

# PARKWAY

## BAPTIST CHURCH

“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed.  
For he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.” (Luke 1:46-49, ESV)

# Order of Service

December 14, 2025

*We gather this morning to praise our gracious Father, worship in the Spirit, and rejoice in the Resurrection of the Son, as we journey through Advent.*

## Gathering

Prelude

The Ordinance of Baptism

## Revelation

Welcome and Prayer of Praise

## Adoration

Carol

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

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“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”\*

## Confession

Scripture Reading

Hannah’s Prayer: I Samuel 2:1-10

Pastoral Prayer of Confession

*(Children in Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade participating in KidZone should exit after prayer)*

## Assurance

Carol

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

Hymn

“Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me”

Prayer of Thanksgiving/Supplication

Choral Response

“O Holy Night”

## Proclamation

**Luke 1:46-56**

“Joy”

*The Third Sunday of Advent*

## Communion

The Ordinance of the Lord’s Supper

Carol

“What Child Is This”

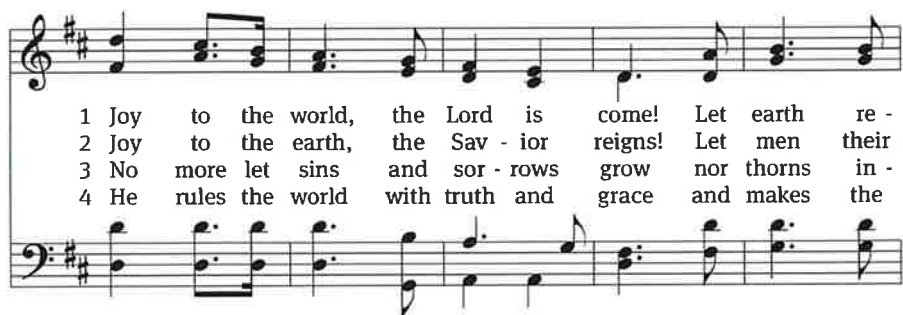
\* Our acolyte, Zoey Lau, will light the “Joy” candle during this carol.

Preacher: Pastor Cheston Pickard

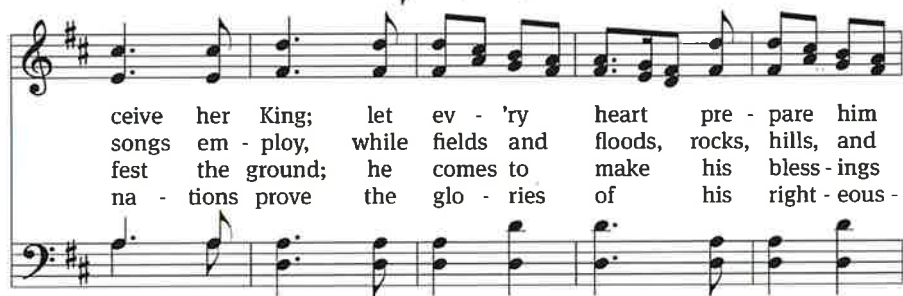
Service Leaders: Drs. Ken Jeffs and John Francis

# Carol

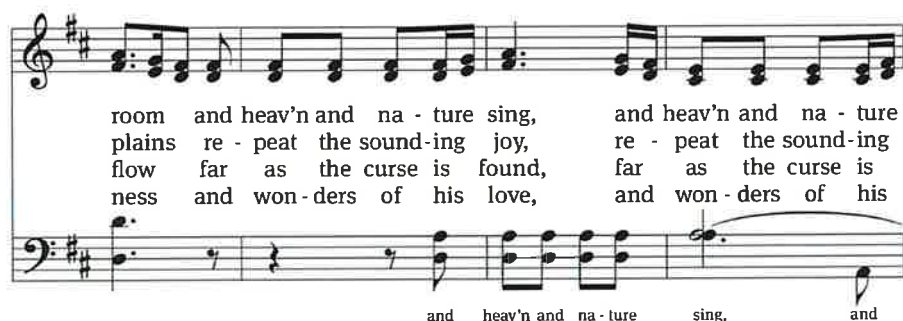
# Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous -



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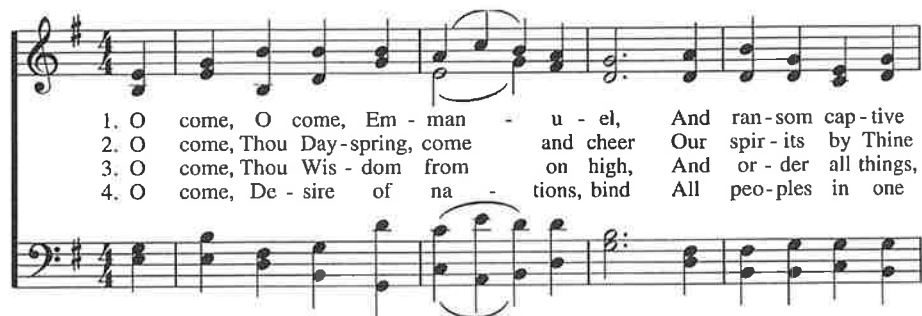
and heav'n and na - ture sing, and



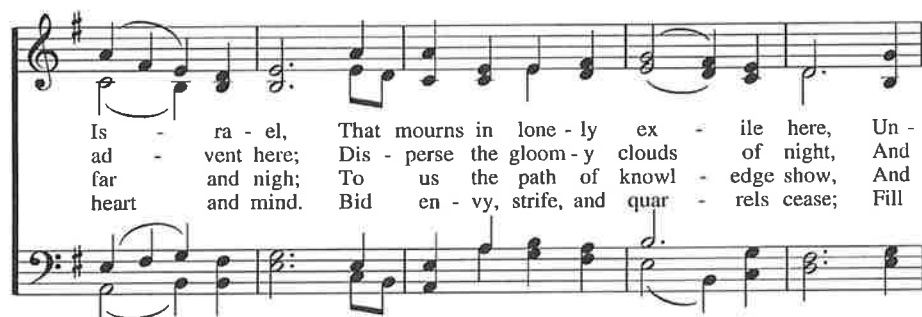
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

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1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran-som cap-tive  
 2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by Thine  
 3. O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der all things,  
 4. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo-ples in one

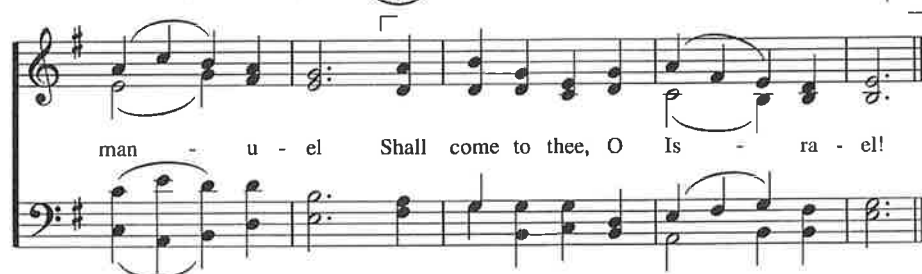


Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -  
 ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And  
 far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And  
 heart and mind. Bid en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill

*Chorus*



til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight, Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -  
 cause us in her ways to go.  
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

And Hannah prayed and said,  
"My heart exults in the Lord;  
    my horn is exalted in the Lord.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
    because I rejoice in your salvation.

"There is none holy like the Lord:  
    for there is none besides you;  
    there is no rock like our God.  
Talk no more so very proudly,  
    let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
    and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken,  
    but the feeble bind on strength.  
Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
    but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger.  
The barren has borne seven,  
    but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The Lord kills and brings to life;  
    he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
    he brings low and he exalts.  
He raises up the poor from the dust;  
    he lifts the needy from the ash heap  
to make them sit with princes  
    and inherit a seat of honor.  
For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,  
    and on them he has set the world.

"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
    but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness,  
    for not by might shall a man prevail.  
The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces;  
    against them he will thunder in heaven.  
The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;  
    he will give strength to his king  
    and exalt the horn of his anointed."



1. In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2. Heav - en can - not hold Him, nor earth sus - tain;  
 3. An - gels and arch - an - gels may have gath - ered there,  
 4. What can I give Him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when He comes to reign:  
 cher - u - bim and ser - aph - im thronged the air;  
 If I were a shep - herd, I would bring a lamb;

snow had fal - len, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed the  
 but His moth - er on - ly, in her maid - en bliss,  
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet

in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 Lord God in - car - nate, Je - sus Christ.  
 wor - shiped the Be - lov - ed with a kiss.  
 what I can I give Him: give my heart.

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er, There is no more  
 2. The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en, For by my side,  
 3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, The fu - ture sure,  
 4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For he has said

for hea - ven now to give; He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom,  
 the Sav - ior he will stay; I la - bor on in weak - ness and rej - oic - ing,  
 the price it has been paid; For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don,  
 that he will bring me home; And day by day I know he will re - new me,

My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I hold,  
 For in my need, his pow - er is dis - played. To this I hold,  
 And he was raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I hold,  
 Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold,

my hope is on - ly Je - sus, For my life is whol - ly bound to his; Oh how  
 my Shep - herd will de - fend me, Through the deep - est val - ley he will lead; Oh the  
 my sin has been de - fea - ted, Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea; Oh the  
 my hope is on - ly Je - sus, All the glo - ry ev - er - more to him; When the

strange and di - vine, I can sing; all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;  
it is the night of the dear Savior's birth.  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!  
O night divine! O night when Christ was born!  
O night divine! O night, O night divine!

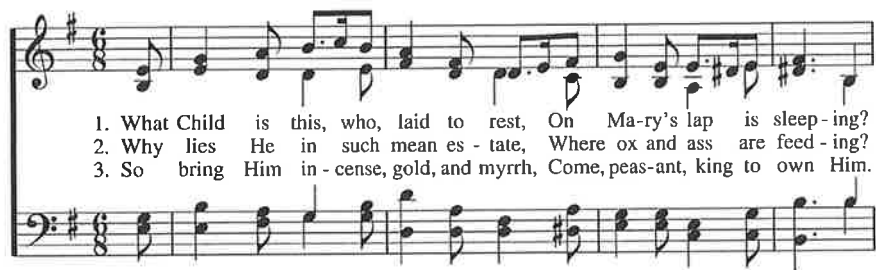
Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace.  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
and in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
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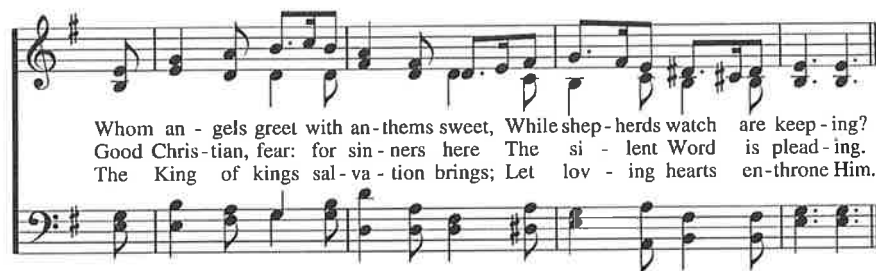
Power and glory forever proclaim  
Blessing and honor, we sing to Your name  
You are holy, holy, holy.





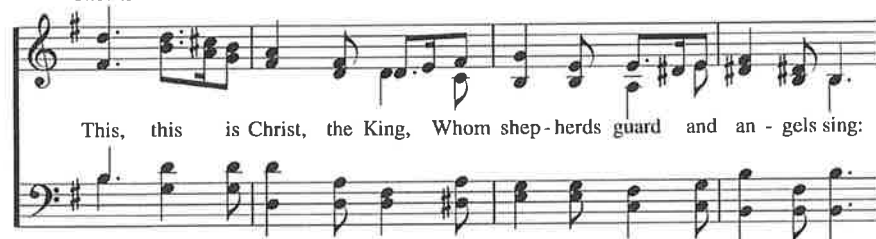


1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where ox and ass are feed-ing?  
 3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peas-ant, king to own Him.

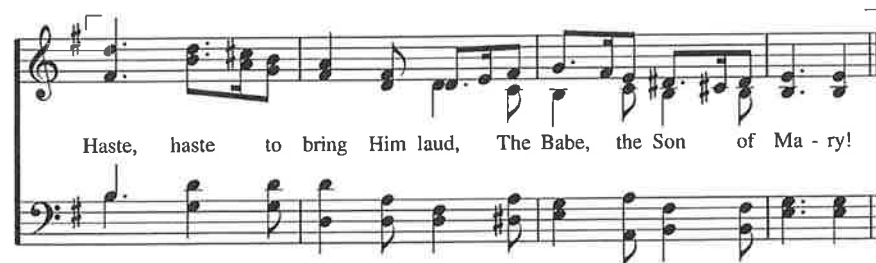


Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Good Chris-tian, fear: for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en-throne Him.

## Chorus



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



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

# Announcements

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<b>Today</b>	Community Christmas Concerts at 3pm and 6pm.
<b>Next Sunday</b>	Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9am Morning Service is at 10:30am; our sermon is on Luke 2:8-20.
<b>December 24</b>	Christmas Eve Service at 5pm
<b>General Info</b>	<b>“How do I get involved at Parkway?”</b> For starters, join us at the next Membership Matters class to learn more about what it means to be a member of Parkway Baptist Church. Our next Membership Matters class is <b>Sunday, February 1, at 9am.</b>

**For Children:** We are thrilled you brought your children to our service. Feel free to worship together as a family. We also have **ETC** for ages birth-4 and **KidZone Worship** for Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade. If needed, we have a fully equipped private Mother's Room with access to our live stream of service.

**Events:** Visit [www.parkwaybaptist.net/events](http://www.parkwaybaptist.net/events) to view and register for events at Parkway.



**Giving:** You may continue to worship God through tithes and offerings. Your generous financial partnership helps Parkway to fulfill Christ's mission of making disciples in our community and world. You may drop your gifts in the boxes near the middle doors as you exit. You can also give at [www.parkwaybaptist.net/give](http://www.parkwaybaptist.net/give) or by scanning the QR code.

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