



Transforming Lives in the Love of Jesus Christ

December 28, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday after Christmas

The asterisk() indicates for you to stand, only if you are able.*

GATHERING

(As we gather, please take this time to prepare your heart for worship.)

GATHERING WORSHIP

Praise Band

PASTORAL GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST KIDS' ARTWORK CORNER

*The wisemen gave physical gifts to the baby Jesus, but they also took time to travel and visit Jesus.
Who could you visit and share the gift of time with this Christmas season?*

MEDITATION

Gregory of Nyssa

"Today the darkness begins to grow shorter and the light to lengthen, as the hours of night become fewer.... Realize that the true light is now here and, through the rays of the gospel, is illumining the whole earth."

PRELUDE

"He Is Born"

arr. D.E. Hakes
Laudate Ringers

ENTRANCE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is with us as a new year begins.

People: We bring our bright possibilities and lingering questions.

Leader: Like Mary and Joseph, may we trust God guiding us forward.

People: We bring open hearts and discerning minds.

Leader: Like God did for Jesus and his family, may God make a home for us.

People: We bring our relationships and stories, knowing God is in them.

All: May we always pay attention to where God is showing up in our lives.

*OPENING HYMN

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

No. 238

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, your guidance calls us out of comfortable spaces into the unknown. Those comfortable spaces seem safe, but you know they limit our possibility. Help us to trust in you, to seek you out, to turn to you in every moment with every thing. May you continue to come among us, shaking up our lives and shaking up the world. Amen.

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (11:00)

For children 4 years to 5th grade. At this time, they can exit through the back of the sanctuary where they will participate in scripture, a children's sermon, prayers, and offering together. Children can be picked up in the preschool hallway following the service.

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 2:13-23

readers, Anna Shelton (8:30) & David Landolt (11:00)

Reader: This is the Word of God for us.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

ImPossible: "God Found in Impossible Places"

Rev. Zachary Hopple

HYMN

"That Boy-Child of Mary"

No. 241

RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT TIME OF CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

*THE PEACE - *Let us offer signs of peace, reconciliation, and love with one another.*

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

MISSION MOMENT

UMCOR Cleaning Buckets

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND PRAYERS TO GOD+

Tithes, offerings, and gifts can be made electronically or mailed to the church office. If you are joining us virtually, please take this opportunity to sign-in on our website.

OFFERTORY

"Silent Night, Holy Night"

arr. D. Wood

Katie Campbell, organ

Please use this time for personal reflection as we consider how we can give of ourselves back to God.

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERING PRAYER

*THE 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

No. 15

In the tradition of Wesley's "singing communion", we invite you to sing the following hymns:

No. 228 "**He Is Born**", No. 229 "**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**", No. 223 "**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**"

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

No. 251

*DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

arr. G. Young

Katie Campbell, organ

Use this time to reflect on the service as you prepare your heart for a week with Jesus, or take this time to exit the sanctuary and take the love of Jesus wherever you go.

Please Be In Prayer For...(*indicates newly added):

Dale Nice

Barb Tibbits

Carol Wynne

The family of Mike Reino

Liturgist: 8:30 - Jill Benchouk

11:00 - Haruka Weir

Nursery Adults: 8:30 - Becky Wagner, Kristi Weatherwax

9:45 - _____, Kristi Weatherwax

11:00 - Justin Krol, Diane Bresser

Children's Worship: _____

Preparing for Worship Use the week's liturgical scriptures and questions to help prepare you for worship. Next week's are available if you want to look ahead.

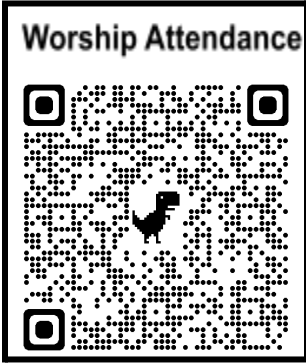
This week's: Isa 63:7-9; Ps 148 (UMH 861); Heb 2:10-18; Matt 2:13-23

Worship Question: How will you bring the hope, peace, joy and love of this season into the new year?

Next week's: Jer 31:7-14; Ps 147:12-20 (UMH 859); Eph 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Worship Question: When did you first realize who God was?

Welcome to Worship



Members, Regular Attendees, and Visitors: please scan the QR code or fill out the attendance slip to record your attendance. Slips may be placed in the offering plates or the basket by the Sanctuary entrance.

First Time Visitors: Please complete a blue "CONNECT" card in the pew rack in front of you; it may be given to the usher or placed in the offertory plates. We invite you to pick up a Welcome Packet at the Welcome Table before you leave.

Children are welcome to stay in worship with you. Additionally, Christ UMC offers a **staffed nursery** for children ages birth through 4 years old during the 8:30 and 11 am worship services in room 130, in the preschool hallway. An **unstaffed space**, in rooms 120-122 across from the cafe, is available in case you need a quiet place to rock your

child or some space to move around. The worship service is broadcasted through a speaker. If you have special needs or need help locating any of these spaces, please see one of our ushers.

CHRIST KIDS' ARTWORK CORNER



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Contact Us!

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See our full staff list on our website. Click on "Meet our Staff."

A special thank you to all who help make the worship services possible!!

+Electronic Giving is an easy way to ensure that your gifts are reaching the church even when you cannot be present yourself. Visit our church website (www.cumclansdale.org) and click the "Donate" tab in the left column to set up your online giving. You are also welcome to mail your offering to the church.

++If you have a prayer request you can email it to the prayer chain (prayers@cumclansdale.org) or directly to the pastor.

+++To hear the sermon again or to listen to any sermons you may have missed, please visit our website and click "Sermon Audio", under the "[Online Worship](#)" tab.

Sign up for Weekly Emails: please visit our website and click "Events & Sign-ups" look for "CUMC EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENT LIST SIGN UP".

Announcements

For more detailed information of each event check out our weekly emails or www.cumclansdale.org under Events/Sign Ups and Upcoming Events. The QR code will take you directly to the page.

- **Christ's Kids Volunteers** - We are looking for leaders ages 18+ to serve in our nursery ministry once a month. Volunteering is fun, rewarding, and flexible! Contact Pastor Tawny if you're interested!
- **Church Office Holiday Schedule** - Please note that the church office will be operating on a holiday schedule this week and will be closed on the following dates: Dec. 25-28, Jan. 1, Jan. 3-4.
- **Seasonal VBC Needs** - If you are still cleaning up from gift-wrapping and the holiday hubbub, don't toss those empty wrapping paper tubes! We're collecting them now for our Vacation Bible Camp crafts this July. Set them aside and drop them off at the church office any time this season. We also will be collecting long tissue boxes. Thank you for thinking ahead and giving these simple items a second life in ministry!
- **Giving envelopes available for pick-up** - Giving envelopes are available for pick up on the table in the narthex! Please stop by and pick up your envelopes. If you would like envelopes but do not have them, please contact Alice Neil at amneil@verizon.net or speak to someone in the church office.
- **Manna Food Drive TODAY, Dec. 28th** - 8 AM - 12 PM in the narthex. Most immediate needs: Flour, Sugar, Baking Powder, Baking Soda, Cereal, Soup, Tomato Sauce (for pasta), Asian Noodles, Hygiene Products, Dried Fruit, Canned Meats, Condiments, Rice Sides, Pasta Sides, Granola/Breakfast Bars, White/Brown Rice, Raisins
- **Mission of the Month** - Nov. MOTM: Heifer International, \$2673. Dec. MOTM: Code Blue Lansdale

Who is in the Lobby: Giving envelope pick up, Manna Food Drive

Upcoming Events:

Sun 12/28: Manna Food Drive, Christmas Sweater Day

Wed 12/31: New Year's Eve

Thurs 1/1: New Year's Day, Church Office Closed

Mon 1/5: Staff Mtg, Regular Church Office Schedule Resumes

Thurs 1/8: Stitching Sisters, SWC After-Christmas Dinner, Cooking for Manna, Board of Trustees Mtg

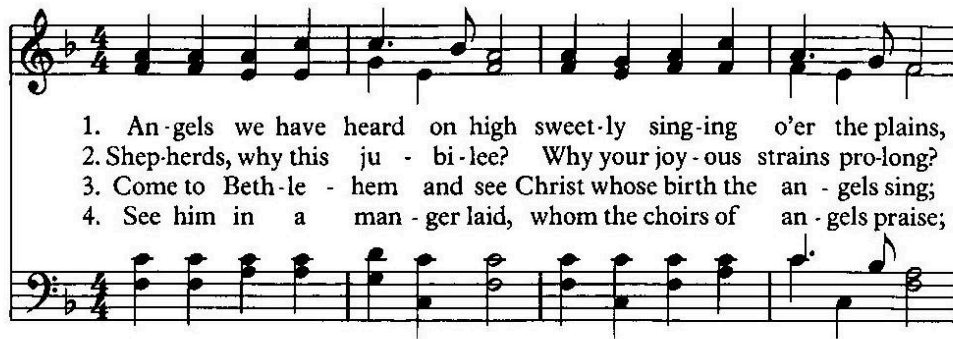
150th Anniversary Events



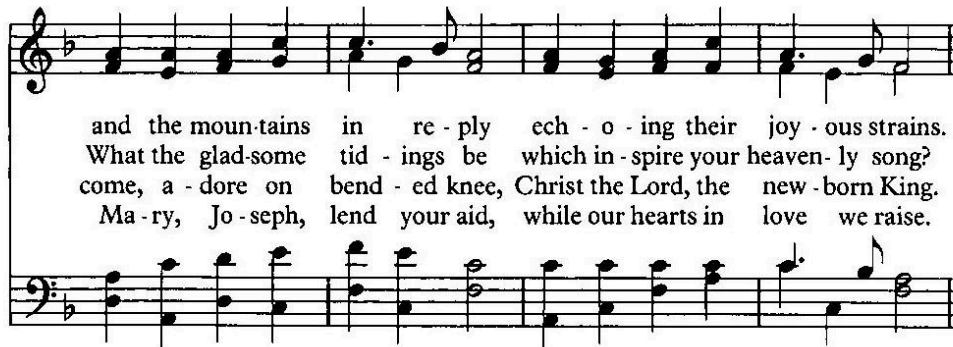
150th Anniversary Tumblers will be available in the office while supplies last.

Thank you for your support and participation for ALL of our 150th Anniversary events!! It was a joy to celebrate with all of you as we honored the legacy of our church, the church that you help contribute to today, and the future yet to come! May God bless you throughout the rest of 2025 and beyond as we continue to transform lives in the love of Jesus Christ!

238 Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju-bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth-le-hem and see Christ whose birth the an-gels sing;
 4. See him in a man-ger laid, whom the choirs of an-gels praise;

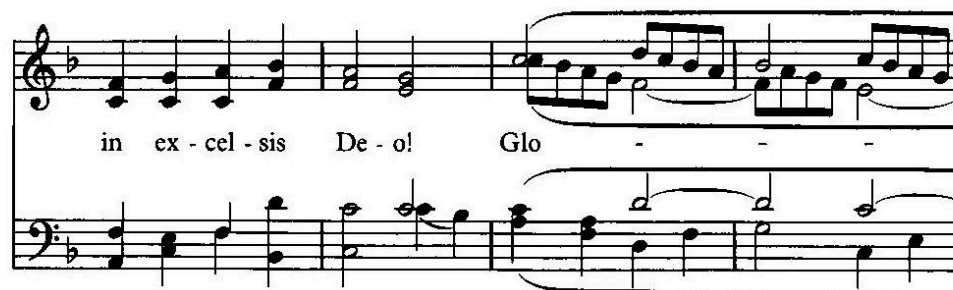


and the moun-tains in re-ply ech-o-ing their joy-ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid-ings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
 come, a-dore on bend-ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
 Ma-ry, Jo-seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain



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BIRTH AND BAPTISM

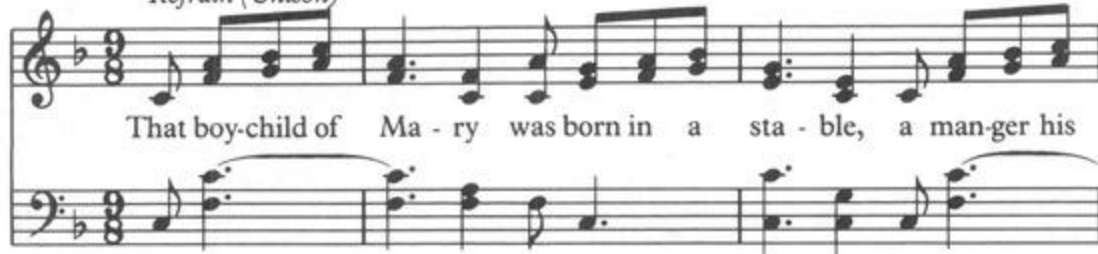


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That Boy-Child of Mary

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Refrain (Unison)



Fine



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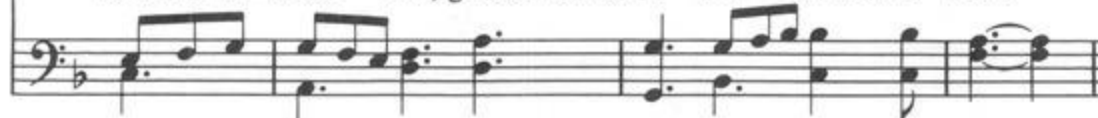
1. What shall we call him,
2. His name is Je - sus,
3. How can he save us,
4. Gift of the Fa - ther,
5. One with the Fa - ther,
6. Glad-ly we praise him,



D.C.



child of the man - ger? What name is giv - en in Beth-le - hem?
 God ev - er with us, God giv-en for us in Beth-le - hem.
 how can he help us, born here a - mong us in Beth-le - hem?
 to hu-man moth - er, makes him our broth-er of Beth-le - hem.
 he is our Sav - ior, heav-en-sent help - er of Beth-le - hem.
 love and a - dore him, give our-selves to him of Beth-le - hem.



WORDS: Tom Colvin, 1969 (Lk. 2:7)
 MUSIC: Trad. Malawi melody; adapt. by Tom Colvin, 1969

BLANTYRE
 Irr.

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Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;

Fine

go, tell it on the moun-tain, that Je-sus Christ is born.

1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled, when lo! a-bove the earth,
3. Down in a low-ly man-ger the hum-ble Christ was born,

D.C.

be-hold through-out the heav-ens there shown a ho-ly light.
rang out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed the Sav-ior's birth.
and God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

WORDS: John W. Work, Jr., 1907 (Lk. 2:8-20)
MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by
William Farley Smith, 1986

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN
Irr. with Refrain