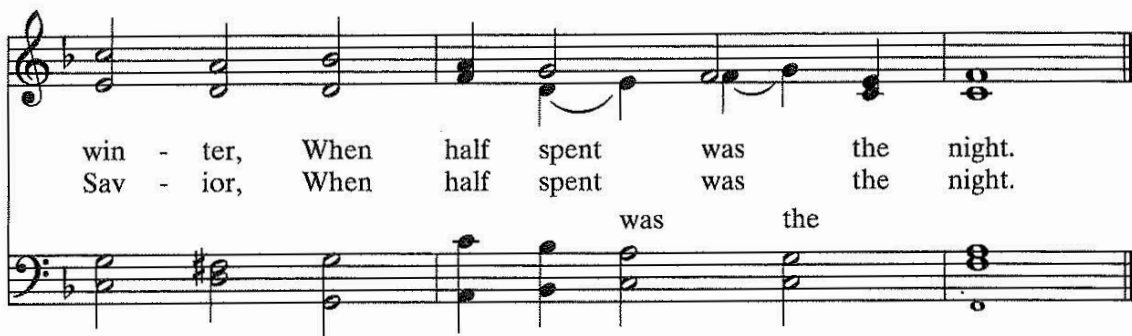
1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing From ten-der stem hath sprung,
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, The rose I have in mind,



Of Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing, By faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The vir - gin moth - er kind.



It came a flower-et bright, A - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right She bore for us a



win - ter, When half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
 was the

O Little Town of Bethlehem

FOREST GREEN CMD

English folk melody

Phillips Brooks, 1868

Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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 heav - en.
 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 tid - ings 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!

This tune in a higher key, 292

Music: Arrangement from the *English Hymnal*, 1906. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

What Child Is This

53

GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7 with refrain

English ballad, 16th century

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1871

Arr. *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

Em D G D Em Am B

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry'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.

Em D G D Em Am B Em^{sus4} Em

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.

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;

Bm G D Em Am B Em^{sus4} Em

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry!

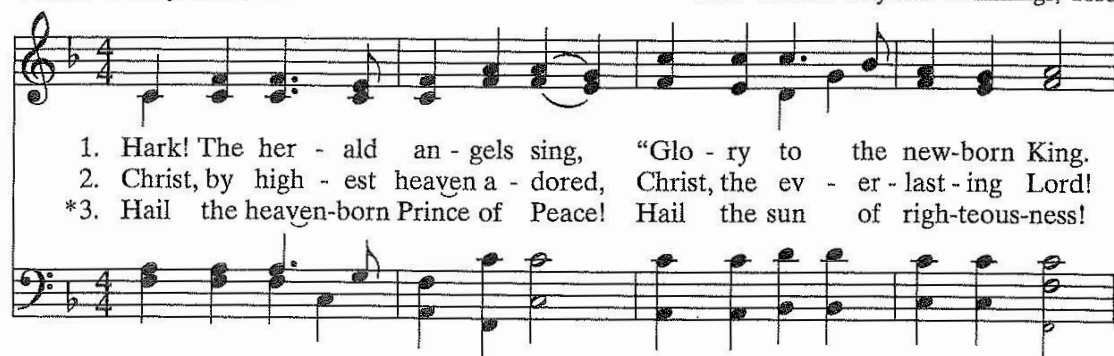
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D with refrain

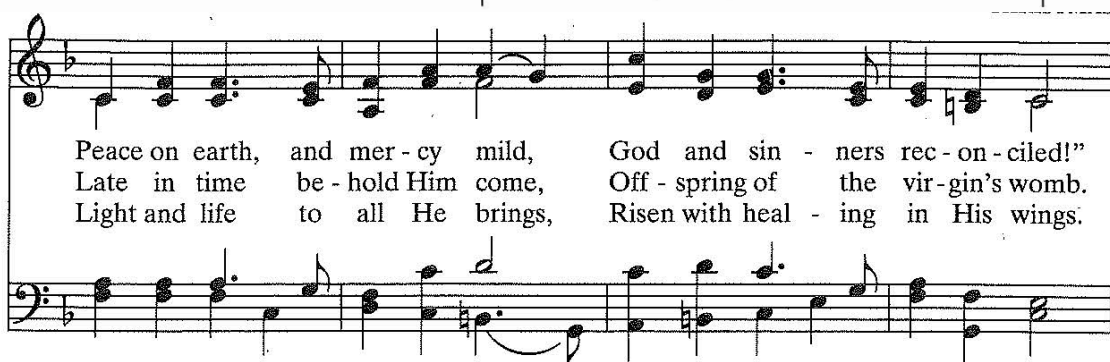
Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

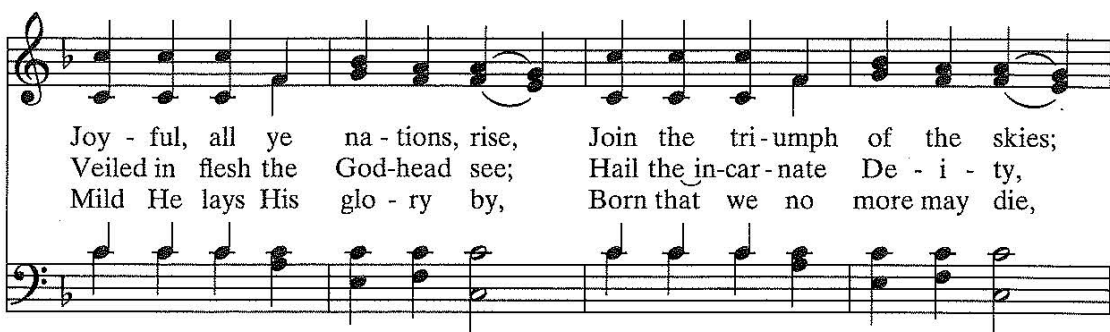
Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855



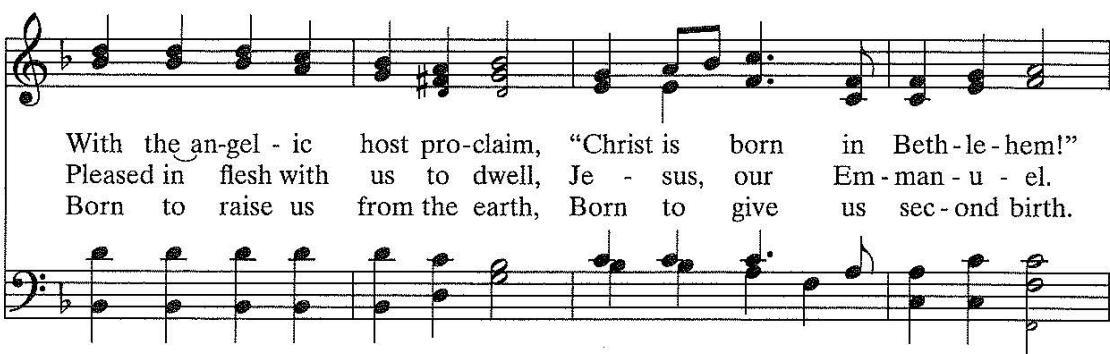
1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 *3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



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!"

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