

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM 2021



*The
Word
became
flesh and made
his dwelling among us.*

John 1:14

Prelude

Call to Worship– Children’s Choir

The Angels Were Singing-Gilpin

Immanuel Draws Near-Houts

Advent Celebration-Patterson

Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We continue this season of waiting by lighting the third candle, anticipating the light of the star that shone over Bethlehem for all to see.

Wondrous God, we open ourselves to hear your call today to become those who not only see the joy all around us, but can also be joy, and bring joy, to all around us—in our lives, our families, our communities, and our world.

Fill us with your peace and light,
make the world so calm and bright. **Amen.**



Gathering Carol

O Little Town of Bethlehem



O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove
How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!



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.



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,



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 the earth!
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835–1893
Music: ST. LOUIS, Lewis H. Redner, 1831–1908

Octagon Kids

*Baby Jesus We Love You
We Are The Angels
There Was A Little Baby
Away In The Manger*



Children's Christmas Program

**Narrators: Drew Cramer, Jaxon Stover, Derek Cramer,
Alexys Caylor, Adaelyn Caylor, Graci Westerheide**

Joseph-TJ Gross

Mary-Riley Weisman

Donkey-Jake Kaiser

Innkeeper's Wife-Nora Lehman

Innkeeper-Cole Buening

**Shepherds-Cameron Buening, Chase Schwartz, Reese
Russell, Will Trisel**

Angels-Lily Russell, Kinley Lehman

Sheep-Jenessa Gross

**Kings-Caleb Zizelman, Austin Kellermeyer, Bradley
Gregor**

Cows-Martha Jutte, Brynn Lehman

Rooster-Weston Weisman

Hen-Regan Neiberg

**Soloists-Nathan Peterson, Abby Bollenbacher, Hadley
Stover, Kinley Lehman, and Adelyn Caylor**

Children's Choir Director: Cindy Wendel
W.O.W Directors: Jenelle Gross & Cindy Wendel
Pianist for Children's Choir: Kay Klopfleisch
Costumes Coordinator: Cheryl Heindel



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king;
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all you nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn king!"

Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.



O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him,
born the king of angels:

Refrain

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Joy to the World

- 4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.



Children's Sermon

Prayers

Light of the World,

Shine your healing light into the faithful, who lift their voices in praise, who exalt their God, who live in perpetual hope for a world in need of your saving grace.

Shine your light, we pray, that we might reflect it to all we meet.

Shine your healing light around the world, nation by nation, offering insight and wisdom for leaders and for those who would seek justice and peace for all.

Shine your light, we pray, that we might reflect it to all we meet.

Shine your healing light through those who are suffering, who long for vindication or wholeness or both, restoring them to community and to fullness of life.

Shine your light, we pray, that we might reflect it to all we meet.

Light of the World, shine your healing light in and around and through the ties that connect us to you and to one another, that we might understand our connectedness and live accordingly.

In the name of Christ we pray,
Amen

Offering

The offering is received.

Offertory:

Please stand and sing as the offering is brought forward:

He Came Down



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;

4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;



he came down that we may have love;

hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

he came down that we may have joy;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

Offering Prayer

Lord of Christmas, We are mindful of the supreme gift that you gave us in a manger at Bethlehem. Humbly we offer our gifts of service and possessions in joyful thanksgiving for the love you have shown us. Accept these gifts for the sake of your Son who was born to us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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 and ever. Amen

Blessing

Go now and rejoice in the Lord always.
Do not be afraid or worried about anything,
but in everything trust God and pray.
Bear fruits worthy of repentance,
sharing what you have and being gentle with all.

And may God rejoice over you with gladness;
May Christ Jesus renew you in his love;
and may the Holy Spirit give you peace beyond understanding
to guard your hearts and minds in Christ.

Sending Song

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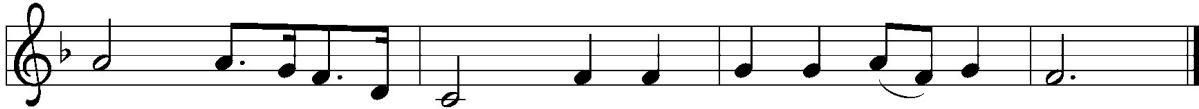


Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



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



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 lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;

Refrain



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

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

Dismissal

Go in Peace to serve and love the Newborn King.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude





