

Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church

**Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2021 ~ 7:00 p.m.**

Masks required for all regardless of vaccination status. Vaccinated worship leaders may remove masks while actively leading the congregation. If you brought your own food and drink, you can remove your mask when actively consuming. In an effort to create a safe environment, you may be reminded about our policies while with us.

The Prelude to Worship

Sheri Martin

We acknowledge that our church is on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup Tribe. The Puyallup people have lived on and stewarded these lands since the beginning of time, and continue to do so today. We recognize that this land acknowledgment is one small step toward true allyship and we commit to uplifting the voices, experiences, and histories of the Indigenous people of this land and beyond.

Welcome

Rev. John Asher

Lighting of the Christ Candle

*Jan Zimmerman and Steve Fox
with congregational singing (see insert)*

For those walking in darkness, a new light has dawned.

Christ is our light and the source of our everlasting hope.

For those living in fear and dread, a new light has dawned.

Christ is our light and the source of everlasting peace.

For those living in hopelessness and despair, a new light has dawned.

Christ is our light and the source of everlasting joy.

For those living in loneliness, a new light has dawned.

Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Prayer

Readings by Kevin Engle

Reading

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Song

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King and peace to all the earth.**

**How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!**

Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Song

"Away in a Manger"

**Away in a manger, no crib for His bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

(continued . . .)

**The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.**

Reading

Luke 2:13-16

Special Music

"Oh Holy Night"

Praise Team

Reading

Luke 2:17 - 20

Hymn # 40

"Joy to the World!"

A Story for Christmas

"No Room at the Inn"
by Katherine Paterson

Rev. John Asher

Special Music

"Make Room"

Praise Team

Reading

John 1:1-4

*We will light our candles from the central Jesus candle. Please pass the flame on to those next to you, by keeping the lit candle straight, and tipping the receiving candle.
We will then sing Silent Night.*

* Hymn (please stand if able)

"Silent Night"

**Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.**

**Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light;
With the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.**

*** Benediction**

*You may remove your mask briefly to extinguish your candle.
Please leave them in the basket provided in the narthex.*

*** Postlude**

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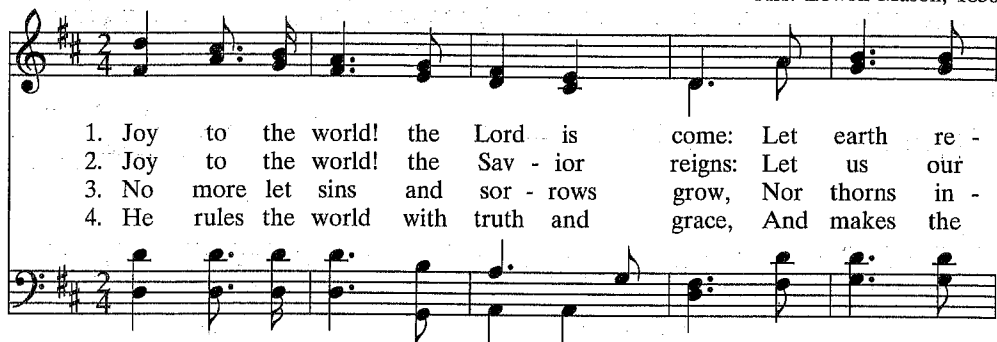
Joy to the World!

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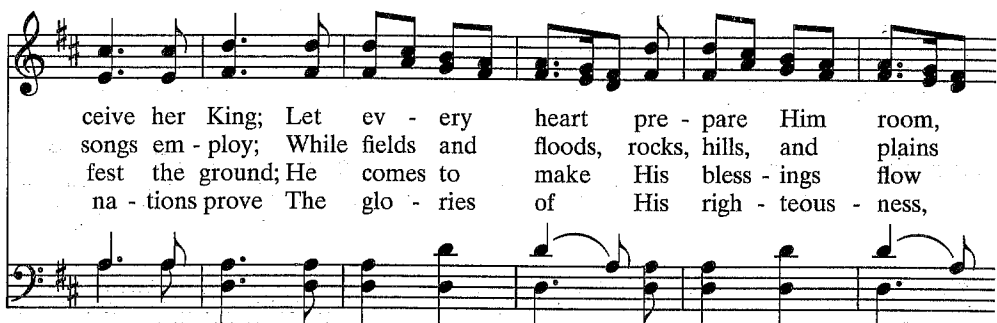
Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836



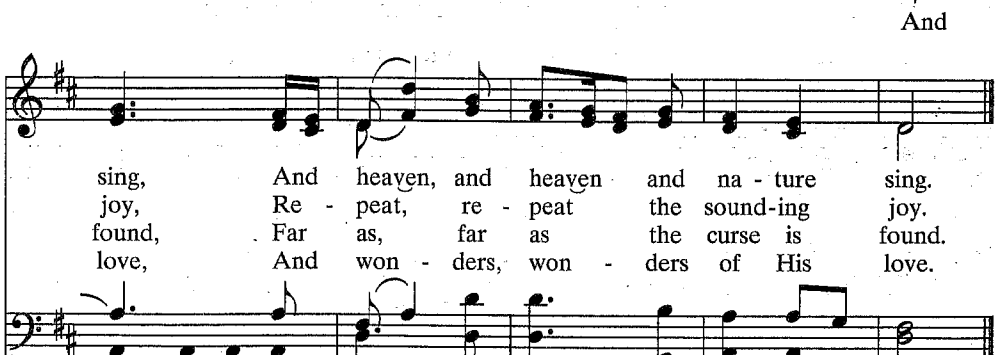
1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,



And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven 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 heaven and na - ture sing,



And
 sing, And heaven, and heaven 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.