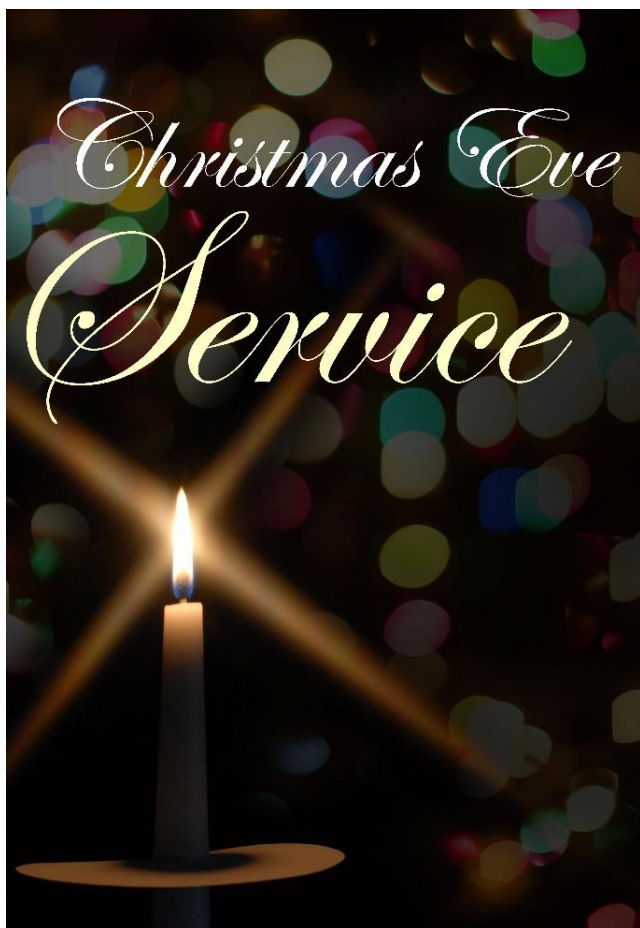




Eastminster Presbyterian Church

**Christmas Eve
December 24, 2019**



ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 24, 2019

5:00 p.m.

** Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

***Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation.*

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome

Introit

Rejoice Greatly

Handel

Lighting of the Advent Candles

***Carol #133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Children's Message

Choir Anthem

Glory to God

Saint-Saens

First Lesson

John 1:6-8, 19-23 (*Pew Bible, page 86 – NT*)

Responsive Prayer

Mighty God, Prince of Peace,

Everlasting Father, Swaddled, Crying, Hungry Baby:

You came when our need was greatest.

You came not in majesty but in a manger.

You came when it was dark,

not the friendly darkness

as when sleep rescues the weary;

but the frightening darkness,

as when people lose their hope,

and hearts break into pieces,

and hatred starts to seem reasonable.

You came when the world was dark,

looking so much like one of us,

and yet calling us to be like you.

*You came as light,
a kind of light we had never seen before,
the kind of light that made us realize,
perhaps for the first time,
just how dark the darkness had become.*

Our eyes had become too adjusted,
and heavy hearts slowed our steps.

But on this holy night,
even we who have walked in darkness have seen a great light.

*Mighty God, Prince of Peace,
Everlasting Father, Swaddled, Crying, Hungry Baby,
born to rescue people who walk in the dark.
We worship and adore you,
our light, our life,
God's living word become flesh. Amen.*

Second Lesson *Luke 1:26-38 (Pew Bible, page 53 – NT)*

Carol #145 *What Child Is This*

Third Lesson *Luke 2:1-7 (Pew Bible, page 54 – NT)*

Carol #119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Fourth Lesson *Luke 2:8-16 (Pew Bible, pages 54-55 – NT)*

Handbell Duet *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Christmas Meditation *Rev. Kristin Stroble*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***Carol #134** *Joy to the World*

Fifth Lesson *Matthew 2:1-12 (Pew Bible, pages 1-2 – NT)*

Offering

(Financial offerings support the life and mission of Eastminster Presbyterian.)

Music at the Offertory *O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion*

*Doxology [#143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory]

***All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King!***

*Prayer of Dedication

Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Joy to the World!

The Lord has come!

Sing to the Lord all the people of the earth!

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

(We will be receiving communion by intinction. Please come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. You may return down the side aisles. There is an allergy free bread station in the front, on the pulpit side.)

Prayer

Sixth Lesson *John 1:1-14* (Pew Bible, page 86 – NT)

***Sharing of the Light**

(Please keep the lighted candle vertical and tip the unlighted candle toward the flame to light it.)

Carol #122 *Silent Night, Holy Night!

- 1. *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.***
- 2. *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."***
- 3. *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.***
- 4. *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.***

***Christmas Blessing**

***Postlude**

Participants in today's service:

Minister: Rev. Kristin Stroble

Children's Message: Neil Myer, Director of Christian Education

Advent Wreath Lighters: Mike, Megan, and Bobby Jones

Readers: Steve Dickinson, Mary Harvey, Susan Smalley, Cindy Nixon,
Abby Nixon, Barb Stowitts, Shirley Paxton, The Myer family, Rick
Johnston, Thomas Johnston, Norm Mackay, Fred Graham

Organist: Tamar Mikeladze

Choir Director: Jadrian Tarver

Bell Duet: Heather Myer and Linda Hardenbergh

Communion Servers: Mary Harvey, Mike Jones, Barb Dalzell, Sherri
Blanchard

Musicians:

Christine Roberts, Mezzo-Soprano

Michaela Larson, Soprano

Coty Raven Morris, Soprano

Brandon Miller, Tenor

Daniela Diaz-Peter, Violin

Sandro Sidamonidze, Cello

The Advent Wreath liturgy is by Sarah Are / A Sanctified Art / LLC / sanctifiedart.org



We extend a warm welcome to everyone worshipping with us tonight and hope that this service will enrich your celebration of our Lord's birth. May God bless you with the joy and peace of this holy season. Please join us in the

Green Room for refreshments following the worship service.

Children and Worship: Children are always welcome in worship at Eastminster. Children's worship packets can be found in the basket outside the sanctuary doors as well as activity bags, which they can use during the service. We have created a space for children at the front of the sanctuary. Your child is welcome to use that space or remain in the pews with you.

Today at Eastminster

Ushers

Head Usher: Linda Hardenbergh; Norm and Cindy Mackay

Greeters

Irv Nichols, Barb Dalzell

Church Leadership and Staff

Rev. Kristin Stroble Pastor

Dr. Fred Graham Parish Advisor

Rev. Shirley Paxton Parish Advisor

Neil Myer Director of Christian Education

Bridgette Redman Office Administrator

Jadrian Tarver Choir Director

Tamar Mikeladze Organist

Heather Myer Bell Choir Director

Laurin Schulz Nursery Attendant

Audri Kocan Nursery Attendant



Poinsettia Dedications

Given By	In Memory Of
Bruce Augenstein	Sue Augenstein
Barb Dalzell	John Dalzell
Dan and Judy Dickinson	William and Maxine Dickinson Emory and May Bates
Jim and Marcia Engelkes	Our parents, Matt and Mayme Hopp Bernie and Leona Engelkes
Tom and Linda Hardenbergh	Clayton Hardenbergh Beki Hardenbergh Ellen Grant
Chase and Suzanne Hunt	David S. Hunt
Patsy King	Doug King
Robert Kleine	Everett Ketchum Virginia and Harold Karandjeff
Irv Nichols	Christy Nichols
Shirley and Bill Paxton	Our son-in-law, Gary Hoffman
Given By	In Honor Of
William and Maxine Cleary	The Elders and Deacons
David and Mary Ann Merchant	Their Grandchildren, Sophia, Sam, Ana, Ella Jane, Vivienne and Henri
Bob and Mary K Nees	Their families

O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

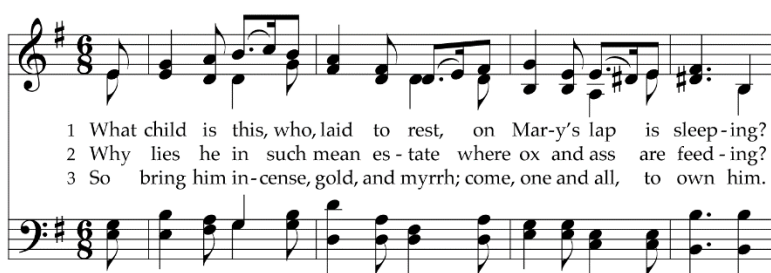
From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

TEXT: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, alt.
 MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

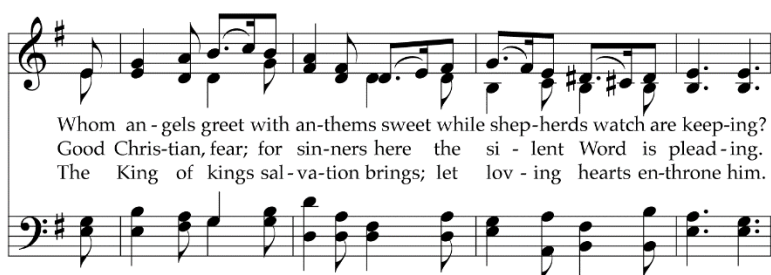
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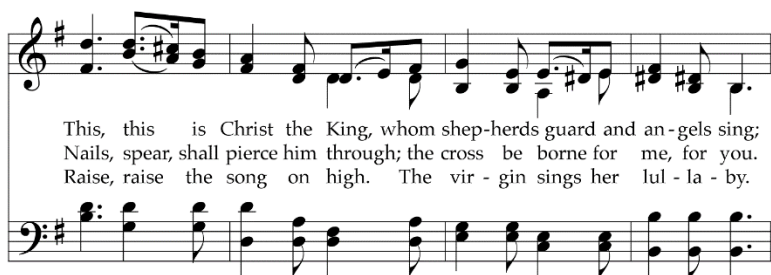
What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 The King of kings sal - va-tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

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.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king!"

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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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.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

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(alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)

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We, the members of Eastminster Presbyterian Church,
celebrate the grace of God and the redeeming love of Jesus Christ.

We believe we are called as God's children to:

Praise and worship God;

Nurture and support spiritual growth as a family of faith;

Promote an open and welcoming community;

Reach out to the world with compassion;

and seek God's justice.

We strive to develop and use our Spirit-given gifts

to share our faith in word and deed

as disciples who serve the Lord Jesus Christ

according to the will of God.

Adopted by the Session in 1999. Revised in 2011.

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