



Westminster Presbyterian Church

Order of Worship for December 26, 2021

The First Sunday of Christmas

In-Person and Online at 11:00 am

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PRELUDE

Christmas Processional

ARR. DENNIS ALLEN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

All: **Alleluia! Christ is born!**

One: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

All: **Alleluia! Christ is born!**

One: For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given. And the government shall be upon his shoulder; and he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

All: **Alleluia! Christ is born!**

◆HYMNS OF PRAISE NO. 134

Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH

NO. 132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!

IN DULCI JUBILO

◆PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbor.

TIME FOR CHILDREN TO SHINE

Children return to their seats. No children's church today.

◆HYMN

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

ENGLISH CAROL

God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day;
To save us all from Satan's pow'r when we were gone astray.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father a blessèd angel came;
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,
And with true love and charity each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O tidings of comfort and joy.

◆MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:16

PEW BIBLE N.T. PAGE 94

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

I Love that Verse

Pastor Daniel

OFFERING SONG

What Star Is This, With Beams So Bright
Words may be found at No. 152 in the hymnal.
Natasha Akery

◆PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heavenly Father, in this joyful season, we rejoice that you have not left us alone, but you have come down and revealed yourself to us through Jesus Christ. We gather around your cradle, recognizing in this child the fullness of your glory, the fullness of your grace and truth. May the truth of what we have heard and seen today dwell deeply in our hearts and overflow into the lives of those around us. Amen

◆SENDING HYMN NO. 136

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

GO TELL IT

◆BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

We sing together:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

◆POSTLUDE

Ring the Bells (with O Come, All Ye Faithful)

ARR. J. DANIEL SMITH

◆Please stand, if able

Leading the service today: Daniel Smoak, Pastor; Priscilla Holtzclaw, Lay Pastor; Janie Bruce, Children and Youth; Nancy Parrish, Music.

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained from CCLI License #2778901

Acolytes are Emma Camburn and Faith Towne.
Ushers are Nathan Snider, Jim Frye, Taffy Tamblyn and Howard Fulwiler.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WELCOME
TO WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN!**

We are so glad you're here. If you are visiting Westminster today, we hope you feel at home and that you'll be strengthened in your faith. Above all, we pray that the Lord will be honored as we worship Him, hear His Word, and respond in discipleship.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, START THE YEAR RIGHT BY COMING TO WORSHIP.

Westminster will have special New Year's Communion worship services at 9:00 and 11:00. Sunday School will meet at 10:00.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH.

2021 YEAR END GIVING

As we approach the end of the church's fiscal year, please be aware that the church books will close December 31, 2021. In order to be recorded for 2021, all contributions will need to be received by December 31. You can mail your check, bring to the church office, or take advantage of the safe and convenient online giving. Thank you for your faithful and generous support of the missions and ministry of Westminster. 2021 Giving Statements are in your online Realm account. If you need to have it printed for pick up or mailed, please contact the church office. If you have any questions or need any information, please don't hesitate to call Tommie Owen at 843-766-8311, ext 105 or finance@wpccharleston.org.

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP
UPDATED POLICY (9/1/2021)

Thank you for following these protocols which enable weekly in-person worship without interruption.

1. Hand sanitizer is available and should be used upon entering.
2. Following the guidance of the CDC and our concern for the most vulnerable, masks are required for all three years old and older, vaccinated and unvaccinated, as they enter all buildings for church activities.
3. Offering plates are at the entrances/exits to receive your offering.
4. While the ropes have been removed from most of the sanctuary and seating is open, there are some reserved sections:
 - Socially-distanced seating is available. Please indicate your preference to an usher.
 - A few other pews are reserved for ushers, latecomers, acolytes, and staff.



134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 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.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

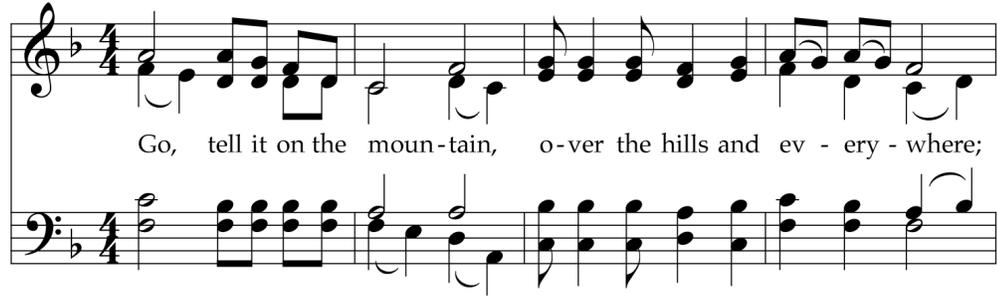
ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

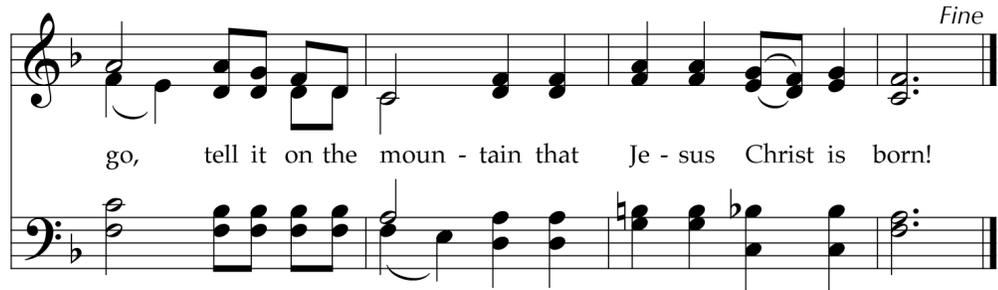
Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

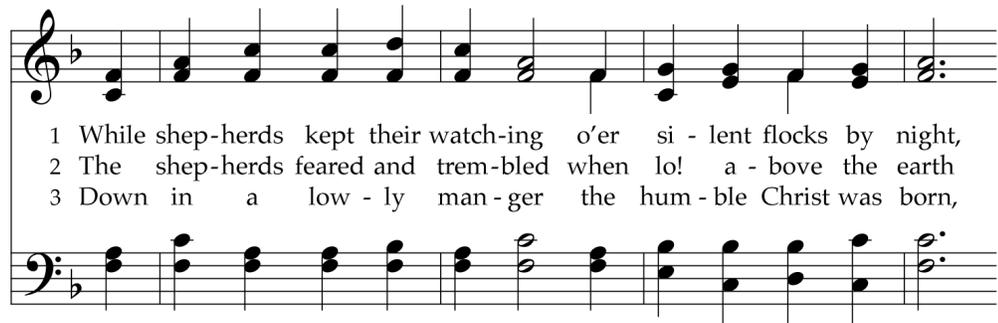
Refrain 



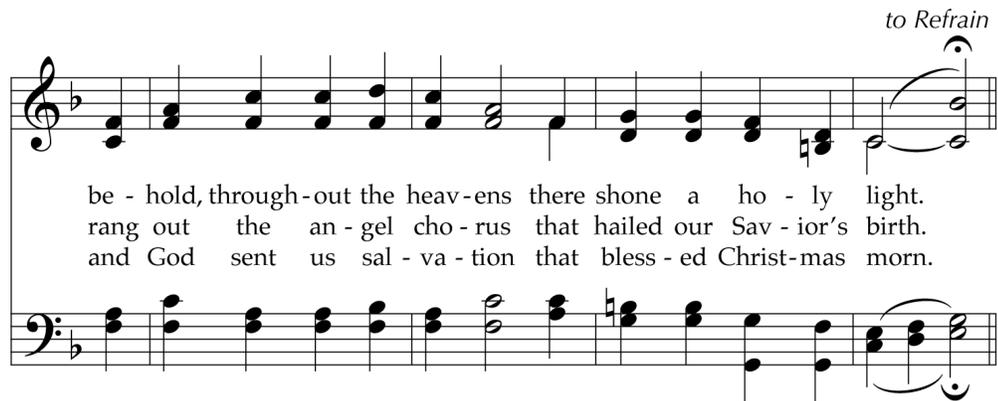
Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



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 low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born,



to 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.

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.

Westminster Prays

Carol Cummings	Meg Powell	Summer Garris	Andria Sanchez Freeman
Dart Willer	Keith Gordon	Mary Ashley Barbot	Chrissie Bosworth
Bill Pennekamp	Shirley Seay	Joyce Aydlett	Ginger Siefring
Kate Pennekamp	Larry Salley	Daryn Baker	Martin Davis
Sara McCoy	Dot Dangerfield	Curtis Sponseller	Kevin Ritzel
Love Moody	Lydia Crosby	Sean Fitzgibbon	Gloria Underhill
Karen Dangerfield	David Morris IV	Thom Penney	Jeff Bryant
Lisa Wilcox	Brian Carlow	Nikolai Fruth	Barbara Johnston
Harold Fountain	Frances McLean	Allan Scott	Michael Morgan
Nancy Plowden	David Kerr	Mary Martschink	Nita Rodemann
Gary Brooks	Sharon Hutchinson	David Wiggins	Jean Isbell
Steve Buddin	Harper Croft	Allene Buddin	Will Kuenzel
Rosa Oswald	Deb Sloan	Jerry Smoak	Janie Hammersmith
Dick Unger	Leigh Throckmorton	Brenda DeSmet	Jim Hammersmith
Anderson Scruggs	Jean Lewandowski	Maryalice Vann	Frank Painter
Pam Smith	Branden Preus	Karen McInnes	Jackie Epstein
Davina Hartigan	Anne Willis	Dan Butts	Libba Johnson
David Grove	Julie Pell	Jerry Hallman	Stephen Moody
Chad Waldrop	Brooks Oswald	Christina Miller	Liz Shelor
Jerry Waldrop	Towne Family	Meghan Hatfield	Trisha Stennett
Charles Reeves			

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Brody Braithwaite
Ginnie Yarborough

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Class of 2022: Nancy Dixon, Sandra Pell, Kendall Ramsay, Carole Russell, Nathan Snider, Graham Wade

Class of 2023: Matthew Akery, David Boyd, Earl Frasier, Brenda Gibson, George McAbee, Nathan Ward

Class of 2024: Norman Hook, Abbie Mobley, Karen Norman, Laura Patrick, Chuck Towne, Dee Bee Wright

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