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PRAYER REQUEST

The Pastor is always glad to share prayer requests during the Prayer Time during each worship service. You can share a prayer request online in the comments section (YouTube) or by contacting the church by email or phone with your request.

The Prayer Chain may be activated by calling
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Online Worship

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 2023 7:30 PM

If you are joining us online, please light a candle to remind yourself of the presence of God.

* Please rise in body or spirit.

If the text is bolded, everyone is invited to say the words in unison.

PRELUDE Alex Sandor
WELCOME

***HYMN** On Christmas Night All Christians Sing #112

***PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION**

One: God who dwells among us...

All: You came to earth as a baby and upended our lives for the better. You put the proud to shame and you teach us how weakness is a strength in our lives. During this season, you bring joy in the midst of sadness, wholeness in the midst of loss. Forgive us God for sometimes giving in to the temptation to believe that this season is about doing things and being busy rather than acknowledging your son's birth. Shape us through the power of your Holy Spirit to be like Christ. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, repeat after me:

No matter where we go,

All: No matter where we go,

One: No matter what we say,

All: No matter what we say,

One: No matter what we do,

All: No matter what we do,

One: God is with us.

All: God is with us.

One: God provides for us.

All: God provides for us.

One: God loves us.

All: God loves us.

One: We are forgiven.

All: We are forgiven. Amen!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

You are invited to bless those around you with the words, **"The peace of Christ be with you."** In response you may say **"And also with you!"** (You may pass the peace in the comments section.)

***RESPONSE** Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child (1x) #126

***APOSTLES CREED**

One: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

All: 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS
Old Testament Reading

Jan Letsos
Isaiah 9:2-7

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

SERMON "Bringing Home The Proverbial Bacon: The Incarnation"
Rev. Brett M Foote
New Testament Reading
Luke 2:1-20

***HYMN** O Little Town Of Bethlehem #121

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP & MISSION

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***RESPONSE** What Child Is This (vs.1)
What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Alex Sandor
#145

***PRAYER OVER OFFERING**

One: Let us bless these gifts.

All: Infant Christ, thank you for coming to this earth and blessing us. May we be a blessing to our neighbors and our community. May we always reach out our hands to you and our neighbor when we're in need. May we also always reach out to bless others when they are in need. Help us to elevate the voices of those who have been marginalized or hurt by the church. Help us to give of our time, talents, or treasures. May we represent your expansive justice and love. Send your powerful Spirit so we can connect with, serve, and care for each of our communities: Superior, Duluth, and even Bethlehem. We want others to know your "love that goes into the far country." Amen.

TIME FOR PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

CHRIST CANDLE LIGHTING

Matthias Family

***CLOSING HYMN**

Silent Night

#122

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

Alex Sandor

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onwards and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

NEW TESTAMENT 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 Saviour, 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 favours!'

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.

United Presbyterian Church Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY 12/24

8:45 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Morning Worship
10:15 AM Children's Church
7:30 PM Candle Light Service

MONDAY 12/25

Office Closed - Merry Christmas!

TUESDAY 12/26

Office Closed

WEDNESDAY 12/27

10 AM Crafters Group
2-6 PM CSA Pickup

THURSDAY 12/28

11 AM Dave Lehman Visitation
12 PM Dave Lehman Service
7 PM AA Meeting

FRIDAY 12/29

1 PM UPBeat Packing

SATURDAY 12/30

Birthdays This Week

12/28 Thomas Lisak
12/29 Christy Willmore
12/29 Creede McClellan

LOOKING AHEAD

January 1	Office Closed
January 2	UPBeat Mailing

DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN DONATE ONLINE?

At United Presbyterian Church, we offer many opportunities to give of yourself to glorify God. From signing up to volunteer to donating financially, if you'd like to support the mission and vision of the church you can do so at the following link:

<https://www.upc-superior.com/donate>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GET INVOLVED

There are plenty of ways to get involved here at United! Two great ways that are available year-round are to sign up to be a liturgist during our Sunday worship, or to host a coffee hour following the service. There are sign up sheets available at the back of the Narthex under the calendar!

NURSERY AVAILABILITY

Our nursery is open 15 minutes before the service begins for children who are newborn through 4 years old. Once checked in, your young ones can play in a safe environment during worship.

SECOND SUNDAY STUDENT DINNER

On Sunday, January 14th middle and high school students are invited to our Second Sunday Student Dinner! The dinner will take place at Laura and Brett's home at 6:30p. It will be a time to connect with one another, grow in our faith, and of course...fill our bellies! If you have any questions, reach out to Laura after the service or by emailing: lmfoote.upc@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER AT GREAT LAKES ELEMENTARY

United, we have an amazing opportunity to support our neighbor—Great Lakes Elementary! They are in need of adult volunteers to listen to children read. Support is needed for all grade levels at various times of the day, and will continue through the end of the school year. You can commit to visiting weekly or every other week. There will be a sign-up sheet in the bulletin on December 31st and on January 7th. Martine and Michele, from Great Lakes, will be visiting during the service on January 7th to share more. A passed background check is required to participate. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please reach out to Laura after the service or send an email to lmfoote.upc@gmail.com.

LET'S FILL THE PRIZE DRAWER!

A reward students receive for practicing their reading is a prize from the Prize Drawer. Let's show our care for our neighboring students and educators by filling the Prize Drawer! Please bring an item from the list to the church by January 7th. You can give your item to Laura or place it in the labeled box by the calendar in the narthex. We will give these prizes to Martine, who is an educator at Great Lakes, on January 7th when she visits! Here is a list of prize items to bring: stickers, suckers, squishies, trinkets, anything little, party favors, Jolly Ranchers, juice boxes, and Starbursts. Thank you everyone! It's the little things that often make a big difference.

HAT AND MITTEN TREE

The mission committee is now collecting hats and mittens for the mitten tree. Donations will be divided between the Headstart centers. Donations that are too big for pre-schoolers will be given to others who are in need.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

The envelopes are on the table in the back of the church. If you want envelopes and you were omitted, please contact Jan Letsos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPC COMMUNITY GARDEN THANKS

As of Wednesday, December 13, the UPC Community Garden's Seed-Money fundraising campaign had raised \$1355 (well over our \$1000 goal)! On top of the \$1355 we raised, we also received a \$200 grant for having reached and surpassed our goal! Many thanks to all those who donated to the campaign.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on January 28th following the service.

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH NEWS

You can join us for pickleball **Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 AM-12 PM**.

We hope to see you there!

Volleyball will be playing **every Sunday at 6 PM** unless there is an announcement stating otherwise!

There will be no pickleball or volleyball this week!

NEW YEARS PARTY

At Amnicon Lake, 4519 E Pleasant View Rd, Superior, WI 54880

New Years Eve – 7 PM - Midnight

If you are looking for friends and fun, come on over for sliding, ice fishing, skating, games, puzzles, and food!

New Years Day – Noon - ?

Fun, fun, and more fun! Games, outside ice time with boot hockey, bonfire, and food!

Contact Beth Lisak at 715-817-4861 if you have any questions or if you need a ride!

CURRENT COVID PROCEDURES

As of Friday, December 15th, Douglas County is at a Low COVID-19 Community Level. At this level, the Session-approved guidelines recommend that our community members stay up to date on vaccinations, mask in spaces with older folks and other potentially immunocompromised individuals, and stay home when sick.



We love having candlelight service, and we love you, but you getting dripped on with hot wax we don't love so much! Please be careful while handling the lit candles. If you see anyone that could use your help, please don't be afraid to reach out.

REMEMBERED

Ruth & Herb Bramel
Given by Ron and Bev Underdale

Bud and Virginia Hart
Given by Debbie Bergstrom and
Becky Kirk

Tim Bergstrom
Given by his Family

Lorraine and Marion Ellison
Given by an grateful congregation

Our parents, The Hechts and The Warnacks
Given by Dean & Cathy Hecht

Parents, Loyd and Goldie LeMieux
Given by Chuck and Sandy LeMieux

Parents, Emmanuel and Mary Olson, and
Sister, Debi Olson
Given by Chuck and Sandy LeMieux

Thomas and Dorothy Thompson
Given by Jim Thompson

Jim Larson
Given by Dolores Larson

George and Hazel Shaw
Given by Dianne Shaw and Bob Price

John and Agnes Price
Given by Dianne Shaw and Bob Price

Brother, Tom Jorgenson
Given by JoAnn Rush and Barb Ryan

Parents, Norman and Lillan Jorgenson
Given by JoAnn Rush and Barb Ryan

REMEMBERED

Clarence and E. Lois Lindberg
Given by Bob Lindberg

Lyle and Florence Maves
Given by Bob Lindberg

Loved ones that have passed away
Given by Tom and Bev Vosburgh

Dorothy Farmer, Sister/Sister in Law
Given by Tom and Phyllis Flaherty

David Piggott, Sister in Law
Given by Tom and Phyllis Flaherty

Parents of Tom and Phyllis Flaherty
Given by Tom and Phyllis Flaherty

Arlene Eaton
Given by The Lisak Family

John ("Jack") Eaton
Given by The Lisak Family

Ruth Thompson
Given by The Lisak Family

Jane and Randall Buckley
Given by The Buckleys and Dees

Son, Gregg J. Haugland
Given by Joan C. Haugland

Daughter, Debra Rogstead
Given by Joan C. Haugland

Husband, Dr. John Haugland
Given by Joan C. Haugland

REMEMBERED

Jim Larson
Given by Tim and Diane Schmitt

Joe Schmitt
Given by Tim and Diane Schmitt

Lorraine Wolff
Given by Tim and Diane Schmitt

HONORED

Son, John Pananen
Given by Cliff and Jackie Pananen

Daughter, Julia Pananen Barnes
Given by Cliff and Jackie Pananen

Sally Anderson
Given by Tim Anderson

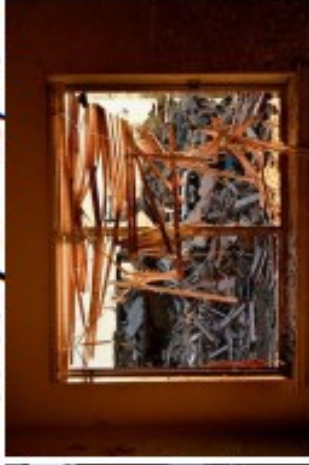
POINSETTIAS GIVEN TO
REMEMBER & HONOR OUR
LOVED ONES



Please Note the Change of Dates!

**Presbytery of Northern Waters
Madisonville, Kentucky Disaster Assistance Work Trip**

February 17 - 25, 2024



Why Volunteer to Assist the Madisonville Area? Last year Kentucky was hit by multiple large and devastating tornadoes. In the past, we've usually dealt primarily with water damage repair. Whole towns were destroyed by wind surrounding Madisonville and are in need of total rebuilding. We will be doing new builds this year.

Requirements: Must be at least 16 years old, be in good health, and have health insurance. Those under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Abilities: Experience is helpful but not necessary! Experience and/or a willingness to learn the following are needed: carpentry, construction, drywall, flooring, painting, siding, gutting, and roofing.

Accommodations and Transportation: We will be staying at First Christian Church of Madisonville. We will be provided with bunk beds or cots, a shower trailer, and a kitchen. RV hook ups are available at nearby campgrounds. Sleeping bags, linens, and towels will be needed. *The church can accommodate a maximum of 15 volunteers, so please register soon!* We will carpool down and back. The trip will take two days each way with an overnight stop at a hotel.

Cost: The total cost is approximately \$300 per person. A non-refundable deposit of \$125 per person should be included with your registration. We will ask the Presbytery of Northern Waters churches for contributions to further lower costs.

Registration and Deposit Directions: Please submit your registration form and a check payable to Presbytery of Northern Waters at 2501 Woodland Ave, Duluth, MN 55803. Please include on the memo line: Presbytery Mission Trip 2024. **Registration is due by December 31, 2023.**

Contacts: If you have any questions, please call Rev. Richard Blood at 218-343-4850, or Rev. Jim Deters at 720-530-1073. We will meet in mid-January for a pre-trip orientation session.

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2024 PDA Work Trip Registration Form

Name _____ Deposit _____

Address_____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing 112

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B \sharp (D) F (A7) C7 (D) F

1 On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re -
 3 When sin de - parts be - fore his grace, then life and
 4 All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the

(G) B \sharp (A) C (D) F (G) B \sharp

news the an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all
 deem - er made us glad; then why should we on
 health come in its place; when sin de - parts be -
 an - gels sing this night; all out of dark - ness

(D) F (A) C (D) F (G) B \sharp (A) C (D) F

Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the an - gels bring,
 earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er made us glad,
 fore his grace, then life and health comes in its place;
 we have light, which made the an - gels sing this night:

(A) C (Em) Gm (D) F (A) C

news of great joy, news of great mirth,
 when from our sin he set us free,
 heav - en and earth with joy may sing,
 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven;

(D) F (G) B \sharp (A) C (G) B \sharp (D) F

news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
 all for to gain our lib - er - ty?
 all for to see the new - born King.
 peace on earth and good - will. A - men!"

Jesus, Jesus, O What a Wonderful Child 126

Je - sus, Je - sus, O what a won - der - ful child.

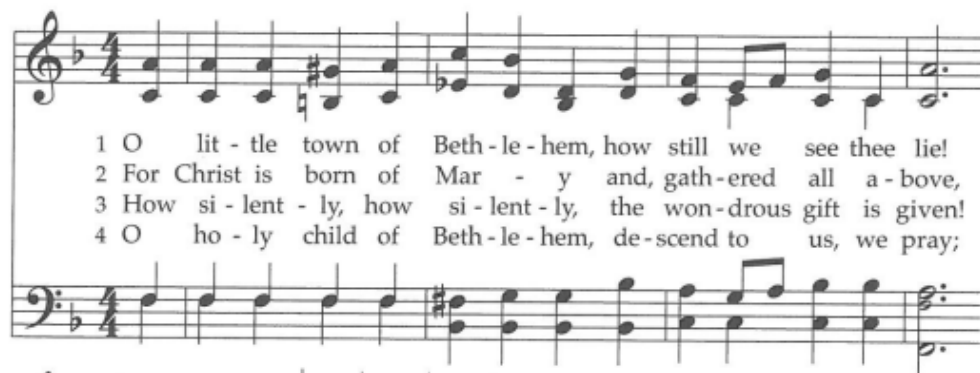
Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly, meek and mild;

new life, new hope the child will bring.

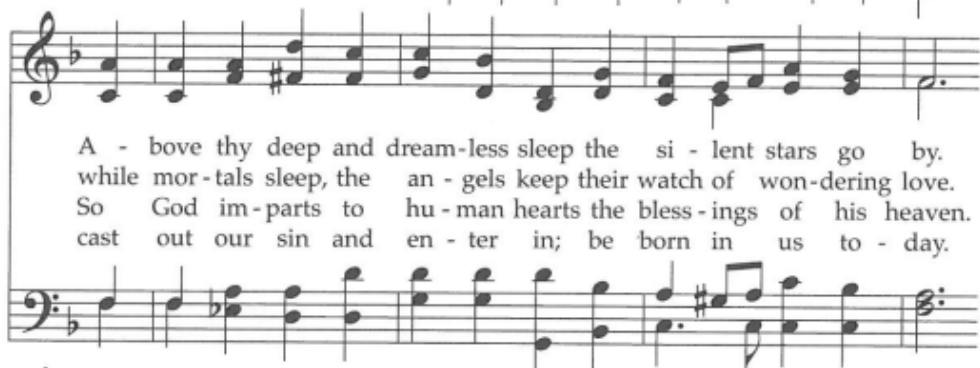
Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry,

glo - ry, glo - ry!" Let the heav - ens ring.

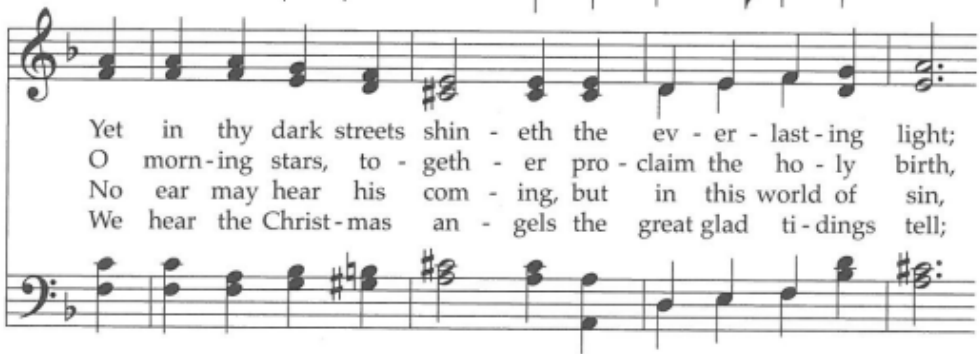
121 O Little Town of Bethlehem



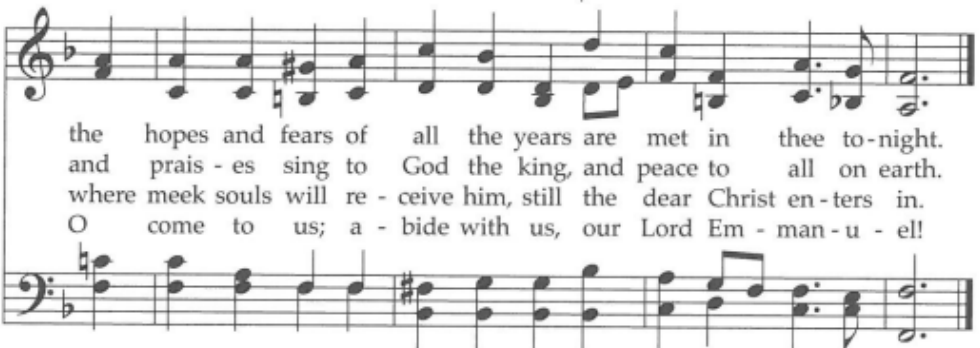
1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
 4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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.

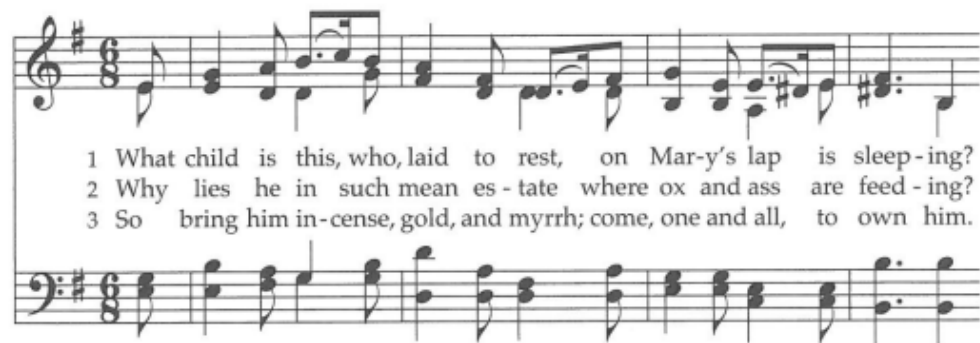


Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;

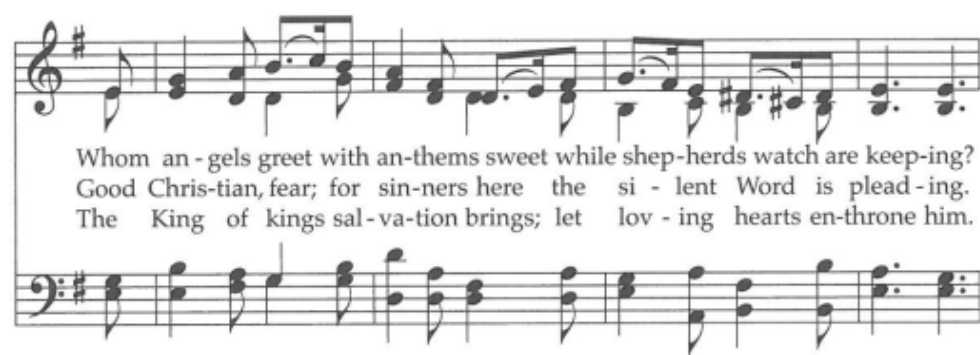


the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

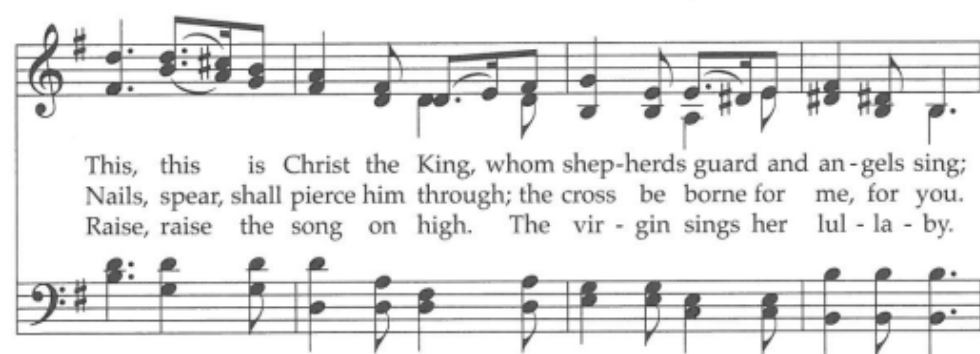
145 What Child Is This



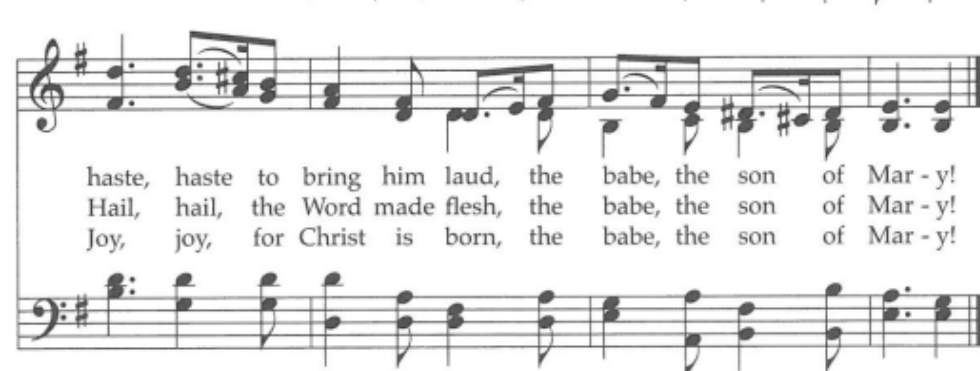
1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



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!

Silent Night, Holy Night! 122



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.