



Hershey Presbyterian
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA (PCA)

Christmas Eve
2015

Lessons & Carols

Tonight's service will be an adaptation of an 1880 Christmas Eve service by E. W. Benson in Truro, UK. His son, A. C. Benson recalled: "My father arranged from ancient sources a little service for Christmas Eve—nine carols and nine tiny lessons." Almost immediately other churches adapted the service for their own use. Each year the King's College Chapel of King's College, Cambridge broadcasts a traditional Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols service. During our service tonight, we will have seven lessons and carols in order to allow time for a brief homily on a biblical text.

Tonight's Cover Artwork: *Adoration of the Shepherds*, Rembrandt van Rijn; 1646; oil on canvas; 97 x 72 cm (38.19 x 28.35 in); Alte Pinakothek, Munich, Germany.

Prelude

Away in a Manger

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing

Murray/Kirkpatrick

Traditional Polish melody

Redner

German melody

Vaughan Williams

Welcome to this special service. We are very grateful to you for coming to share with us in this great occasion which is an act of worship for us here and for the millions who will gather tonight around the world. Please turn your cell phones so that they will not ring during the service. As you consider the Christmas message, we wish you a very Merry Christmas! We would like to invite you back on Sunday for our regular worship on Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Call to Worship: Beloved in Christ, this Christmas Eve let us prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even to Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger. Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience to the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise: "*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*" (Psalm 118:24)

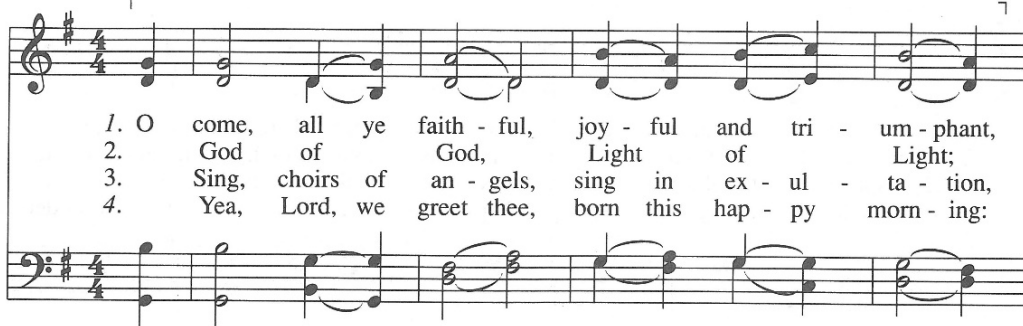
Once in Royal David's City

Hershey PCA Children

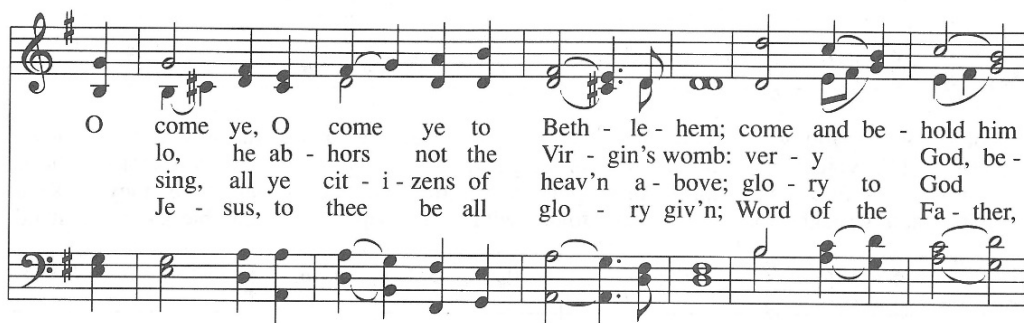
Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

*O Come, All Ye Faithful

Congregation

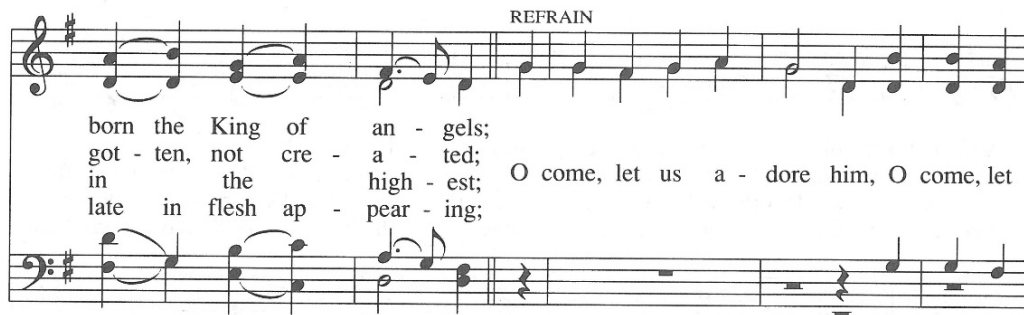


1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant,
 2. God of God, Light of Light;
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing:



O come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be - hold him
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y God, be -
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther,

REFRAIN



born the King of an - gels;
 got - ten, not cre - a - ted; O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
 in the high - est;
 late in flesh ap - pear - ing;



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

Lesson 1

Genesis 3:8-19

Michael & Cate Miller

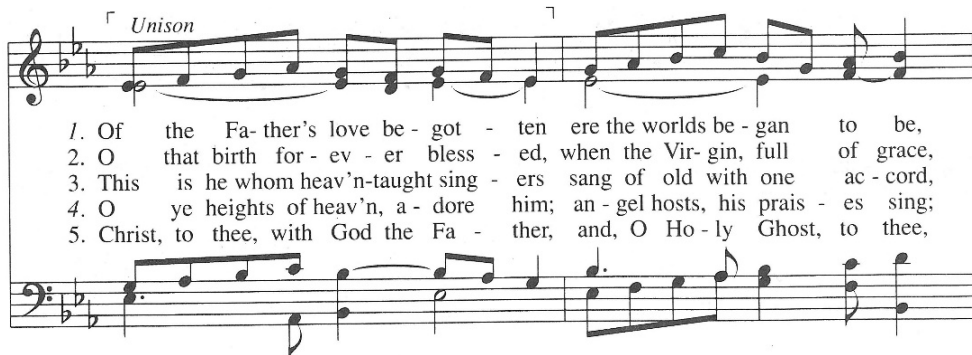
And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹ He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹² The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." ¹⁶ To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." ¹⁷ And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Lighting of the Four Advent Candles

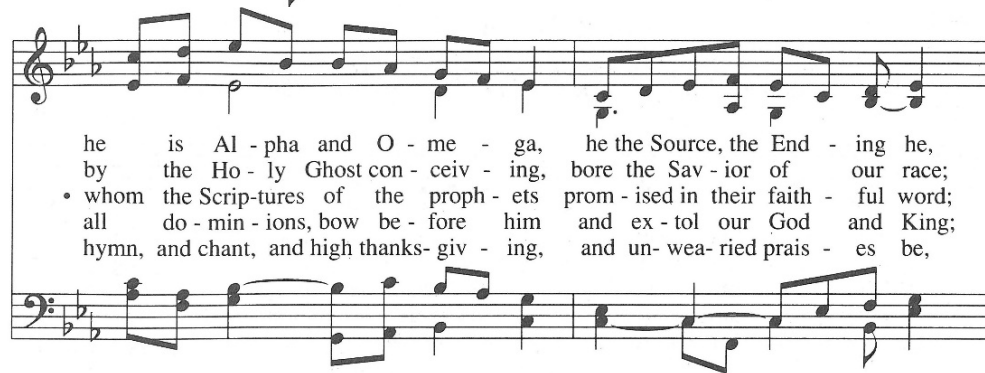
Of the Father's Love Begotten

Verses 1-3: Women's Ensemble; Verses 4-5: Congregation

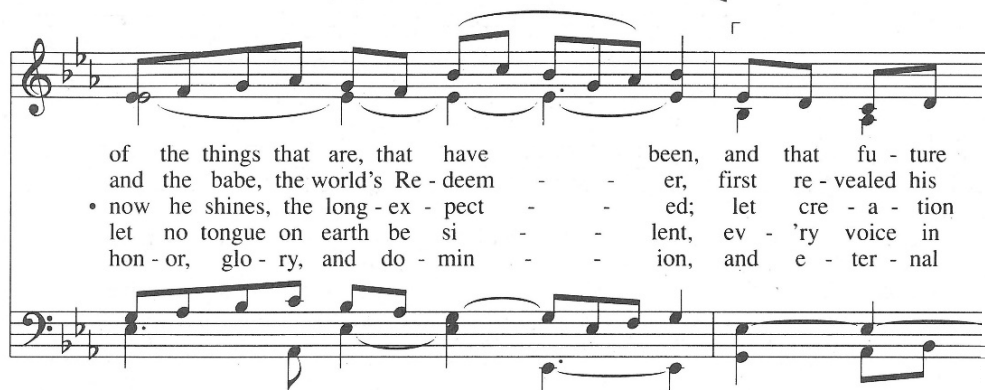
Unison



1. Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be - gan to be,
 2. O that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin, full of grace,
 3. This is he whom heav'n-taught sing - ers sang of old with one ac - cord,
 4. O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his prais - es sing;
 5. Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost, to thee,



he is Al - pha and O - me - ga, he the Source, the End - ing he,
 by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the Sav - ior of our race;
 • whom the Scrip-tures of the proph - ets prom - ised in their faith - ful word;
 all do - min - ions, bow be - fore him and ex - tol our God and King;
 hymn, and chant, and high thanks - giv - ing, and un - wea - ried prais - es be,



of the things that are, that have been, and that fu - ture
 and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his
 • now he shines, the long - ex - pect - ed; let cre - a - tion
 let no tongue on earth be si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 • praise its Lord, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 con - ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more!

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 Massing, 19th cent.
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Lesson 2

Genesis 22:13-18

Greg Moore

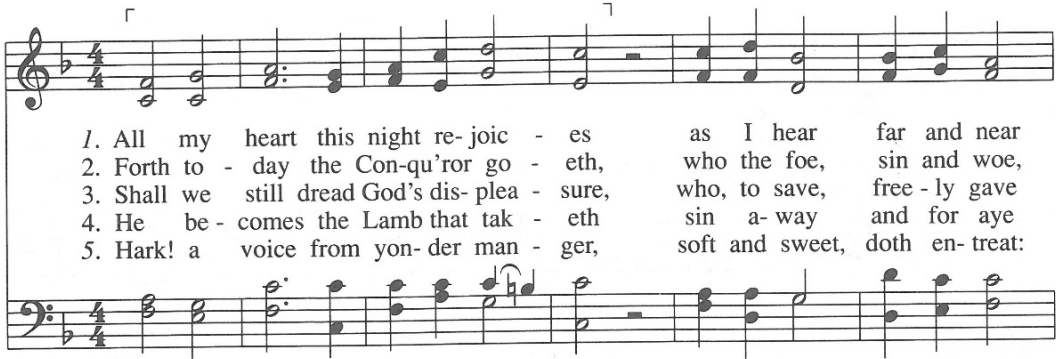
And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." ¹⁵ And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, declares the LORD, because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies, ¹⁸ and in your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Adoration of the Shepherds,
with the lamp
Rembrandt Harmensz. Van Rijn,
c. 1654, engraving
18.6 x 27.8 cm (7 5/16 x 19 15/16 in)
Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

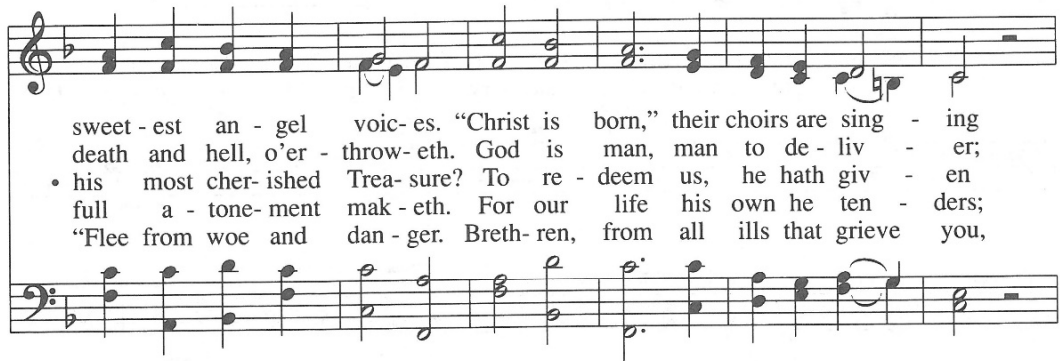


**All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

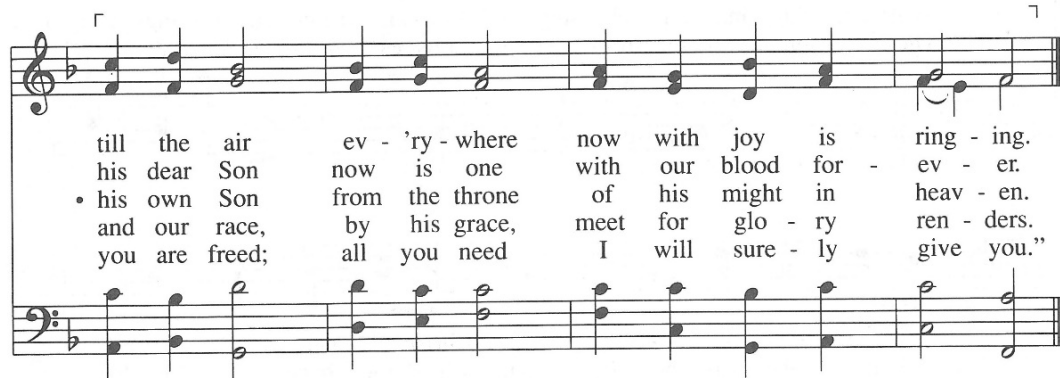
Congregation



1. All my heart this night re-joice - es as I hear far and near
 2. Forth to - day the Con-qu'ror go - eth, who the foe, sin and woe,
 3. Shall we still dread God's dis-plea - sure, who, to save, free - ly gave
 4. He be - comes the Lamb that tak - eth sin a - way and for aye
 5. Hark! a voice from yon - der man - ger, soft and sweet, doth en - treat:



sweet - est an - gel voice - es. "Christ is born," their choirs are sing - ing
 death and hell, o'er - throw - eth. God is man, man to de - liv - er;
 • his most cher - ished Treas - ure? To re - deem us, he hath giv - en
 full a - tone - ment mak - eth. For our life his own he ten - ders;
 "Flee from woe and dan - ger. Breth - ren, from all ills that grieve you,



till the air ev - 'ry - where now with joy is ring - ing.
 his dear Son now is one with our blood for - ev - er.
 • his own Son from the throne of his might in heav - en.
 and our race, by his grace, meet for glo - ry ren - ders.
 you are freed; all you need I will sure - ly give you."

6. Come, then, banish all your sadness,
 one and all, great and small;
 come with songs of gladness.
 Love him who with love is glowing;
 hail the star, near and far
 light and joy bestowing.

7. Dearest Lord, thee will I cherish.
 Though my breath fail in death,
 yet I shall not perish,
 but with thee abide forever
 there on high, in that joy
 which can vanish never.

Lesson 3

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Michael Kertland

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire....

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**Joy to the World! The Lord is Come*

Congregation

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

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - 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,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Evening Prayer

We pray tonight for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build, and especially.

In particular, we pray tonight for our Nation, our Commonwealth, and all those in Derry Township, along with the ongoing work of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), her churches, missionaries, and partners in ministry throughout the world.

At this time, we also remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed; the sick in body and in mind and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; those retired ministers and their widows who have served the gospel throughout life; all who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his Holy Spirit.

Lastly we give thanks to God for all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises we humbly offer up to the One who sits on heaven's throne, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Lesson 4

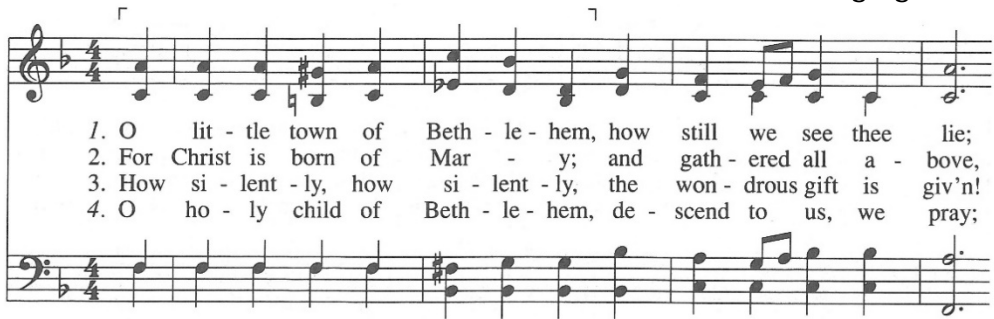
Luke 1:26-28

Glenda Trumpower

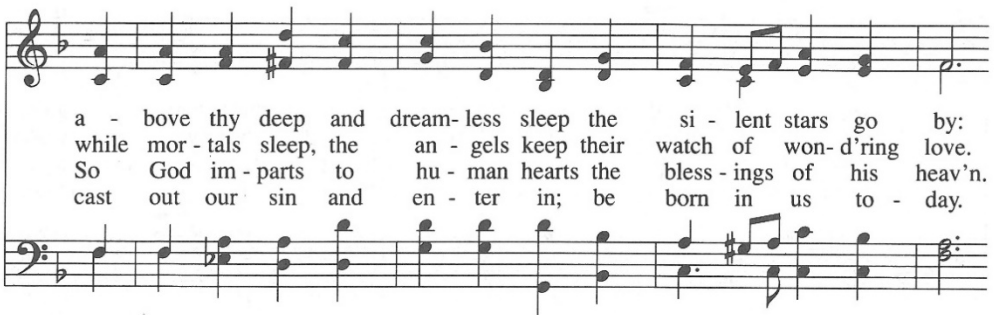
In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"

**O Little Town of Bethlehem*

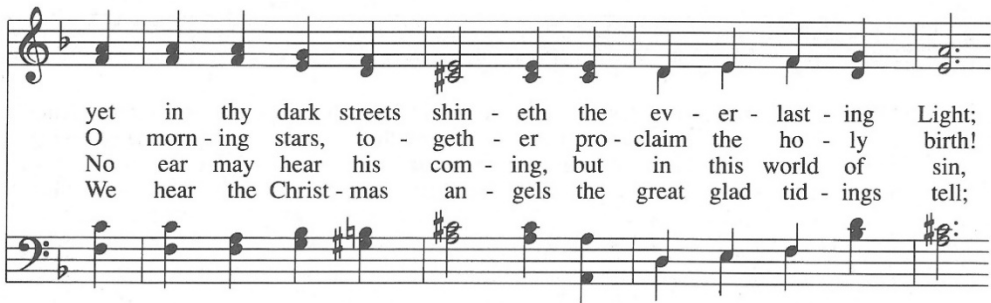
Congregation



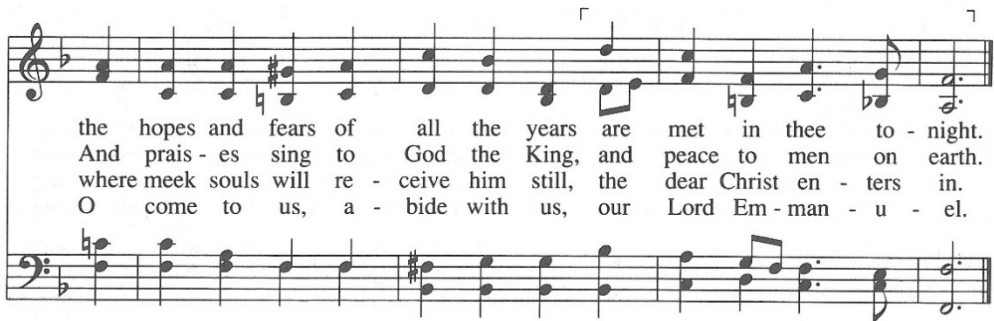
1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



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 - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 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 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.

Lesson 5

Luke 2:1-7

Diane Kanode

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴ And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵ to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶ And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Lighting of the Center Candle



The Nativity

Albrecht Dürer, 1504, engraving

Overall: 18.6 x 27.8 cm (7 5/16 x 19 15/16 in)

Rosewald Collection

National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC

*Away in a Manger

Congregation

Capo 3: Unison F(D)

1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes;
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with thee there.

Chords: F(D), Dm(Bm), Gm(Em), C(A), F(D), G(E), G7(E7), C(A), F(D), Am(F#m), D(B), Gm(Em), C7(A7), F(D)

Lesson 6

Luke 2:8-20

Pastor David Kertland

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. ¹⁰ And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹² And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" ¹⁵ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Evening Meditation:

"The Promised One has Come!"

**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Congregation

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. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteous-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, 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,
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.
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

REFRAIN

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

Lesson 7

Luke 2:21-32

Michael Kitchens

And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. ²² And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. ²⁷ And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸ he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹ “Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹ that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.”

Candle Lighting

As we see the light of the candles spread throughout the dark gym, we are reminded of Jesus, the Light of the world. He has called his followers to illuminate the world as we take his gospel to all nations.

Safety concern: To prevent dripping and damage to furniture and flooring, we ask that lit candles always be kept **vertical**. Let the person next to you put their unlit candle into your flame. **Parents must assist** and/or closely supervise any child with a candle. Please extinguish the flame immediately following tonight’s benediction. Thank you.

*Silent Night! Holy Night!

Congregation

Capo 1: Γ B $\flat$ (A)

1. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright round yon
 2. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep- herds quake at the sight! Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light; with the

vir - gin moth - er and child. Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav - en a - far, heav'n - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing al - le - lu - ia to our King;

sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!

Chords: Γ F 7 (E 7) B $\flat$ (A) E $\flat$ (D) B $\flat$ (A) Γ F 7 (E 7) B $\flat$ (A) Γ

Joseph Mohr, 1818
Tr. ca. 1850

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Franz Gruber, 1818

*Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14

*"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all."*

Amen.

Postlude

While by the Sheep We Watched at Night

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The Adoration of the Shepherds

From the Studio of Rembrandt van Rijn, Anonymous artist, pen and brown ink with gray-brown wash

Overall: 18.6 x 27.8 cm (7 5/16 x 19 15/16 in)

Widener Collection; National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; 1942.9.660; Open Access.

*Congregation standing



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

The King and Head of the Church: Jesus Christ
Ministers of the gospel: All our members

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Tonight's Service Information

- 1) **Thank you** to all our participants in tonight's service!
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