

ALL SAINTS

Presbyterian Church

Sunday of the Nativity

December 25, 2022

OUR LORD CALLS US TO WORSHIP HIM

Lighting of the Christ Candle

† *Pastor.* Let us worship God! We are gathered in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Lord has come!

O come, let us adore Him!

His name shall be called Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

He is Emmanuel; God with us.

He is the Prince of Peace, Lord of lords, and King of kings!

Let us exalt His name together.



Lift up your hearts...

We lift them up to the Lord!

† COLLECT & 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 have forgiven 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.**

† **Congregational Singing**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice—238

OUR LORD CLEANSSES US FROM OUR SIN

A Corporate Reading of Our Lord's Instruction

Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with all my heart, in the company of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the LORD; they are studied by all who delight in them.

Splendid and majestic is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

He has made His wonders to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and compassionate.

He has given food to those who fear Him; He will remember His covenant forever.

He has made known to His people the power of His works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

Psalm 111:1-6



AN INVITATION TO CONFESS
OUR SINS:

† The congregation is invited to stand

‡ CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
We Confess Our Sins, Together & Individually

Heavenly Father, as we confess our sins, we ask You to be merciful to us and forgive our sins. We confess that we have not delighted in You or Your Word as we should. We confess that our lives have not been inclined to Your commandments. We confess that we have pursued that which is worthless, instead of Your ways. In this, we have neglected You, the fountain of living waters. In all our sin, we have fallen short of Your glory. Grant us Your mercy and grace so that we may forsake our sins. Hear us now as we confess our sins to You...

[We pause in prayer, and then conclude together...]

O Lord, we give You thanks for Your kindness and abundant pardon; provided through Your Son who has died for us, taking the penalty which was our due, and You have received us in Him. Now grant, most merciful Lord, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, and this to the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God*—415

† ABSOLUTION: Our Assurance of Forgiveness is declared
“In the Name of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit”
“Thanks be to God!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The First Noel*—248-249



THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We join together praying for the church, one another, and the world

OUR LORD TEACHES US FROM HIS WORD

Scripture Lesson from
the Old Testament
Genesis 2:4-9

Scripture Lesson from
the Epistles
Romans 5:17-21

“This is the Word of the Lord”
“Thanks be to God!”

† Gospel Lesson—Matthew 1:18-25

“This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ”
“Praise be to Christ!”

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Gloria Patri*—436

Sermon Text
Matthew 1:1-17

Sermon
A Tale of Two Trees
Pastor Jeff Niell

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* —236-237

IN GRATEFUL RESPONSE

We Present the Lord's Tithes & Our Offerings

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *The Doxology*
As the offering is brought forward, we lift our hearts, hands, and voices in thankful praise...

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

OUR LORD INVITES US TO HIS TABLE

We Confess Our Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

† *Pastor*: Christians, in whom do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty; maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into Hades.

On the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty.

From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We commune with the Lord & with one another

The Lord's Supper should not be observed in individual homes.

† CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: *Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come*—240

OUR LORD COMMISSIONS US

Prayer for and Blessing of the Children

† Benediction & Singing

Doxology from *Of the Father's Love Begotten* (p. 247)

Christ, to Thee with God the Father, and O Holy Ghost to Thee,
Hymn and chant with high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
Honor, glory, and dominion, and eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

TODAY

CHRISTMAS/NATIVITY

According to the Church calendar, *Christmas* is celebrated from December 25th through January 5th, and these are “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” During the Christmas season we acknowledge the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the nations, and proclaim Him as the Messiah, the Promised One, and the King of kings. In this, we acknowledge the incarnation, the wonderful reality that God has taken on human flesh and has done so as a demonstration of His glory and to accomplish salvation for mankind: the One who is both God and man—Jesus Christ—has come, and He will accomplish all the will of the Father. The Light of the world has come, is present and shining, and is dispelling the darkness throughout the world. The color for the Christmas season is white.

Prayer for & Blessing of the Children—Just before the end of the service today we will invite the children (about 12 and younger) forward for a special time of prayer and blessing.



NEXT SUNDAY:

Baptism & Reception—Next Sunday we will celebrate the baptism of Helen Liedewy Moeller with a reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

**Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth – Giving Response**

Only one more Sunday!

During Advent and through Epiphany we will be gathering items to support the Pregnancy Help Center of Fort Worth. Particular items of need this year are diapers (sizes 2, 3 & 4), baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, and soap. Of course items like car seats, strollers, baby blankets, baby clothes, pack n’ plays, are always welcome. Donations can be placed in the back corner of the foyer by the main entrance.

Please note: We’ve become aware that there is a great need for little boys’ clothes this year.

The Lord’s Supper

The Lord’s Supper is observed every Lord’s Day at All Saints, and we warmly invite to the Lord’s Table all who are baptized disciples of the Lord Jesus, under the authority of Christ and His body, the Church, and this includes covenant children. By eating the bread and drinking the wine with us, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. You also acknowledge to the overseers of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, being an active member of a congregation which belongs to the Triune God and is marked by the Word and sacraments. If you have any questions about your participation, please speak to one of the elders before or after the service.

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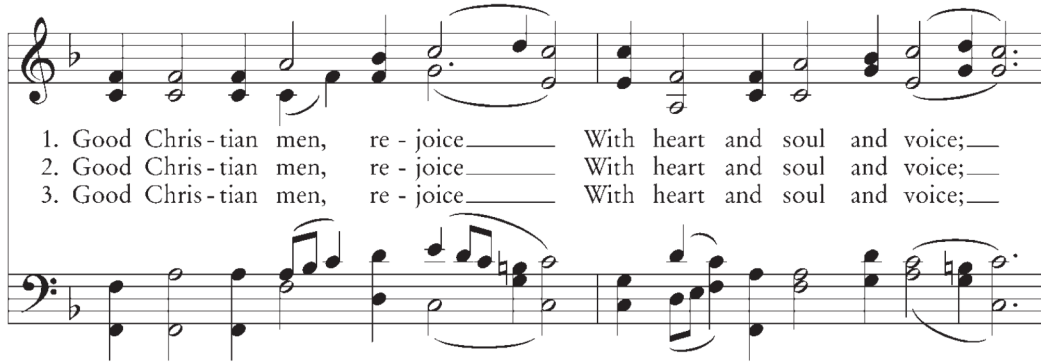
IN DULCI JUBILO (6 6. 7 7. 7 8. 5 5)

German melody, 14th century

harm. Michael Praetorius, 1607; alt.

Latin carol, 14th century

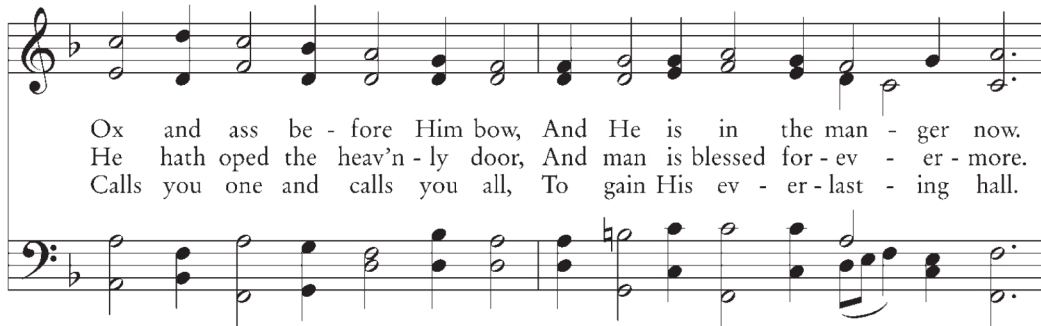
tr. John Mason Neale, 1853



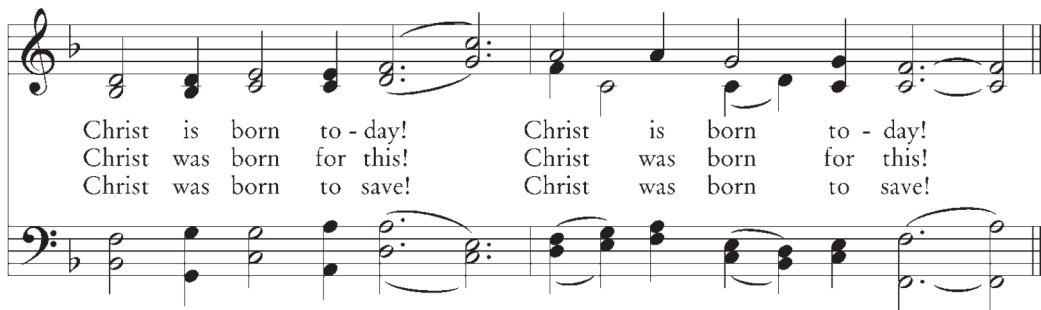
1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice _____ With heart and soul and voice;—
 2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice _____ With heart and soul and voice;—
 3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice _____ With heart and soul and voice;—



Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 Now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



Ox and ass be - fore Him bow, And He is in the man - ger now.
 He hath oped the heav'n - ly door; And man is blessed for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all, To gain His ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Psalm 51:10-12

From a melody by J. A. Freylinghausen, 1704
adapted, Harold W. Gilbert

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God: and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres - ence: and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion: and up - hold me with Thy free Spir - it."

The First Noel

THE FIRST NOWELL (Irregular)

Traditional English carol

from William Sandys' *Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern*, 1833

English carol from Davies Gilbert's

Some Ancient Christmas Carols, 1823

1. The first No - el the an - gel did say Was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing
 3. *And by the light of that same star Three*
 4. *This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er*
 5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, Full
 6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
 in the east, be - yond them far; And to the
 Wise Men came from coun - try far; To seek for a
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And there it
 rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, And of - fered
 prais - es to our heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that
 earth it gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both
 King was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star where
 did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where
 there, in His pres - ence, Their gold and myrrh and
 heav'n and earth of naught, And with His blood man -

was so deep.
 day and night.
 ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No - el, No -
 Je - sus lay.
 frank - in - cense.
 kind hath bought.

el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI (Irreg.)
Charles Meineke, 1844

2nd century

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of musical notation for 'Gloria Patri'. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in the key of D major (one sharp). The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the'. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment with chords and some moving lines.

Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the vocal line with lyrics: 'Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er'. The bass staff continues the piano accompaniment.

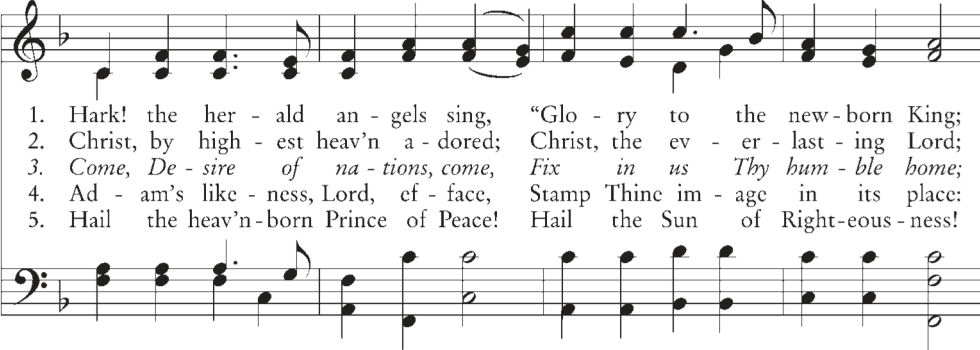
shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third and final system of musical notation. The treble staff concludes the vocal line with lyrics: 'shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.'. The bass staff concludes the piano accompaniment with a final chord and a double bar line.

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN (7777.7777.77)
 Felix Mendelssohn, 1840
 arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855

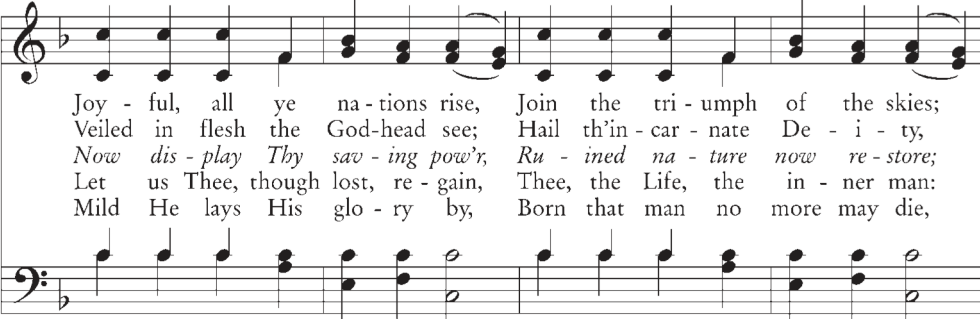
Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



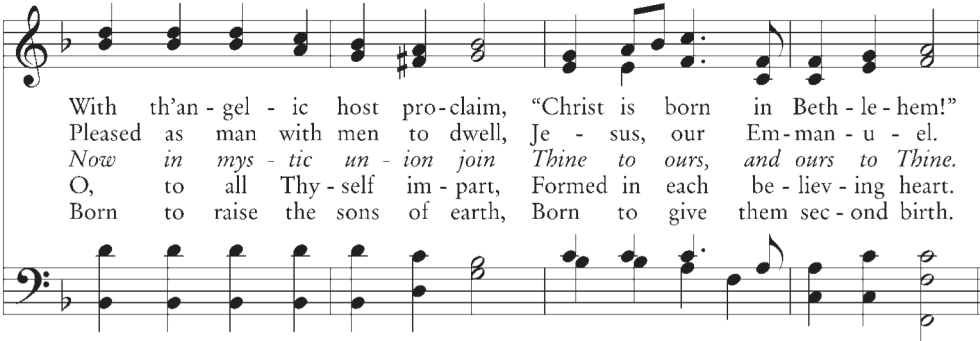
1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3. *Come, De - sire of na - tions, come, Fix in us Thy hum - ble home;*
 4. Ad - am's like - ness, Lord, ef - face, Stamp Thine im - age in its place:
 5. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-eous - 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 a vir - gin's womb.
Rise, the wom - an's con - qu'ring Seed, Bruise in us the ser - pent's head.
 Sec - ond Ad - am from a - bove, Re - in - state us in Thy love.
 Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n 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 th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
Now dis - play Thy sav - ing pow'r, Ru - ined na - ture now re - store;
 Let us Thee, though lost, re - gain, Thee, the Life, the in - ner man:
 Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Now in mys - tic un - ion join Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.
 O, to all Thy - self im - part, Formed in each be - liev - ing heart.
 Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



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

Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

ANTIOCH (C.M.)
Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re - ceive her King;
2. Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns; Let men their songs em - ploy;
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in - fest the ground;
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the na - tions prove

Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare Him room,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
He comes to make His bless - ings flow
The glo - ries of His right - eous - ness,

And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n 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 heav'n and na - ture sing, And

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