Melcone Home! December 24, 2021 **Christmas Eve Candlelight &** Communion Service Sanctuary & Online 8:00 PM



Call to Worship One Holy Night in Bethlehem

Mary N. Keithahn & John D. Harmon

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you so loved the world as to give your only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not parish, but have everlasting life.

Congregation: Grant to us the precious gift of faith, that we may know that the Son of God is come and has overcome the world and gained a blessed immortality for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Lighting of the Advent Wreath

John 1:3-5 Were told the sheet heart

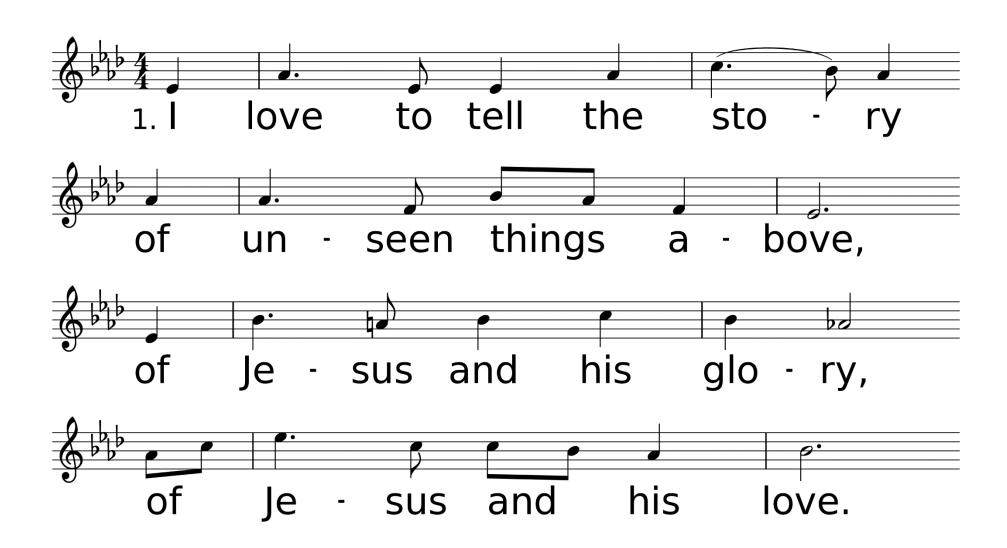
All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

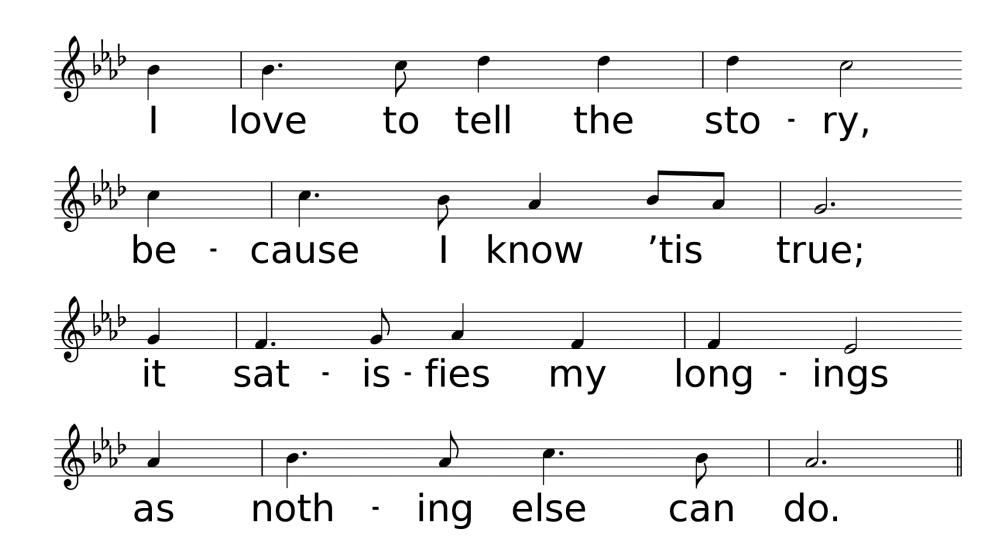
Congregation: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light! Light of the world shine in our lives and shine always in our lives so that others may see you through us! Emmanuel -Thank you for being God among us and in us! Hallelujah! Amen!

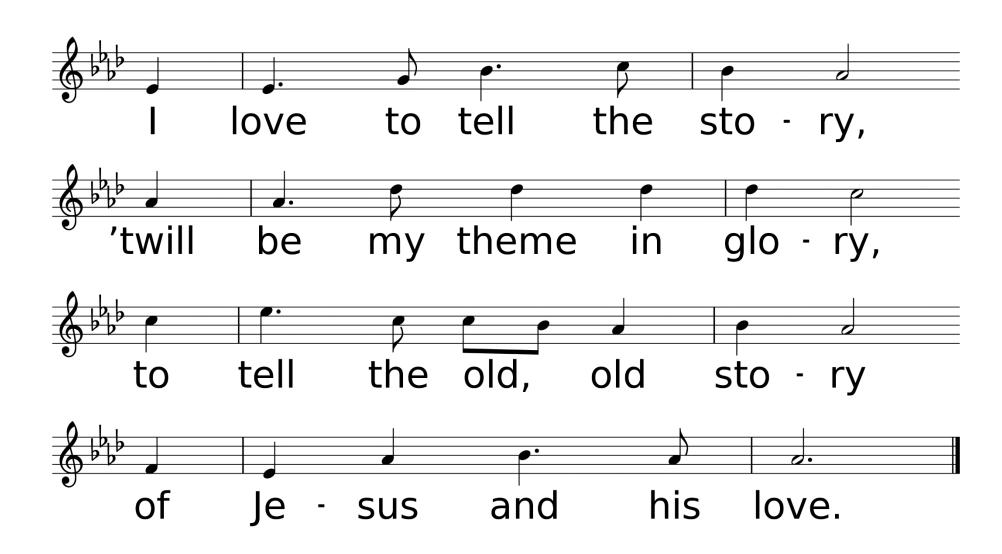
We light this candle as a symbol of Christ, the newborn King, who is the light of the world. May the Word sent from God lead us to the way of salvation!

*Hymn of Praise I Love to Tell the Story

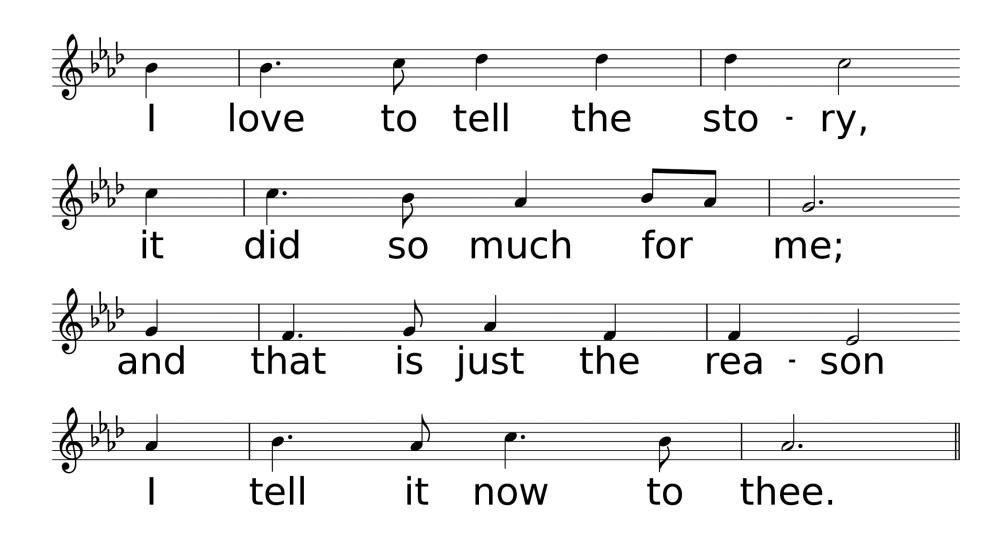
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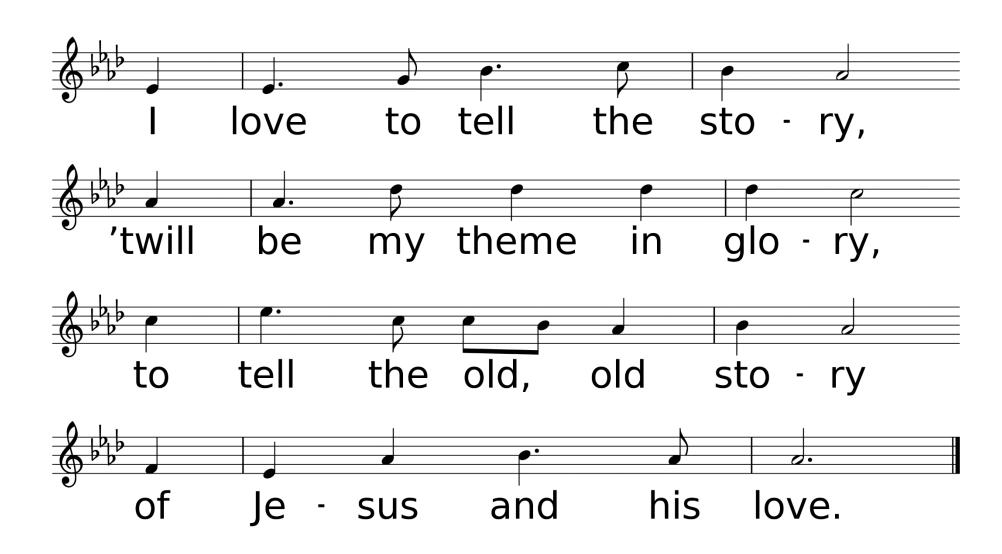


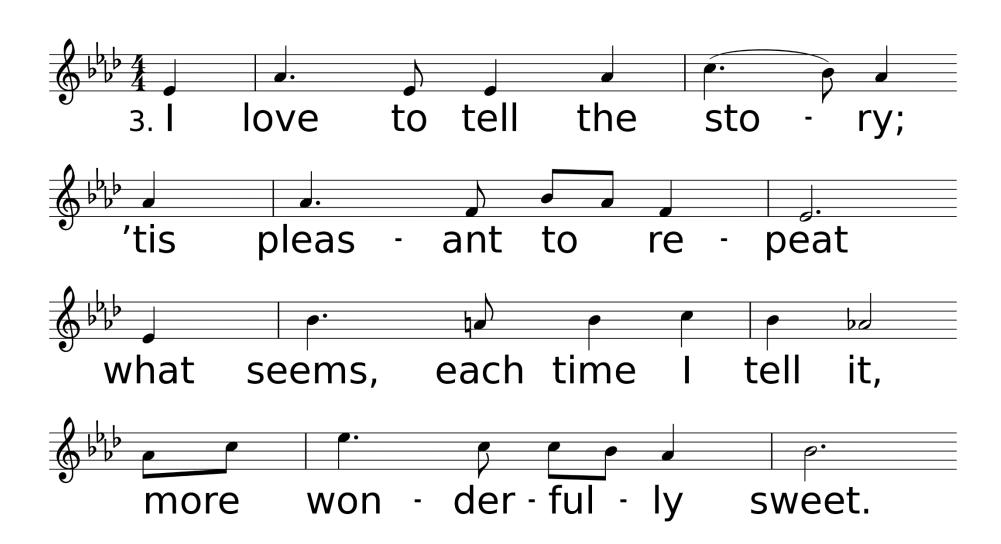


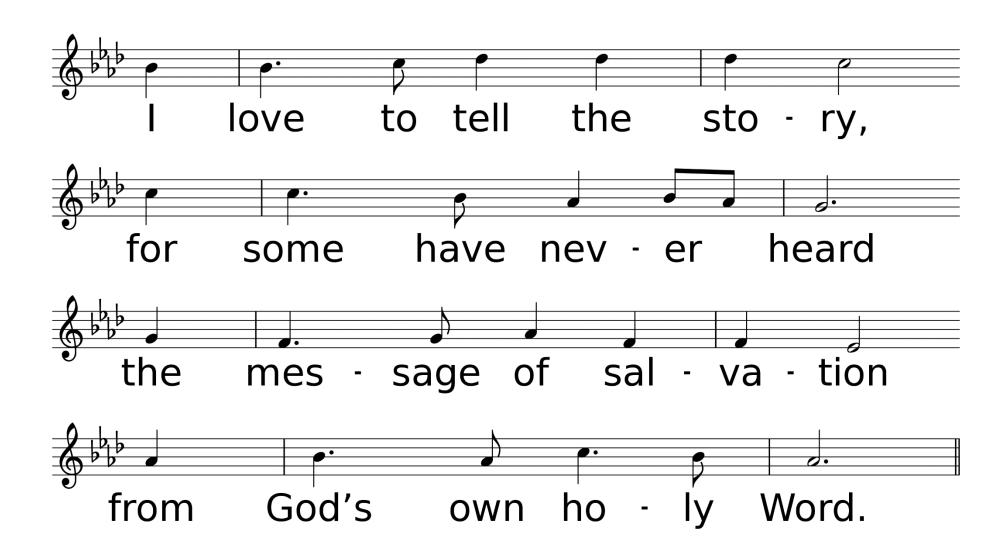


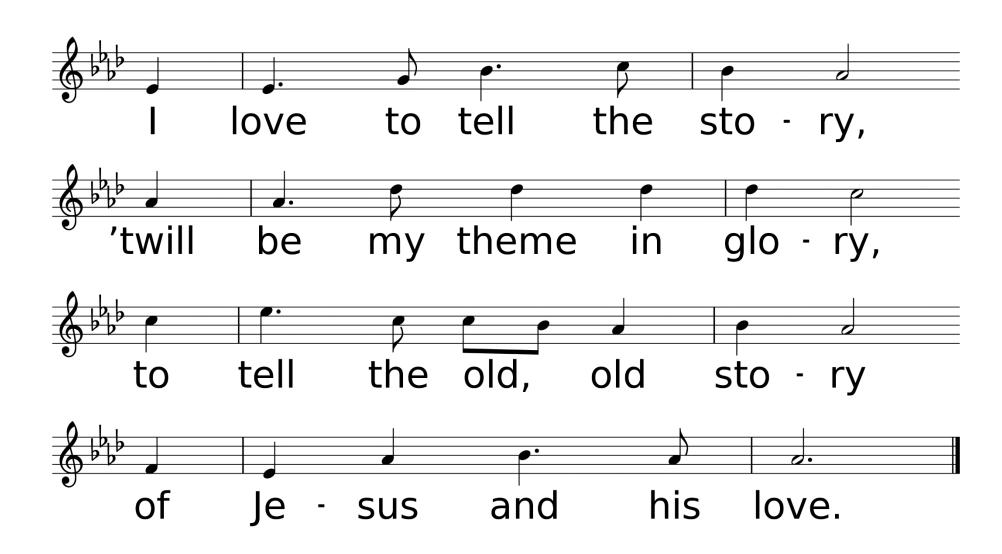






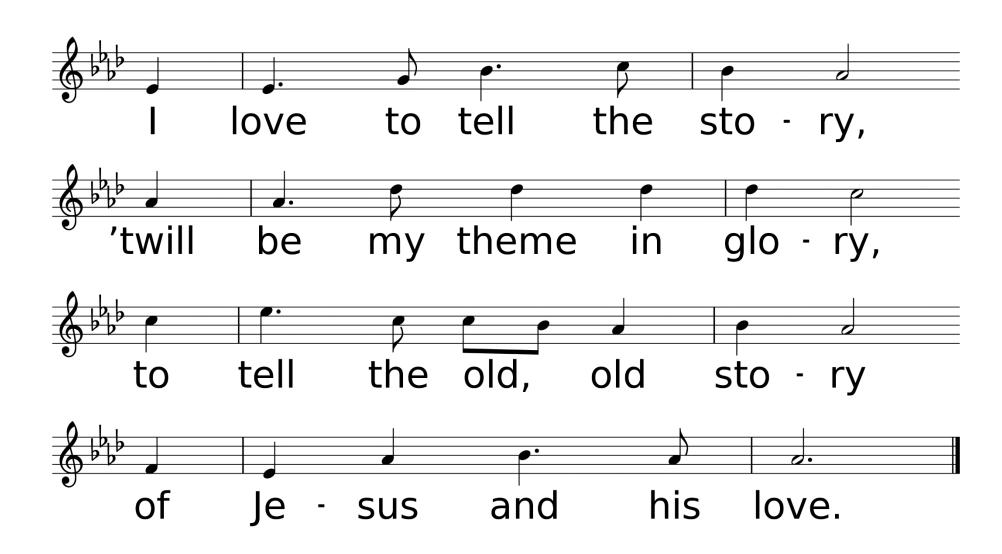












*Affirmation of Faith

Congregation: 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 quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Family & Friends of George Jouban (M. Cobb) Rev. Mike Hannah (L. Waughtal) **Tornado Victims & UMCOR** Elizabeth & Dale Vincent Francis Slover (S. Chavez) **Jake Cobb** (S. Chavez) **Honduras Mission** Trip (S. Hill) Margaretta Mayes (C. Slover)

Donna McCullough **Sonny Lambert** (J. Vinyard) Samantha Louque (S. Hill) Mike Teel (L. Waughtal) **Charlene Hughes** (T. Parris) Amanda & Walter Smith (T. Hammerschmidt) **Eleanor Marcello Jones Roy Ades** Dick Neely (J. & L. Oliver) Joan Mays (L. Waughtal)

Bob Baldares, Sr. (M. & J. Bailey) **Darrell Midkiff** (P. Blanton) Seth McCullough (McCullough Family) **David & Charlotte** Butler (B. Hammerschmidt) Laura Moses **Carol Baldares** (M. & J. Bailey) Judy Barbay (L. Schultz) **Anthony Lee** (son of Brenda Lee) **Charlene Blevins** (B. Vaughn)

Chad Windborne (I. Schwarze) Alex Baker (C. Scott) **Ruth Wells** (B. Vaughn) **Ronnie Cuevas** (M. Bailey) Lydia Derouen (D. & V. Allen) John Nelson **Andrew Palmer** (T. Craig) Cathy Lott (D. & V. Allen) Joy and Jerry Jones **Amie Biggs Lewis** (D. McCullough) **Dennis Bevers** (I. Schwarze)

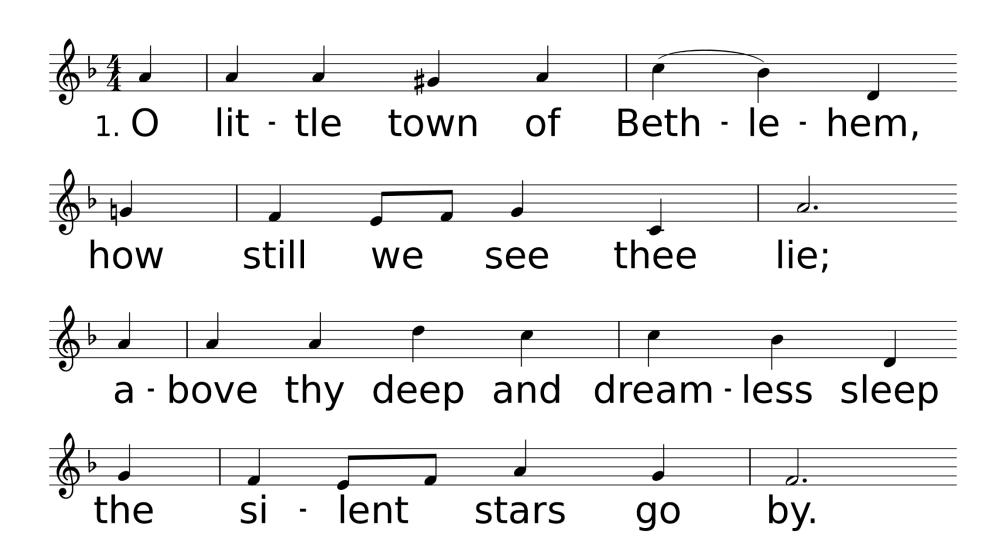
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MaryAnn Greer (S. Chavez) **Richard Oliver** Lori Woodard (J. Schwarze) Jerry Willbanks **Brian Hughes Robert Chavez** Carol Downs Montgomery (J. Blankenship) **Devon Woodard** (M. Bailey) Laila Prather (R. Prather) **Howard Thorne Kathy Enochs** (D. & V. Allen) Angela Mallett (I. Schwarze)

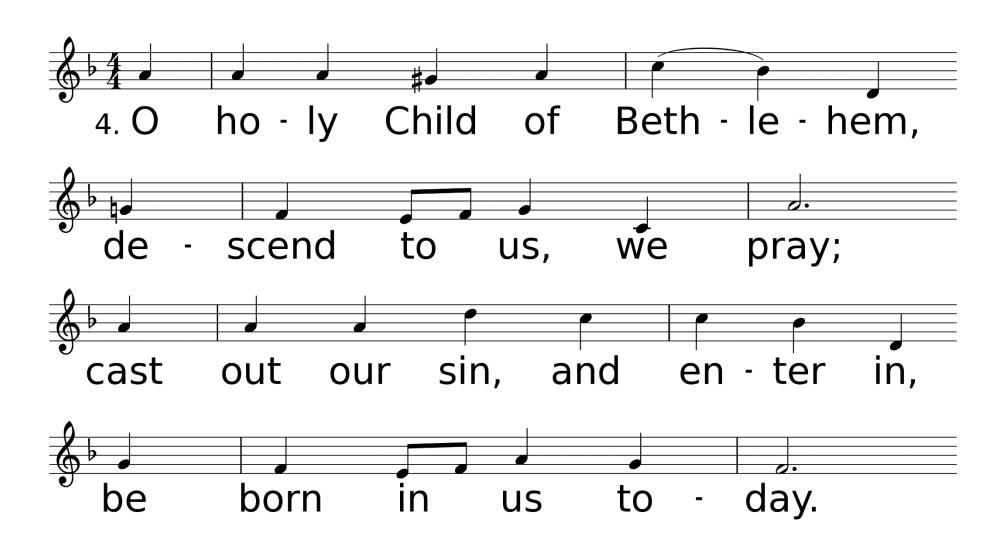
Hurricane Recovery Efforts, All Emergency Personnel, The Military, City of DeRidder, State of Louisiana, The United States of America, Our World, Our Enemies, Our Church, & Those Who Have Hurt Us

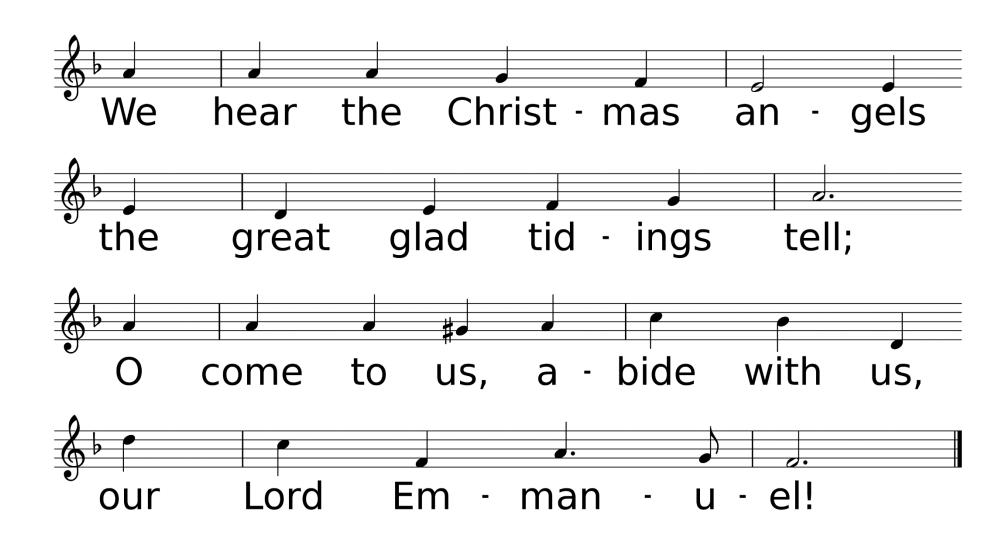
Call To Prayer O Little Town of Bethlehem

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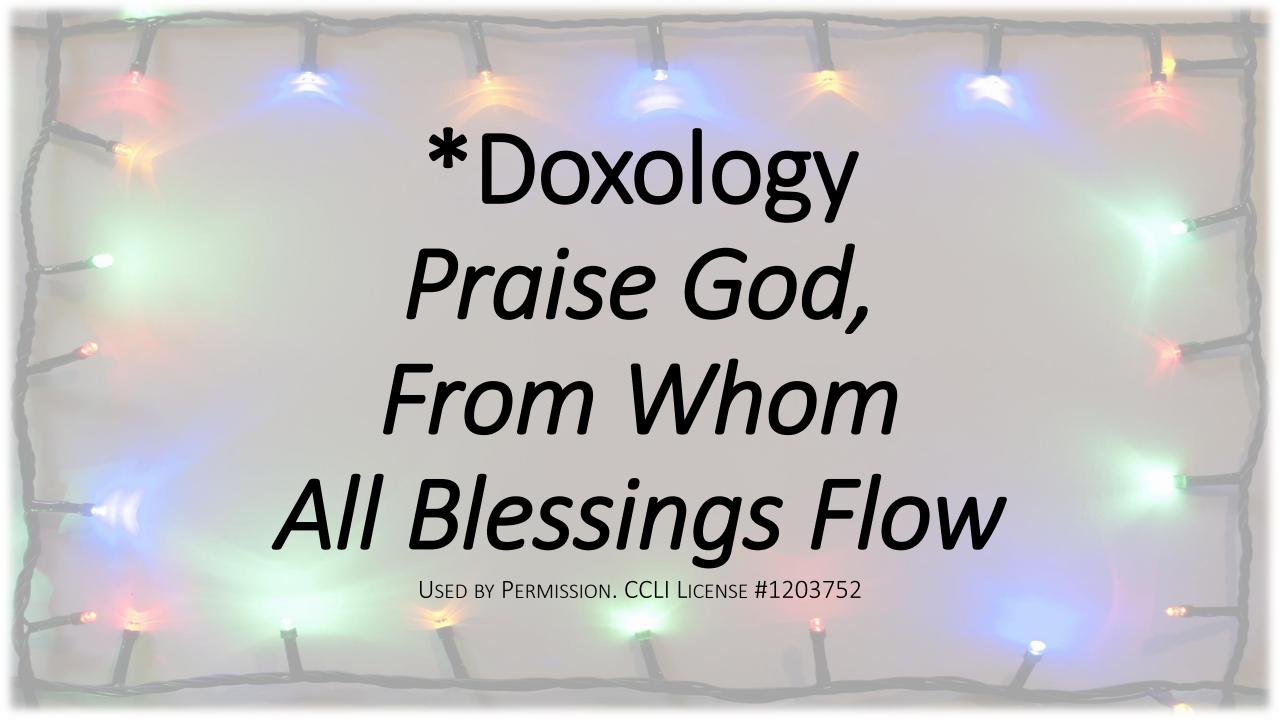


Congregational Prayer &

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Prayer & Return of God's Tithes & Gifts

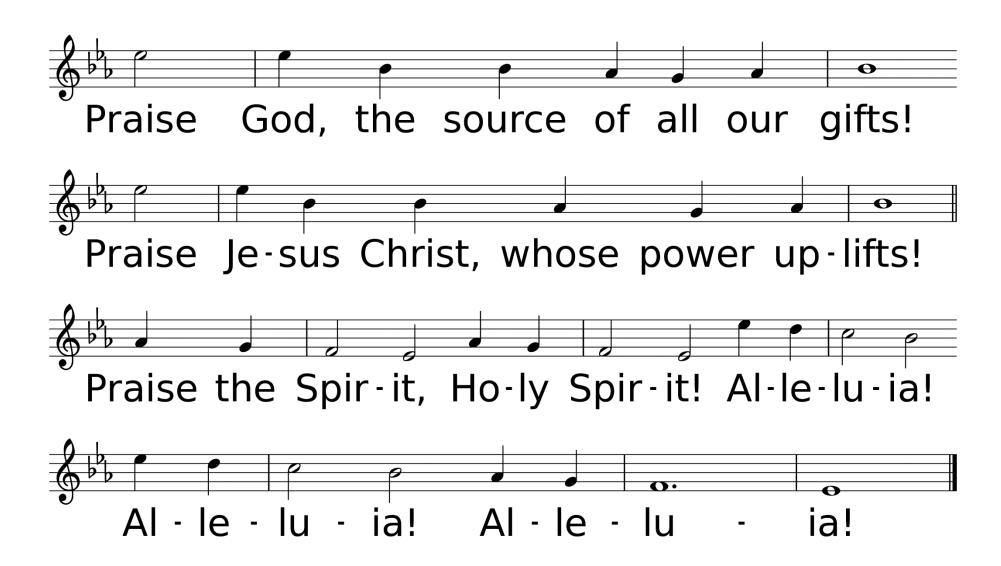
10% of tonight's offering will go to the Methodist Children's Home & Foster Families









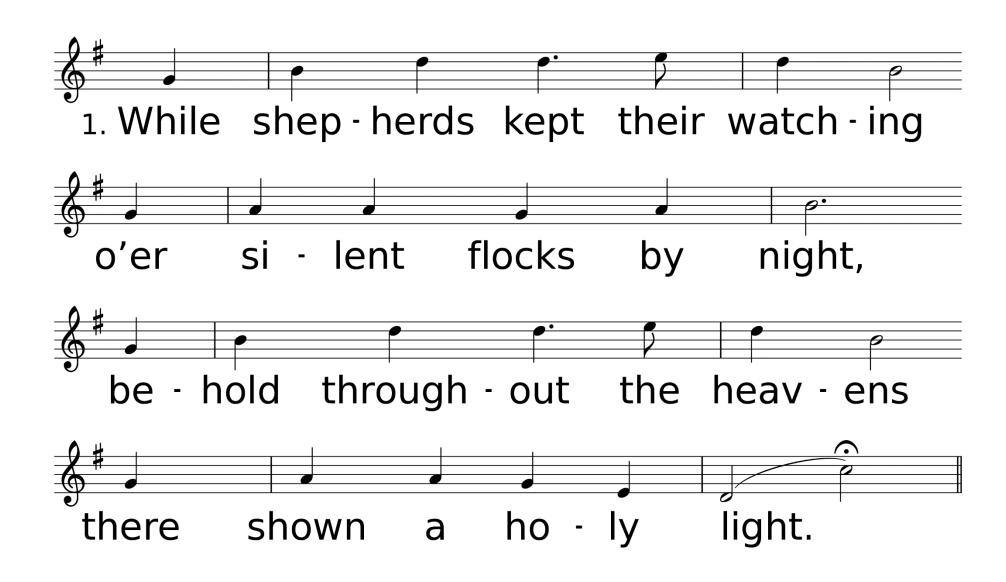




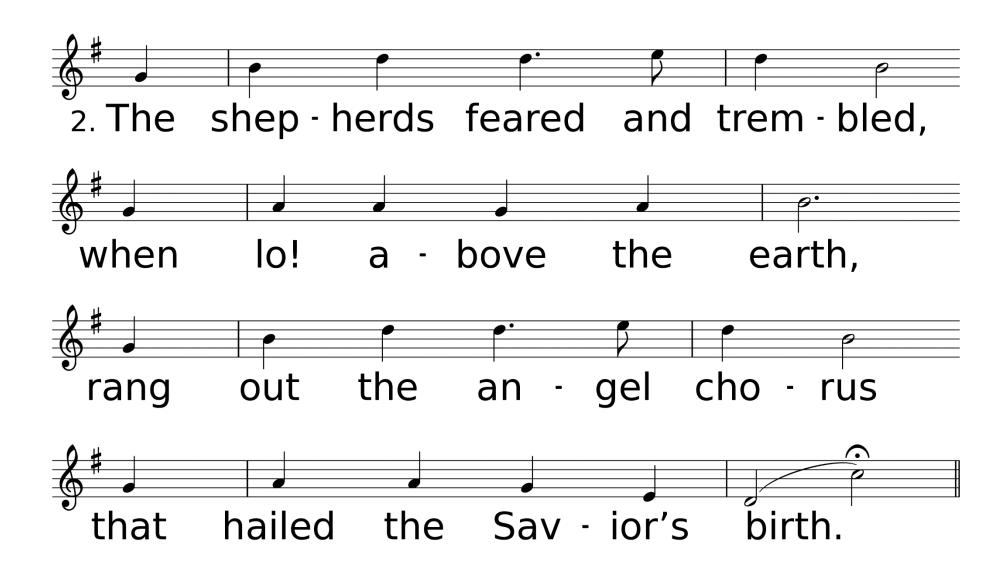
Hymn of Faith Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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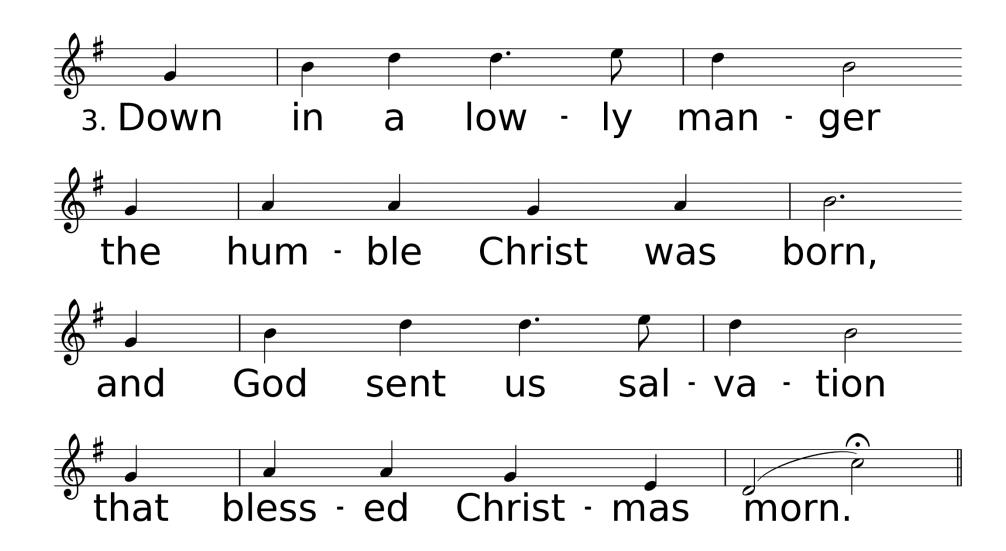














Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. 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.

He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. 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.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

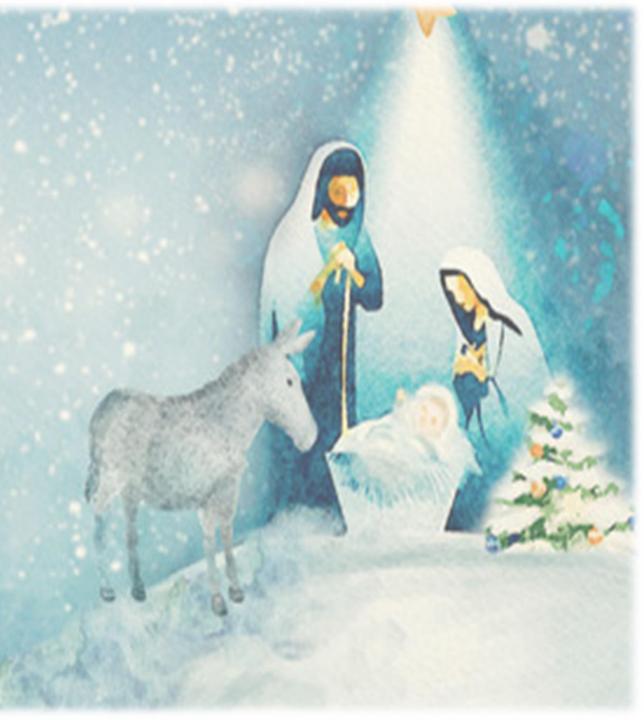
This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

"Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace"

> Sermon Rev. Laraine Waughtal





Prayer of Confession & Pardon

Congregation: Merciful God, We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Congregation: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Communion Liturgy & Receiving of the Elements

Anthem The First Noel/ Pachelbel's Canon

Music by Johann Pachelbel Arr. by Michael Clawson

*Lighting of the Candles

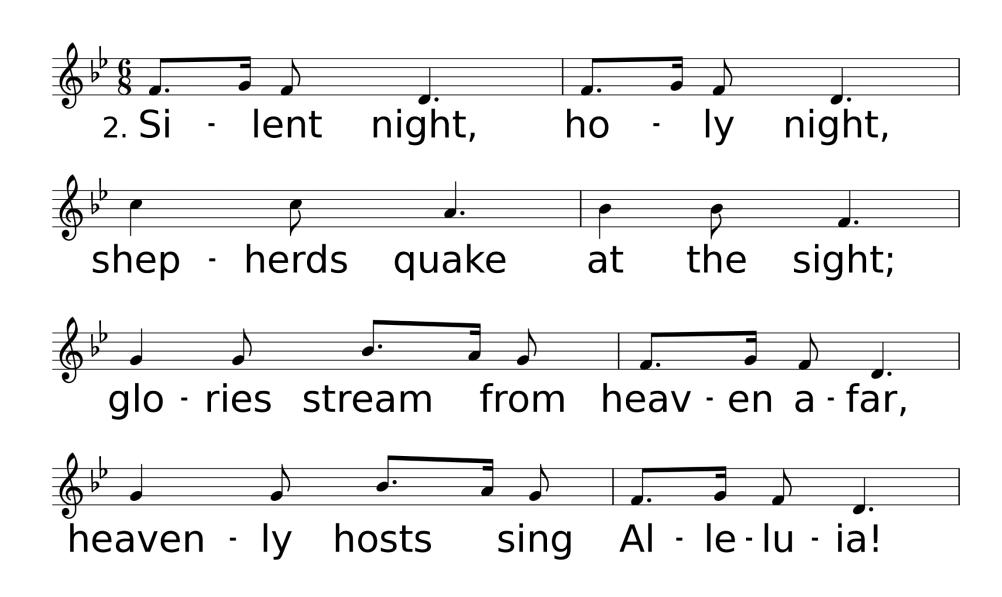
Organ
Traditional Carol
Arr. By John Calvin Schwarze

Silent Night, Holy Night

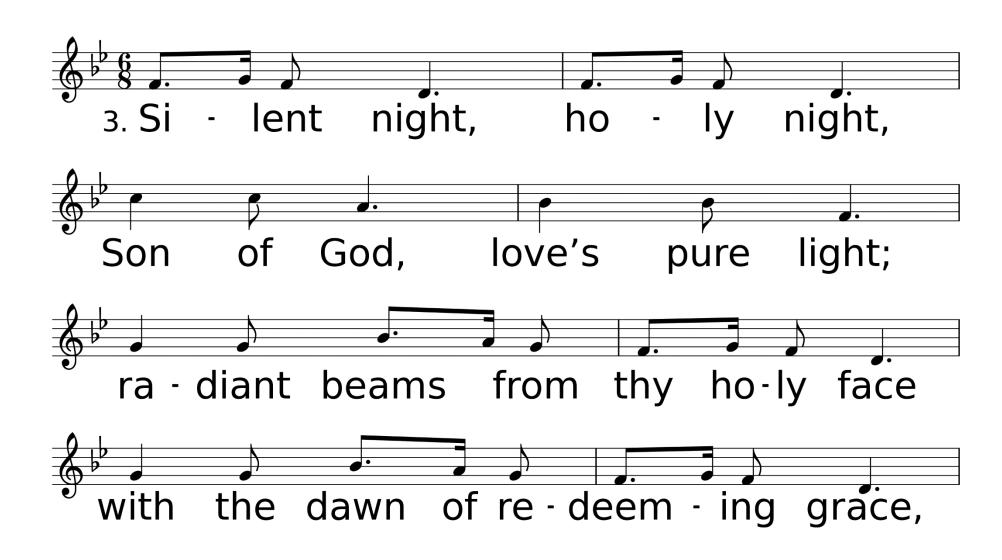
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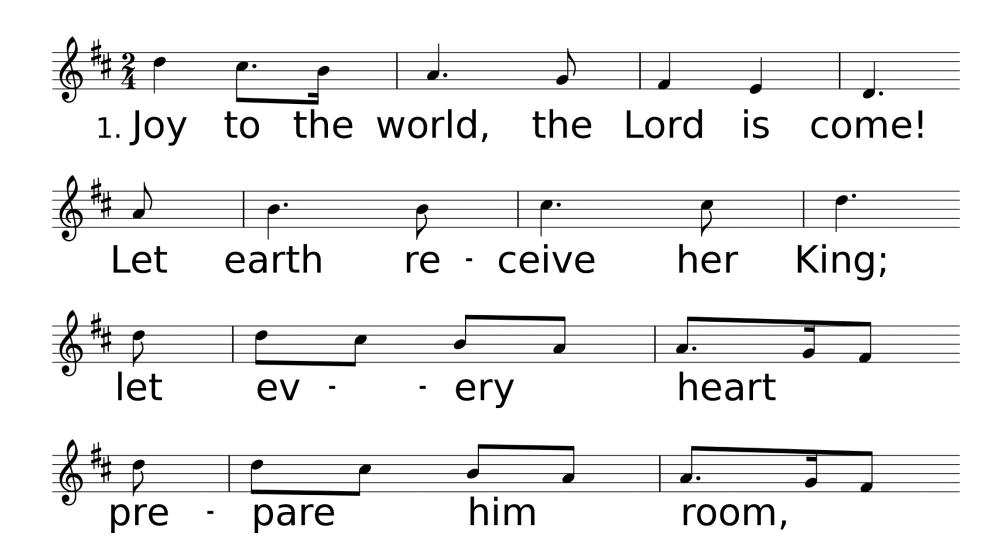


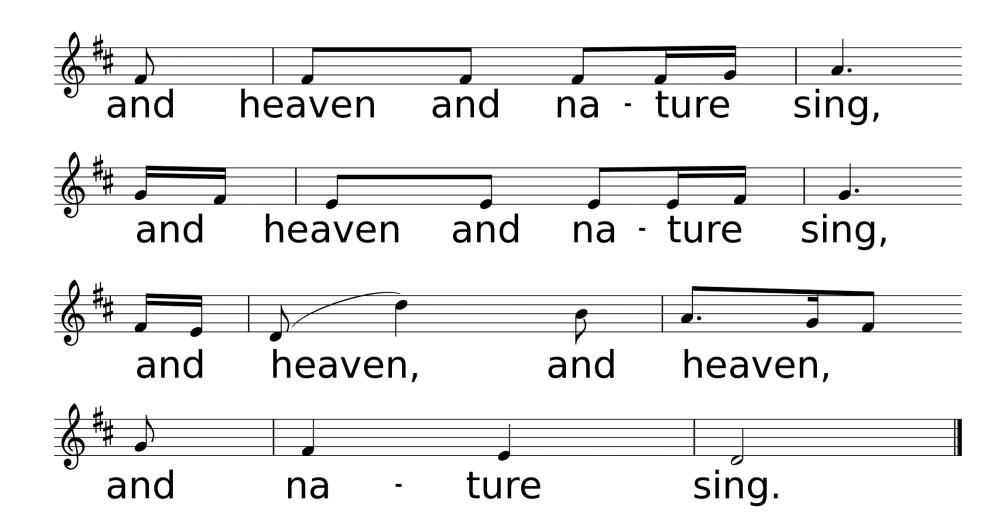


*Benediction

*Sending Forth Joy to the World

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Merry Christmas!