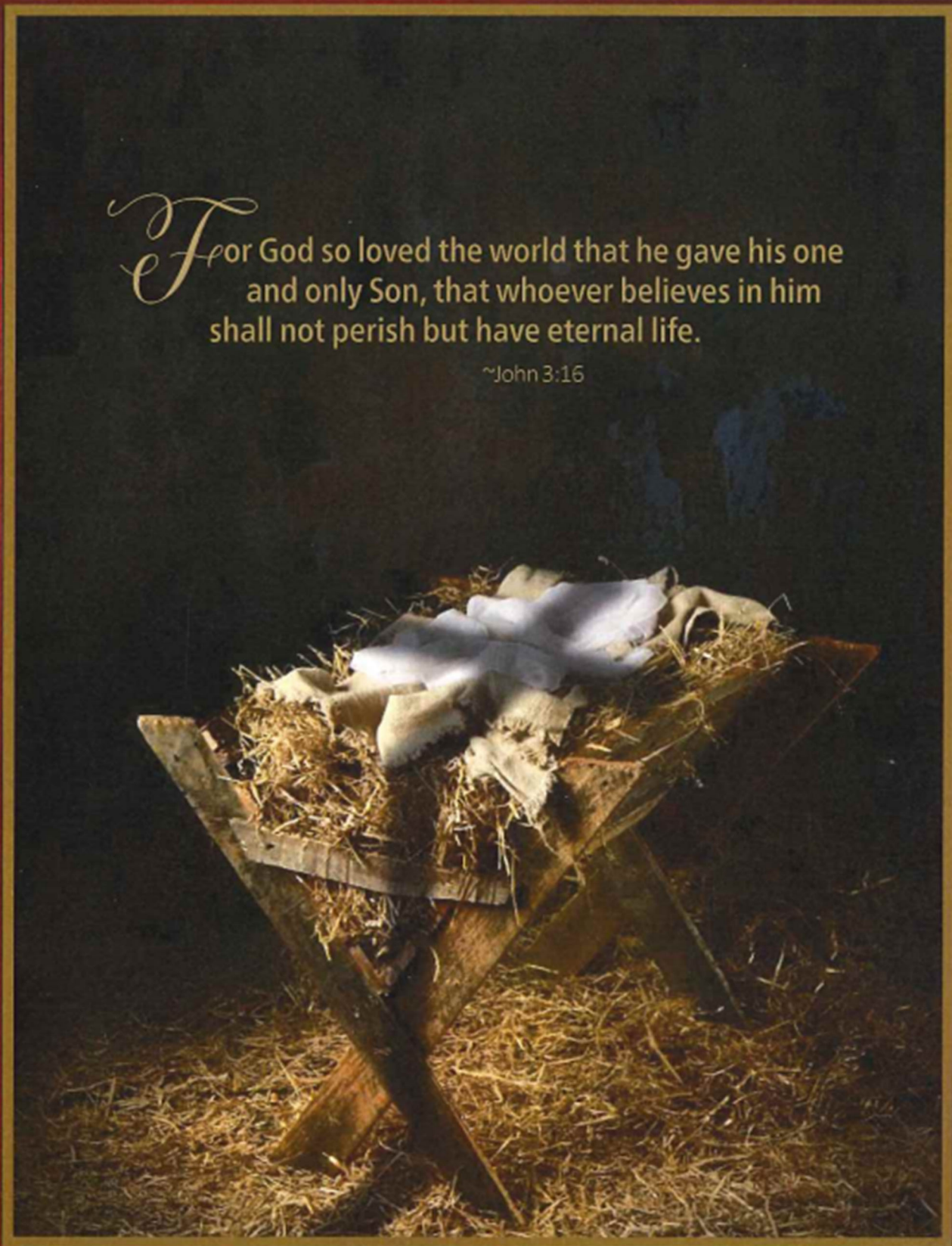


*F*or God so loved the world that he gave his one
and only Son, that whoever believes in him
shall not perish but have eternal life.

~John 3:16



THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

Grace Presbyterian Church, December 21, 2025 @ 10:30 am

†The congregation should stand if able.

When the Gathering Music begins, please assume a quiet and reverent attitude of worship.

Please silence your cell phones.

GATHERING MUSIC

Beth McEwen—"Carol of the Bells/Coventry Carol,"
"Breath of Heaven," "Mary, Did You Know?"

GREETING AND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Brewer

PIANO & ORGAN PRELUDE

Beth McEwen and Judy Redeker—"Angels We Have Heard on High"
—Ted Smith and Don Hustad

†CALL TO WORSHIP

(Congregation reads bold print)

"And Mary said,
**'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.
And His mercy is for those who fear Him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
He has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has helped His servant Israel,
in remembrance of His mercy,
as He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.'**"

As Mary praised the Name of the Lord upon the announcement that she
would bear the Messiah, so may we praise Him for choosing us
to bear the Name of Christ.

—Luke 1: 46-55 and response

CHORAL INTROIT

Sanctuary Choir—"Angels' Carol"
—John Rutter

†INVOCATION

Christian Brewer


†HYMN OF PRAISE

"Christmas Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)"

CHRISTMAS SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)




1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, in a man - ger low - ly;
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, sings the vir - gin Mar - y;
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Christ the Son now veiled in flesh in our hu - man - i - ty.
 for he shall de - liv - er us from sin's cap - tiv - i - ty.
 Heav - en's an - gels sound his praise with earth and sky and sea!



King - doms bow be - fore him, heav'n and earth a - dore him.
 Born to heal the na - tions, born for our sal - va - tion,
 Join the song of tri - umph, glo - ry in the high - est!



God here in per - son, hail his maj - es - ty.
 oh, mag - ni - fy him, Christ the Prince of Peace.
 Let all cre - a - tion crown him King of kings.

†PROFESSION OF FAITH

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

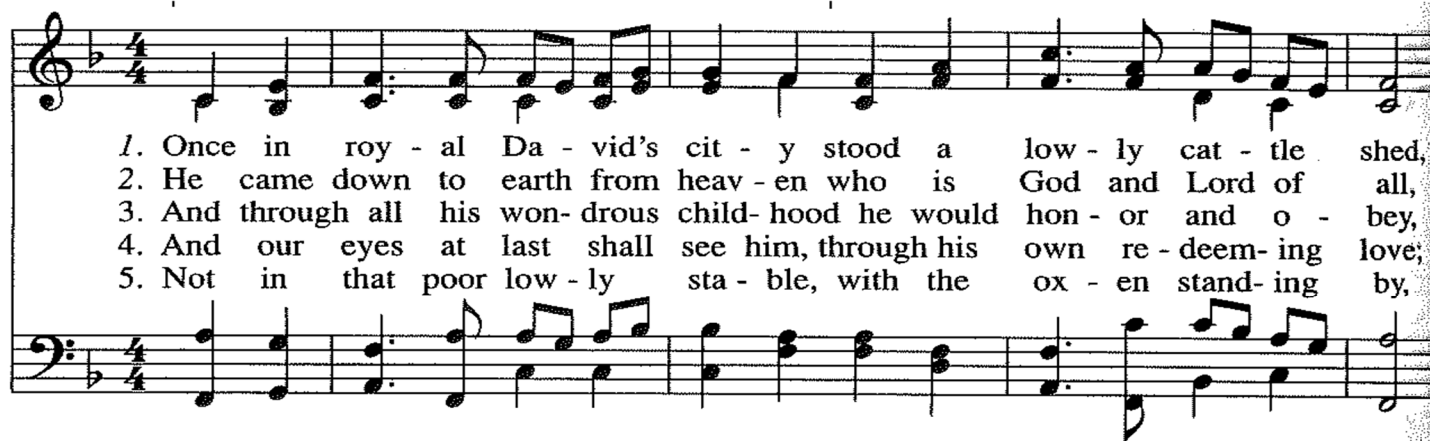
(Congregation reads bold print)

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also the head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

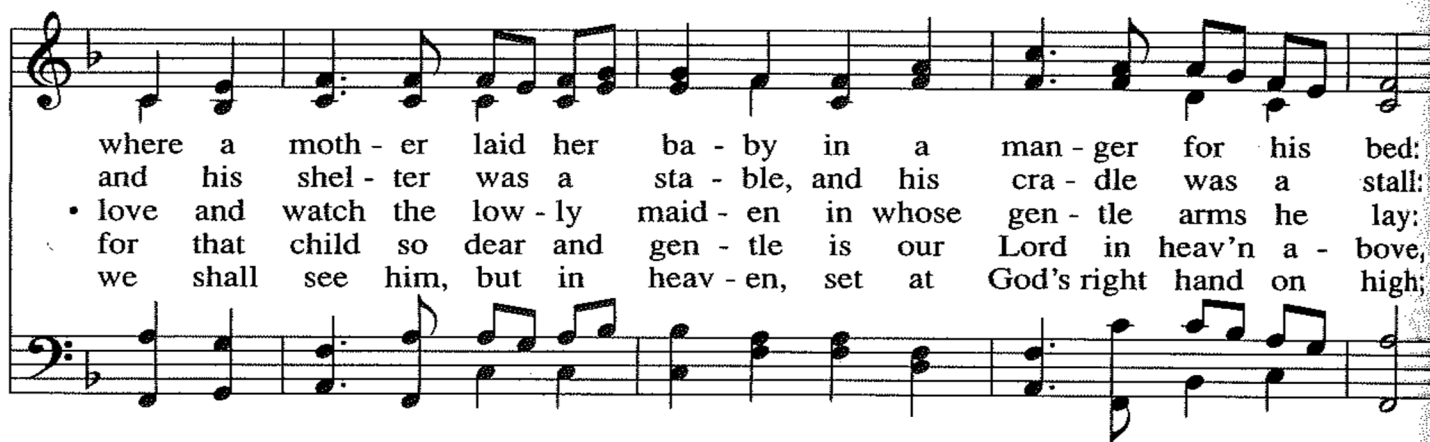
†HYMN OF AFFIRMATION

"Once in Royal David's City"

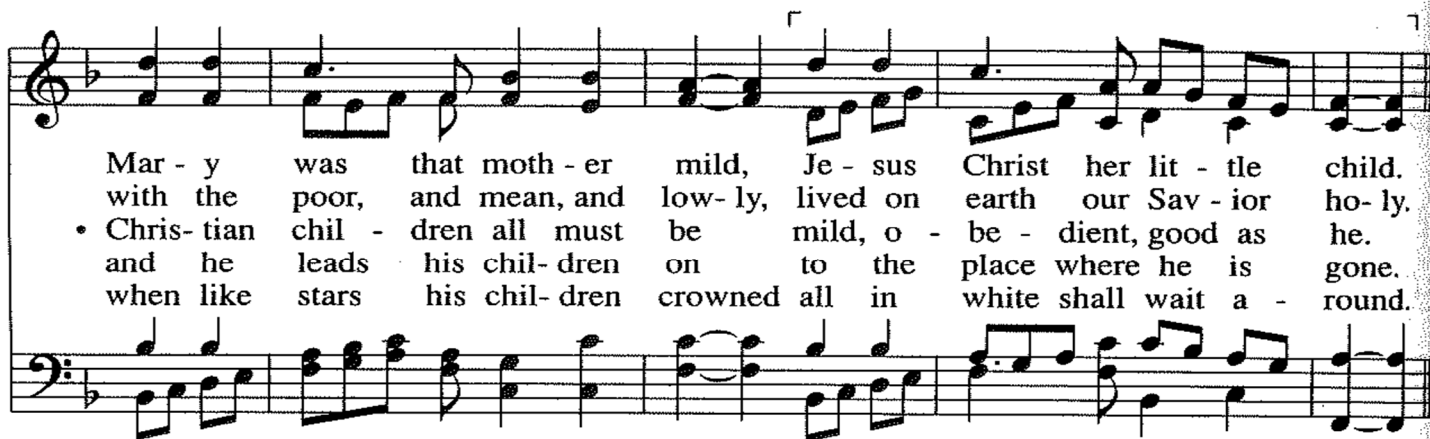
ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
 3. And through all his won - drous child - hood he would hon - or and o - bey,
 4. And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
 5. Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
 and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall:
 • love and watch the low - ly maid - en in whose gen - tle arms he lay:
 for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove,
 we shall see him, but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 with the poor, and mean, and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 • Chris - tian chil - dren all must be mild, o - be - dient, good as he.
 and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
 when like stars his chil - dren crowned all in white shall wait a - round.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

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 Henry J. Gauntlett, 1849

The Congregation will be seated.

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Congregation reads bold print)

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess
before You our sinful nature, prone to evil and hesitant to do good.

**You alone know how often we have sinned against You in wandering
from Your ways and forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord, show
mercy on us, for we are ashamed of our sin. Teach us to hate our sin,
and cleanse us from our secret faults. Help us to live in the light of Your
presence. O Lord, merciful Father, You keep covenant and steadfast
love with those who love You and keep Your commandments. You
keep covenant even when we do not. Your love is
steadfast when ours is frail and fallible. You are faithful even when we
are faithless. Grant us the gift of faith. By Your Holy Spirit work in us
steadfastness and singleness of heart, that we might manifest Your
love in the keeping of Your commandments and the living of
Your gospel. O Lord, merciful Father, hear our prayers in the name of
Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the mediator of the new and eternal
covenant, to whom be glory forever and ever.**

For we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silent Confession

PASTORAL PRAYER

Christian Brewer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Congregation reads bold print)

**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.**

**THE GOSPEL'S ASSURANCE
OF GRACE**

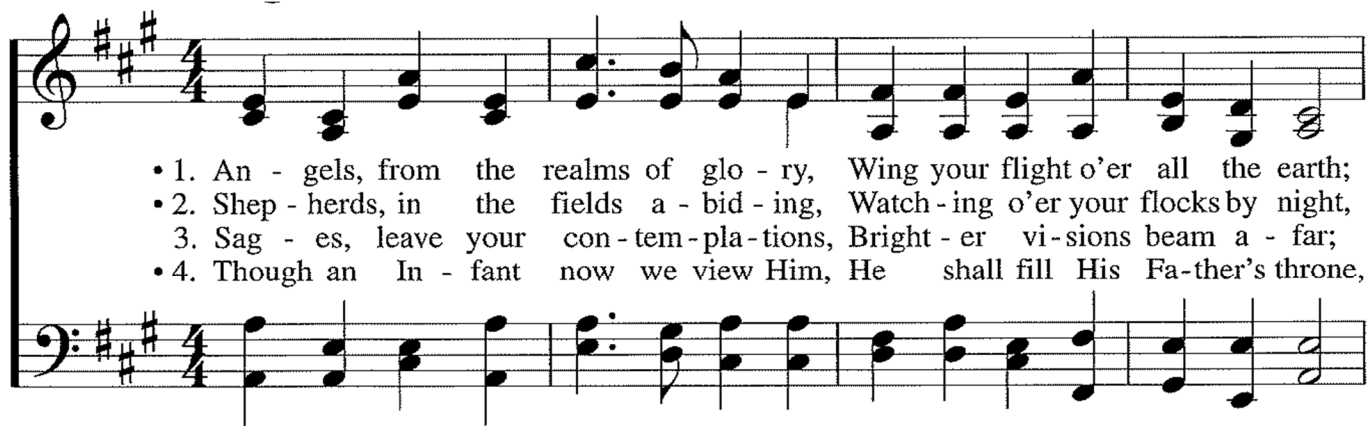
[T]here is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because
through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from
the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it
was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of
sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

Romans 8:1-3a

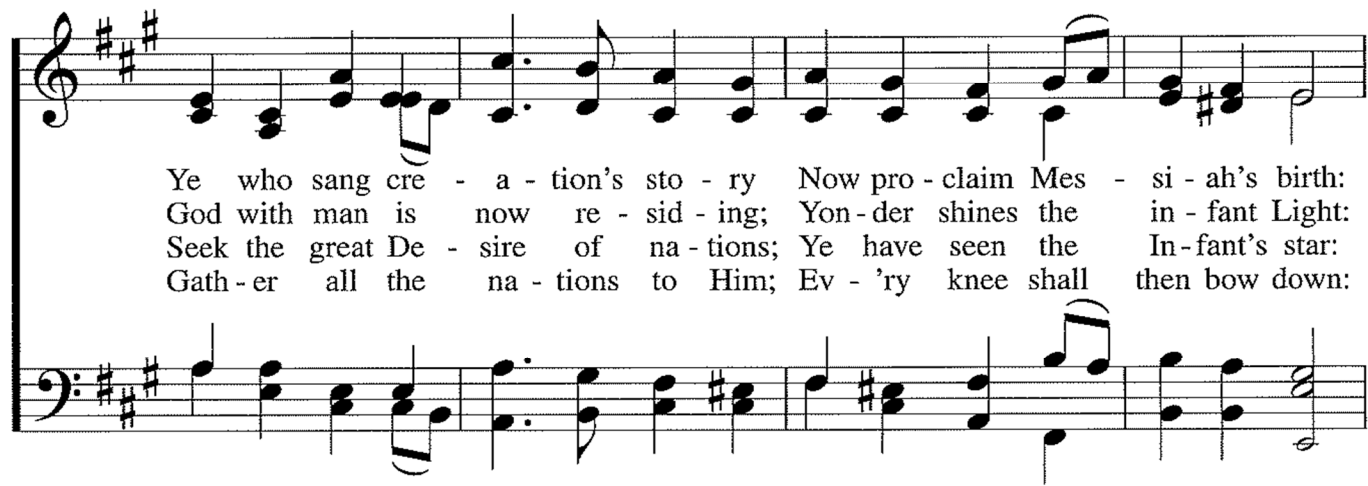
HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Angels from the Realms of Glory"

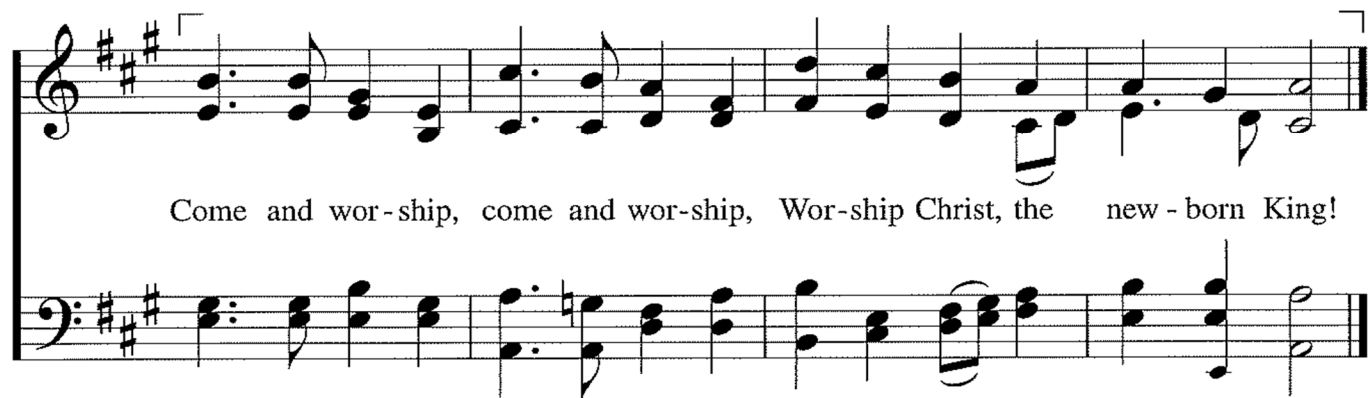
ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY



• 1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
• 2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
• 3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
• 4. Though an In - fant now we view Him, He shall fill His Fa - ther's throne,



Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing; Yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
Seek the great De - sire of na - tions; Ye have seen the In - fant's star:
Gath - er all the na - tions to Him; Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down:



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King!

Please Remain Standing

**READING AND PREACHING OF
GOD'S WORD**

Dr. Jon Jacobs— "The Birth of Christ"
(Matthew 1:18-2:12)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

For Application of the Word

†BENEDICTION / RESPONSE

(Doxology)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

†POSTLUDE *If you have questions about today's message, salvation through Jesus Christ, or our church, several of our Elders will be at the front of the Sanctuary following the Benediction.*

Bible Studies

Men's — Each Thursday at 6:30 am at
Cabin Coffee and 10:00 am at Grace

Young Men's — Every other Monday at 7 pm
at the Brewers' Home

Women's — 1st, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of
each month at 10 am at Grace

Member Care

If you have special needs, contact your assigned
elder. Last names beginning with
A-B Williams; C-G Pedine; H-M Schoeffler;
N-R Tallman; S-V Matthews; W-Z Saunders.

Deacons are Kurt Spangenberg, Leonard Celaya,
Mike Fann, Nate Johnson, Steve Rothkopf,
Jacob Wallace, Mike Ziegenbein.

Assisted Hearing Devices

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Sunday Morning Schedule

Adult Continuing Education (9:15 am)

Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12) (9:15 am)

Children and Nursery (9:15 am)

Nursery (ages 3-24 months)

Childcare is provided in the nursery.

Pre-School (ages 2-4 years)

Elementary School (ages 5-11)

Wednesday Evening Schedule

Adult Bible Study — (6:00 pm)

Youth Bible Study — (6:00 pm)

Covenant Kids (ages 5-11) — (6:00 pm)

Sanctuary Choir — (6:00 pm)

Sermon Archive

All sermons and teachings are available at
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Coffee

Served prior to Sunday School and the Worship
Service each week.