

# THIS WE KNOW...

...FOR THE EARTH WILL BE FULL  
OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD...  
-ISAIAH 11:9

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
LESSONS & CAROLS

DECEMBER 21, 2025  
**WHITE MEMORIAL**  
—PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

The sound of bells summons us to gather for worship.

\* Asterisks invite us to rise in body or spirit. **Words in bold** are for everyone to say or sing.

### Preparation for Worship

*God of grace, you chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace, to be the mother of our Lord and Savior. Now fill us with your grace, that with her, we may rejoice in your salvation and, in all things, embrace your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Prelude O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Plainchant tune

\*Prayer of the Day

Christopher Edmonston

\*Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Lee Hunter (9:30)

Anne Galliher (11:00)

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Stir up your might,  
and come to save us!

**Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?  
You have fed them with the bread of tears  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.  
You make us the scorn of our neighbors;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.  
Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.

**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

\*Hymn 140 Once in Royal David's City

*stanzas 1 and 2 – choir*

*stanzas 3 and 4 – all*

Advent Wreath

The Battle Family (9:30)

The Cisowski Family (11:00)

People of God,  
**Live in God's Love.**

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

song by Walking Roots Band

Watchman, tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, what a wondrous sight: see that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray news of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day, promised day of Israel.  
Watchman, tell us of the night; higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light, peace and truth its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.

WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE

*in the manner of Christ*

Watchman, tell us of the night, for the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, darkness take its flight; doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wandering feet hie thee to thy quiet home;  
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God has come!

**Lesson** Isaiah 7:10-16

Lee Baker

This we know—

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** Two Kings

16th cent. Christ Church manuscript  
music by J. W. Clokey

Yet if His Majesty, our sovereign lord,  
should of his own accord  
friendly himself invite and say,  
“I’ll be your guest tomorrow night,”  
how we should stir ourselves, call and command,  
“All hands to work! Let no one idle stand!  
Set me fine Spanish tables in the hall;  
see they are fitted all.  
Let there be room to eat and orders taken,  
that there want no meat.  
See every sconce and candlestick made bright,  
that without tapers they may give a light.”  
But at the coming of the King of Heaven,  
all’s set at six and seven.  
We wallow in our sin;  
Christ cannot find a chamber at the inn.  
We entertain him always like a stranger  
and, as at first, still lodge him in the manger.

**Lessons** Isaiah 40 and Luke 1

Grier Booker Richards (9:30)  
Cate Church Norman (11:00)

A voice says, “Cry out!”

**And I said, “What shall I cry?”**

This we know—

**Thanks be to God.**

**Song** His Kingdom Now is Come (Porter’s Gate)

The light shines in the darkness & the darkness cannot overcome—  
Behold, behold, His kingdom now is come!  
The valleys will be lifted, and the mountains will be brought down low—  
Behold, behold...  
Hear the voice cry from the highway, “Make way for the Prince of Peace!”  
Behold, behold...  
God of justice, righteous Judge: behold, behold, behold!  
Our Defender, Prince of Peace: behold, behold, behold!  
Father to the fatherless, our strong Deliverer: behold, behold, behold!  
He’s troubling the water, and we’re marching through

**Lesson** Matthew 1:18-25

Caleb Homan (9:30)  
Angie Faulk (11:00)

This we know—

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** The Hills Are Bare at Bethlehem

text by Royce J. Scherf  
music: Southern folk tune PROSPECT,  
arr. Ralph Johnson

The hills are bare at Bethlehem—  
no future for the world they show;  
yet here new life begins to grow:  
from earth's old dust, a greenwood stem.

The stars are cold at Bethlehem—  
no warmth for those beneath the sky;  
yet here the radiant angels fly,  
and joy burns new, a fiery gem.

The heart is tired at Bethlehem—  
no human dream unbroken stands;  
yet here God comes to mortal hands,  
and hope, renewed, cries out, Amen!

**Welcome, Offering, and Christmas Joy Offering**  
music: Largo from The Four Seasons: Winter

Antonio Vivaldi, composer

**Hymn 146** Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

*stanza 1 – OnPoint*  
*stanza 2 – Adult Choir*  
*stanza 3 – all, standing*

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

**Lessons** Luke 2 and Matthew 2

This we know—  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** The Song of Peace

text by Lillian Atcherson  
music by Olaf C. Christiansen

The heavens opened wide one night to let the angels through,  
who sang for all the song of peace that only heaven knew.  
Though centuries have measured time with each unfolding year  
the song still lives in human hearts to bring new hope, new cheer.  
We seek with bursting missiled power to pierce the realm of blue,  
but love divine unfurled the skies to let a song come through.

**Prayers of the People and 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 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.**

**Anthem** We Do Not Know

text and music by John L. Bell,  
arr. Tony Alonso

We do not know if snow had fallen or if there was a cloudless sky,  
or whether Mary wore a blue gown and wondered if her child would die.  
But this we know: there was a lady through whom God's life on earth began.  
And this we know: there was a baby for whom choirs of angels sang.

We do not know if all was silent or if his mother screamed in pain,  
or if he lay beneath a halo and cried for food, then cried again.  
But this we know: there was a lady who sensed her child would change the earth.  
And this we know: there was a baby who reveals what we are worth.

We do not know if humble shepherds presented Jesus with a lamb,  
or whether men from foreign countries were tired and weary, coarse or calm.  
But this we know: there was a lady who welcomed each and every guest.  
And this we know: there was a baby through whom all were changed and blessed.

We do not know whether, at Christmas, the world will move from war to peace,  
or whether debts will be forgiven, or those imprisoned be released.  
But this we know: there is a heaven where Mary lives and Jesus reigns  
where every wrong can yet be righted, every right can be sustained.  
And this we know: God means this heaven to come to earth and always stay.  
And so we ask that God's tomorrow touch our lives on Christmas day.

#### \*John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,  
**and the Word was God.**

He was in the beginning with God.  
All things came into being through him,  
and without him not one thing came into being.  
What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people.  
**The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overtake it.**

The true light,  
**which enlightens everyone,**  
was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him,  
**yet the world did not know him.**  
He came to what was his own,  
**and his own people did not accept him.**

But to all who received him, who believed in his name,  
**he gave power to become children of God,**  
who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh,  
**but of God.**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
**and we have seen his glory,**  
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.  
**From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

#### \*Hymn 119 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN

#### \*Charge & Benediction

#### Postlude Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

J.S. Bach, composer



[Scan or click here to submit a prayer request.](#)



Christmas Joy Offering

**AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL: 919-605-4593**

Each Sunday we offer three opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall. While you will notice differences in music, location, and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy, and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture, and Affirmation of Faith.



WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

We're so glad you are  
worshipping with us today.

#### Visiting?

Deacons are in the Narthex  
to offer a friendly greeting,  
answer questions, and provide  
directions.

#### Looking to Become a Member?

New members are received  
after attending the *Believing &  
Belonging @WMPC* class.  
Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join) or  
contact Elizabeth Viohl at  
ext. 206 for class dates,  
registration, and details.

#### Things to Know

##### Restrooms

Hallway to Jane Bell Gathering  
Space (Pulpit side) and first floor  
of the Luther Building.

##### Childcare

Available for children  
up to 4 years old.

##### Sunday School

9:30 a.m. for all ages.

##### Refreshments & Coffee

The Connector and Main Hall.

##### Hearing Assistance

Loop system and FM system  
available in the Sanctuary.

##### AED/Narcan Locations

WMPC campus has five AED/  
Narcan locations around  
campus: Narthex- Sanctuary,  
Main Hall-Edinburgh,  
Lobby-Ross, Lobby-Calvin,  
3rd floor-Luther

##### Live Streaming

Services available at  
[whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org).  
Facebook & YouTube

##### Bulletins

Recycled after services as part  
of our care for God's creation.



## PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

**Blake Smith and family** on the death of his father, Charles Jeffrey Smith, December 10

## MARRIAGES

**Rush Terrell Dorsett and Robert Alexander**, November 29, Fearington Village,  
daughter of Wynn and Jim Dorsett, granddaughter of Anna Lee Dorsett

If you have experienced a birth, marriage or death you want to share with the church,  
email Lisa Crumpler at [lcrumpler@whitememorial.org](mailto:lcrumpler@whitememorial.org)

If you have a relative or church friend who is hospitalized,  
call the Pastoral Care line 919-834-3425, ext. 210 or email Caroline Parker  
at [cparker@whitememorial.org](mailto:cparker@whitememorial.org) so our pastoral staff can reach out.

If you have a pastoral care need outside of regular business hours,  
call our after-hours pastor on call at 919-605-4593.

## THE CORNERSTONE: GENEROSITY 2026

As of Wednesday, December 17 we  
have received 515 pledges representing  
\$3.05 million towards our goal of \$5.4  
million/1,000 pledging households. If you  
would like to make a pledge please visit  
[whitememorial.org/give](http://whitememorial.org/give). Thank you for  
your generosity.

## UNCLAIMED STOCK GIFTS

Unclaimed stock gifts: Will the generous  
donors of the following stocks please email  
or call Jody Grayson at 834-3425 ext. 204 to  
identify your gift so that we can give you  
proper credit? Allspring, American Express,  
AvidXchange Holdings, Microsoft and  
Nvidia.

## YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note that all year-end contributions  
must be received by the Finance Office by  
Sunday, December 28, 2025 or postmarked  
by December 31, 2025 to be claimed as a  
2025 donation.

## NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS

The Churchwide Nominating Committee  
starts meeting in mid-January to consider  
nominations for church Elders and  
Deacons, class of 2029. Nominations are  
now being accepted. Please give prayerful  
consideration to placing a church member  
into nomination for these critical leadership  
roles. The nomination form can be found  
online. All recommendations must be  
received by February 2, 2026.

## LUTHER ELEVATOR TEMPORARILY OUT OF SERVICE

The Luther elevator is currently undergoing  
repairs and will be unavailable for the  
next couple of weeks. We are diligently  
working to get the elevator operational and  
apologize for any inconvenience this may  
cause. Thank you for your patience and  
understanding.

## WMPC SCOTLAND PILGRIMAGE October 15-25, 2026

**This Christmas, gift a journey of faith.**  
Journey with Pastors Cate Church Norman  
and Tom Harris to the sacred landscapes of  
Scotland as we explore Celtic spirituality,  
Celtic saints, and our Reformed roots. We  
will travel to Edinburgh, the birthplace of  
our Presbyterian heritage; to the fishing  
village of Oban; to the island of Iona, the  
birthplace of Christianity in Scotland; and  
to other remarkable sites along the way.  
This pilgrimage is more than a trip. We  
will learn, worship, and grow together,  
deepening faith and building friendships  
as we walk holy ground together. Our July  
pilgrimage is full, and October is filling  
quickly.

[Click here for full details and cost.](#)

Link: [rb.gy/qb60pa](http://rb.gy/qb60pa)

## CHRISTMAS EVE OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the church office will  
close at **2:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve** as  
our staff prepares for the Bell Services and  
Candlelight Services. Thank you for your  
understanding, and we look forward to  
worshipping with you.

## A Snapshot of What's Happening This Week at WMPC

### Sunday, December 21

*Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25*

### Monday, December 22

*Luke 1:46b-55; Isaiah 33:17-22*

- **Bridge With Friends**  
1:00 p.m. | The Hub
- **Pickleball**  
2:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall
- **All Are Welcome**  
7:00 p.m. | Chapel

### Tuesday, December 23

*Luke 1:46b-55; 2 Samuel 7:18*

### Wednesday, December 24

*Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96; Luke 2:1-14*

- **Pickleball**  
10:00 a.m. | Pickard Hall
- **Children's Bell Service**  
3:00 & 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
- **OnPoint Candlelight Service**  
5:30 p.m. | Main Hall
- **Sanctuary Candlelight Service**  
7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 25

*Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; John 1:1-14*

- **WMPC Facilities Closed**

### Friday, December 26

*Psalm 148; Acts 7:59-8:8*

- **WMPC Facilities Closed**

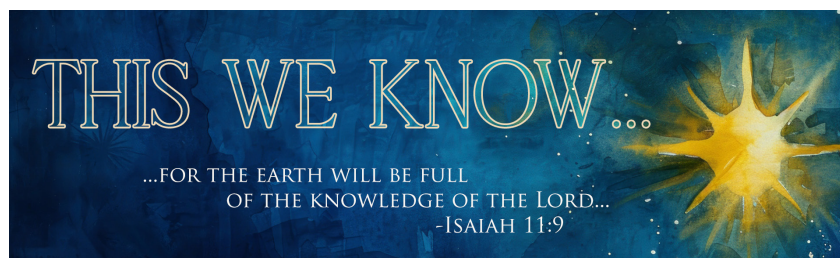
### Saturday, December 27

*Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:22-31*

- **WMPC Facilities Closed**

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For more information about any of these events, please visit our website [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org) or call the church office 919-834-3424.



## ADVENT WORSHIP TIMES

### Christmas Eve

#### Wednesday, December 24

Children's Bell Services  
3:00 & 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Candlelight Service  
5:30 p.m. | OnPoint in Main Hall  
7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

#### Sunday, December 28

#### Combined Worship Service

9:30 a.m. | Sanctuary

## ADVENT PODCAST EPISODE FIVE DROPS MONDAY

In this episode, Christopher Edmonston and Judy Siker will celebrate and explore the mystery of the Incarnation, where the glory of God is revealed—not in power or perfection—but in a child who bears the light of all creation and leads us forth in love. The episode will be released Monday at 6:00 a.m. on our website, Spotify and Apple Podcasts.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Monday December 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Davidson Chapel

All Are Welcome is a faith-based small group that offers worship, fellowship and emotional and spiritual support for LGBTQ+ adults. You're invited to participate in the group as we create a safe space of welcome and engagement. We will meet on Monday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m. in Davidson Chapel. For more information, contact Kathy Hart at [hartmusic1@gmail.com](mailto:hartmusic1@gmail.com) or Lee Hunter at [lhunter@whitememorial.org](mailto:lhunter@whitememorial.org).

## WEEKDAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

### Tuesday January 6 | 9:30 a.m. | Davidson Chapel

Join us for the Weekday School Open House. It's a great opportunity to meet faculty, tour the facilities and get answers to any questions you may have. No registration necessary.

## "DEAR WILLIAM" CHURCHWIDE BOOK STUDY

The WMPC Mental Health & Wellness Ministry and Youth Ministry are partnering to host internationally acclaimed author David Magee via Zoom on **Wednesday, January 28**, to discuss his powerful memoir *Dear William*. With honesty and heart, Magee shares his family's intergenerational struggle with substance abuse and mental health challenges. His poignant and uplifting message transforms tragedy into a call to hope and healing, inspiring a commitment to help others. Prior to the webinar, we will have two book discussion sessions on **Wednesday, January 7** and **Wednesday, January 21** at 6:30 p.m. in K200.

## SKATING PARTY

### Saturday January 10 | 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Offsite

Kindergarten-5th graders are invited to join us on **Saturday, January 10** for a skating party from 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. at United Skates of America. Cost is \$13 per person paid at the rink (includes admission and skate rental.) Adult chaperones who are not skating are free. Register: [white.memorial.org/register](http://white.memorial.org/register).

## BAPTISM & BELONGING

**Sunday January 11 | 9:30 a.m. | R400**

Baptism and Belonging is a workshop for parents of children age four or younger who would like to present their children for Baptism. In this workshop, parents learn about the significance of the Sacrament of Baptism, go over logistical details, connect with fellow parents, and get an overview of a child's faith journey at WMPC. Expectant parents are also invited to attend. Childcare and a light breakfast are provided.

Register: [whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register)

## YOUTH LOCKOUT

**Friday January 16 | 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.**

Registration: [whitememorial.org/register](http://whitememorial.org/register)

All middle and high school youth are invited to register for this all night extravaganza! We meet at the church at 7:00 p.m. on Friday night to check in before we load up on the charter buses and church vans for the most epic 12 hours of your year (thus far). This year's activities will be announced through the weekly email youth newsletter. Past trips have included bowling, laser tag, trampoline parks, roller skating and more! You don't want to miss this wild night!

Questions? Contact Kaitlyn Thornton at [kthornton@whitememorial.org](mailto:kthornton@whitememorial.org). It takes 20 - 25 adult chaperones to make this event happen, so if this sounds fun to you, please contact Bailey Morton at [bmorton@whitememorial.org](mailto:bmorton@whitememorial.org) or Paige Hokunson at [phokunson@whitememorial.org](mailto:phokunson@whitememorial.org) ASAP!

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

An Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women is conferred upon an individual for recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. Look around you...whom do you see as one who gives honor and glory to God while serving him actively and faithfully in our church and community? Whom should be recognized in a special way? Whether this person works behind the scenes or in front, we want your nominations for this person now. Please submit your nominations, along with your nominee's history of service and your statement of why you are nominating this person on the form found on the website and in select places around campus. Return form to June Ann Ward at [jaly257@nc.rr.com](mailto:jaly257@nc.rr.com). Deadline for receipt of this nomination is February 11, 2026.

## CHRISTMAS SHARE

Christmas Share, an alternative giving program, has made significant contributions to our community and international partners totaling more than one million dollars since its inception. Established over three decades ago by Presbyterian Women, it remains an important Christmas outreach initiative.

During Advent a table will be set up on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the connector for you to make donations and to select your cards.

## BACKPACK BUDDIES

### Churchwide Collection

Each week when school is in session, our church provides food-insecure children at Oberlin Middle and Lynn Road Elementary Schools with healthy meals and snacks. Contact Jan Stewart, [thestewarts2614@gmail.com](mailto:thestewarts2614@gmail.com). Amazon link is on website. If you'd prefer to shop you can pick up a shopping list on the Outreach room door (K100).

**Christopher Edmonston**, Pastor  
**Cynthia Baggett**, Director of Weekday School  
**Genevieve Brooks**, Director of Family Ministry  
**Cate Church Norman**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Claire Cox-Woodlief**, Executive Director  
**Brock Downward**, Director of Music Emeritus  
**Jennifer Eastman**, Director of Young Children's Ministry  
**Jim Ferry**, Parish Associate  
**Anne Galliher**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Engagement  
**Kelly Gold**, Director of Children's and Youth Music  
**Tom Harris**, Parish Associate  
**Martha Grove Hipkind**, Health Ministry Coordinator  
**Kathy Howell**, Communications Director  
**Lee Hunter**, Pastoral Resident  
**Bailey Morton**, Director of Youth Ministry  
**Eric Nanz**, Associate Director of Music and Worship Arts  
**Linda Nunnallee**, Director of Community Engagement  
**Grier Booker Richards**, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Worship Ministries  
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**Judy Yates Siker**, Parish Associate  
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**Colisha C. Stanford**, StepUp Director  
**Martha Stevenson**, Educator Emerita  
**Eric Wall**, Director of Music



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

## Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and  
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like  
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

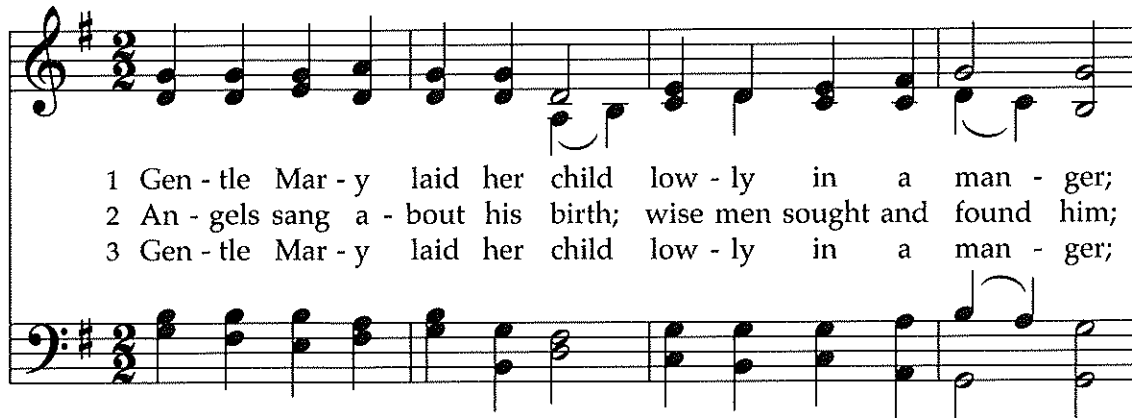
cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a  
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his  
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and  
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er  
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and  
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our  
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 on to the place where he is gone.

Like "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (see no. 20), this popular Christmas hymn was written by an Irish poet to illustrate for children the various articles of the Apostles' Creed. It is not known which of several English villages the composer had in mind when naming this tune.

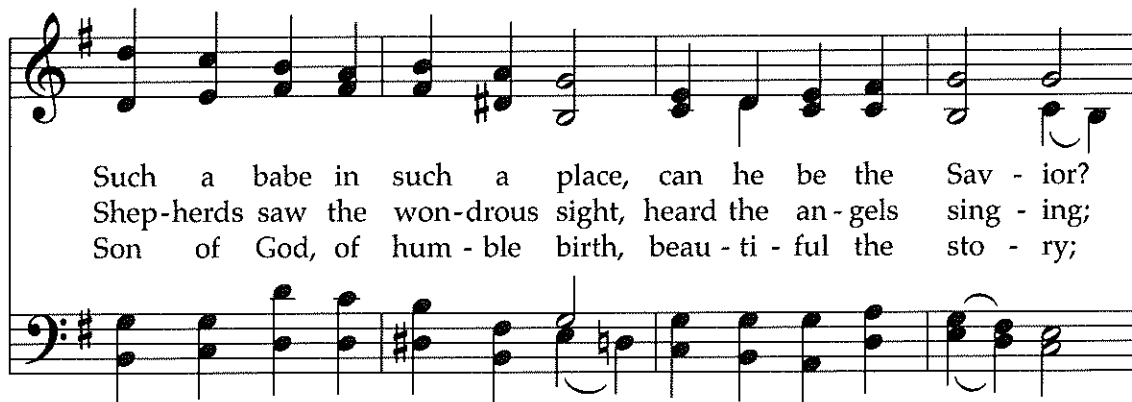
## Gentle Mary Laid Her Child 146



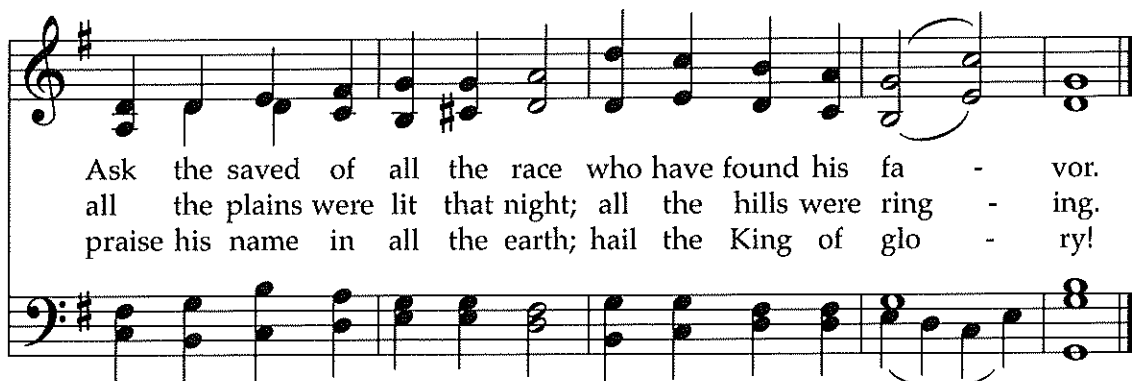
1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout his birth; wise men sought and found him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;



there he lay, the un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.  
heav-en's star shone bright-ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.  
he is still the un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.



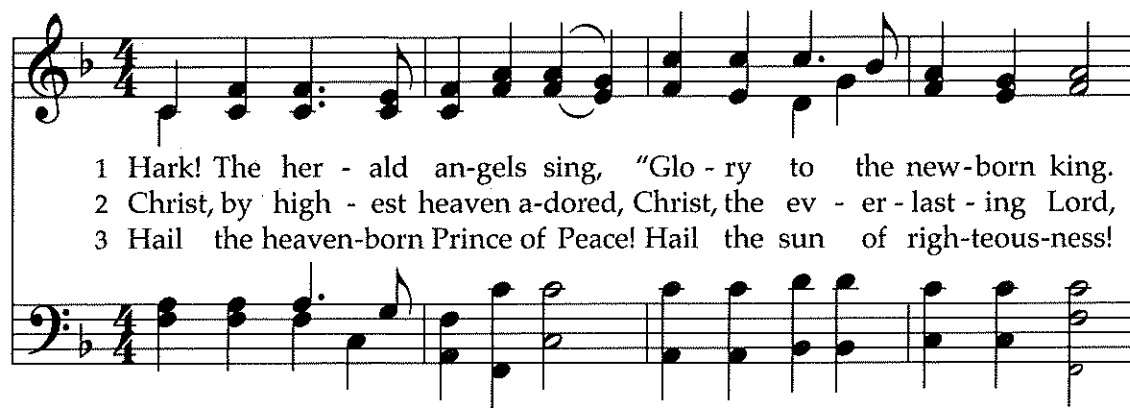
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?  
Shep-herds saw the won-drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God, of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



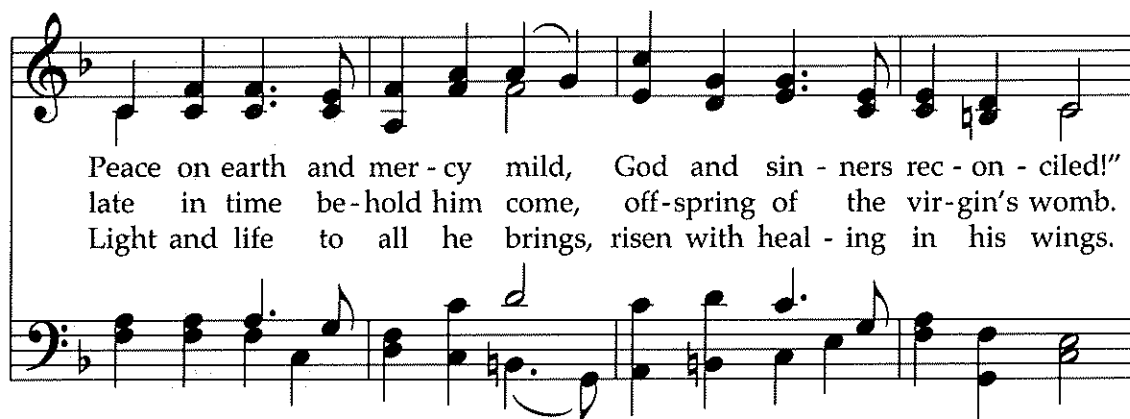
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.  
all the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ring - ing.  
praise his name in all the earth; hail the King of glo - ry!

This 20th-century Christmas text by an English-born Canadian clergyman was originally a poem called "The Manger Prince." It gains a certain antique flavor by being set to a late medieval song associated with springtime. (The tune name means "The flowering time is near.")

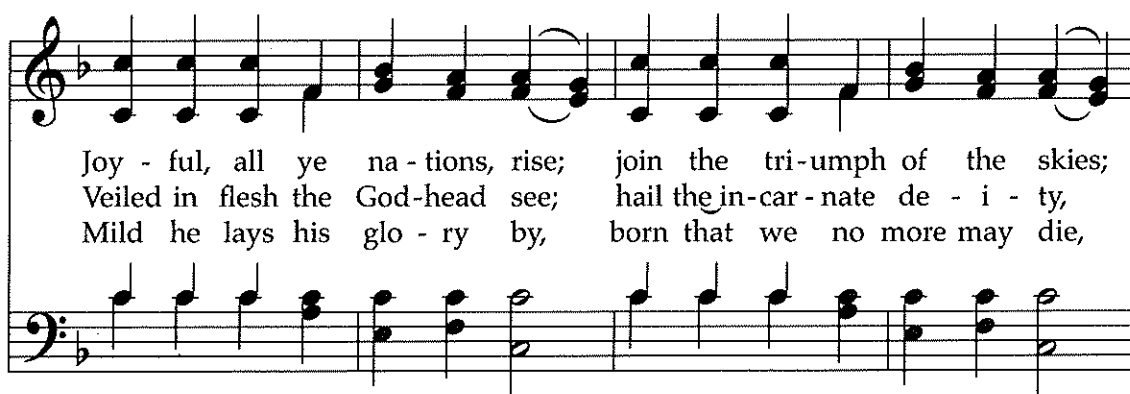
## 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



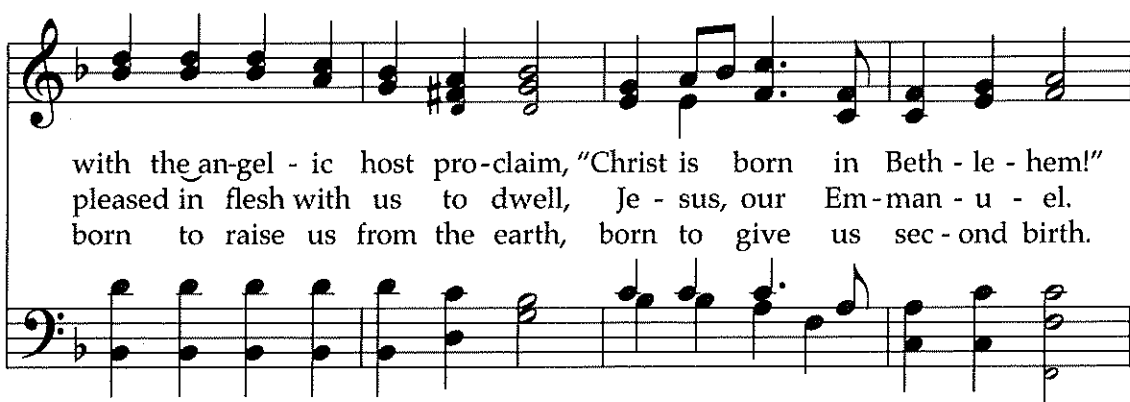
1 Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king.  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a-dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
 late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the vir-gin's womb.  
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies;  
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car - nate de - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
 pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.  
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Brought together in the mid-19th century, the text and tune of this familiar carol began in quite different forms. The text had ten stanzas and began, "Hark, how all the welkin rings." The tune was created for a festival celebrating Gutenberg's introduction of moveable type.