

First Sunday of Christmas

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 26, 2021

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Good Christians, All, Rejoice”
Randy Benfield, organ

Heldeson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pastor Keith L. DeVries

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 148:1-3, 13b)

Leader: Praise the LORD from the heavens;

People: Praise God in the heights!

Leader: Praise God, all the angels;

People: Praise God, all the heavenly host!

Leader: Praise God, sun and moon;

People: Praise God, all you shining stars!

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

People: For God’s name alone is exalted.

Beth Lindley

* HYMN

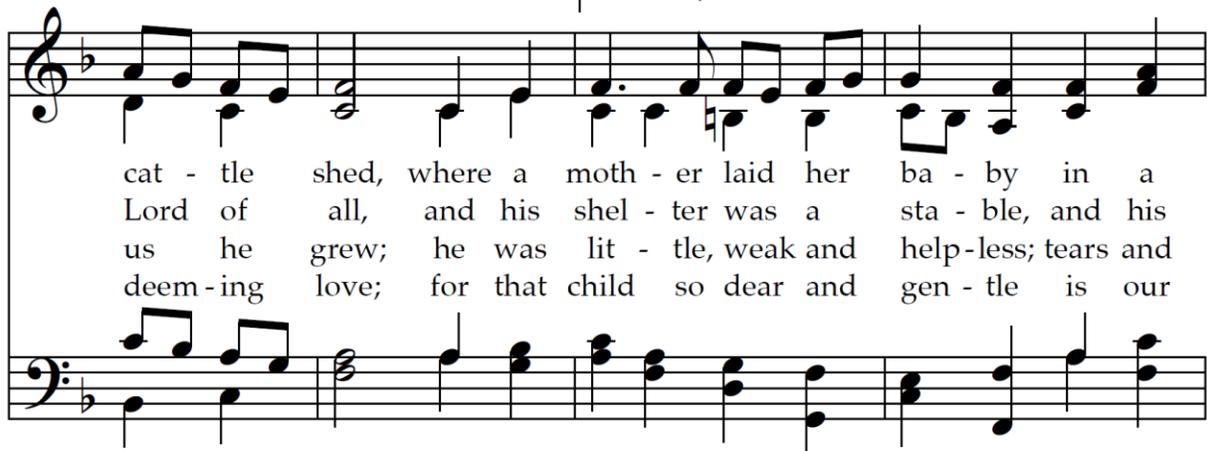
“Once in Royal David’s City”

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Glory to God

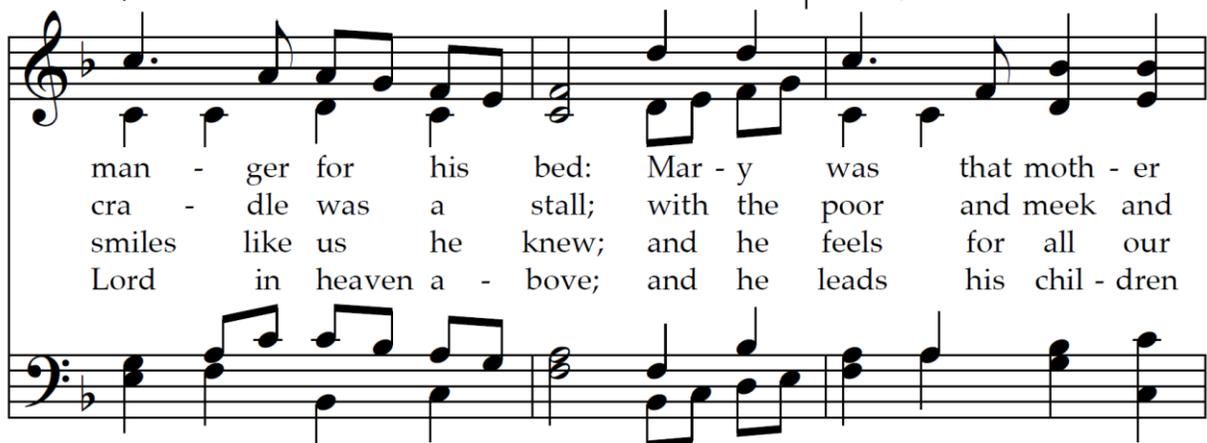
Once in Royal David's City 140



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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beth Lindley

Leader: As we enter this new Christmas season and approach this new year, let us set aside our old ways of sin and embrace each new opportunity Christ presents us. Let us join together in our unison prayer of confession.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Remembering God, we confess that sometimes we forget ourselves. We confess we are quick to speak and slow to listen and ponder. Remind us to slow down from the busy-ness of the world's ways, to take in other ways of knowing, and to listen for your Word before we respond. Call us to follow your path of wisdom and insight, noticing your creative work around us and within us. When we feel lost and are searching for you, remind us that you have already found us. Lead us to grow in wisdom and in your favor.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Because God loves the world, the only Son is given as a gift. Whoever trusts that gift will not perish but have eternal life. You have that life now. You have God's unconditional love now. Embrace the love of Christ that is born in you. Forgive one another, and know you are forgiven. Seek restoration and reparation, for the peace of God is with you. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Gloria Patri"

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

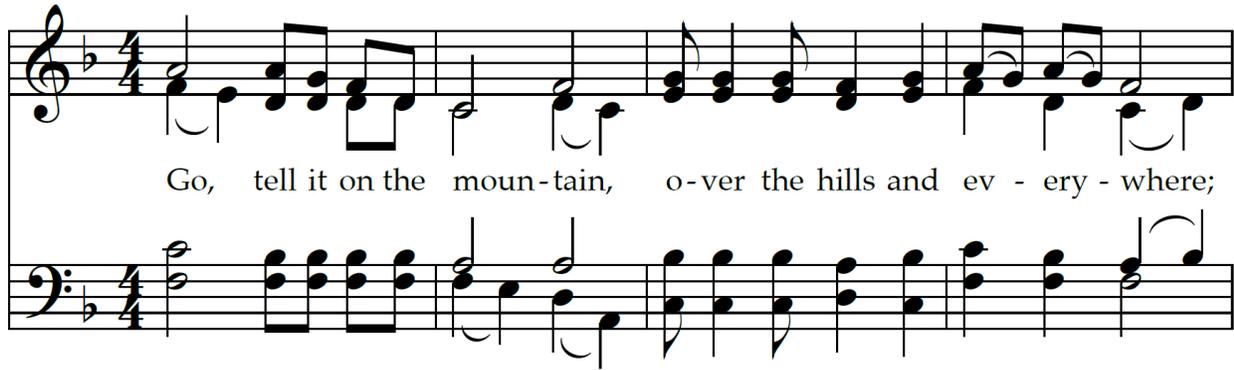
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"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

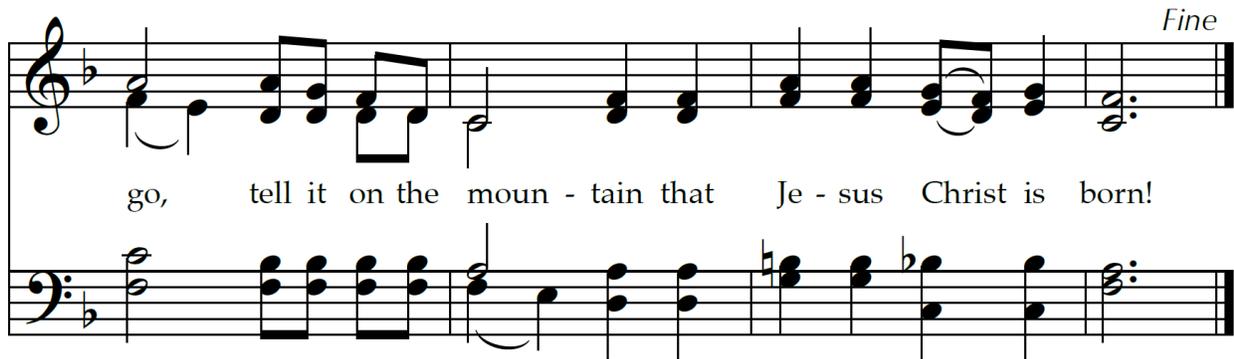
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Refrain 

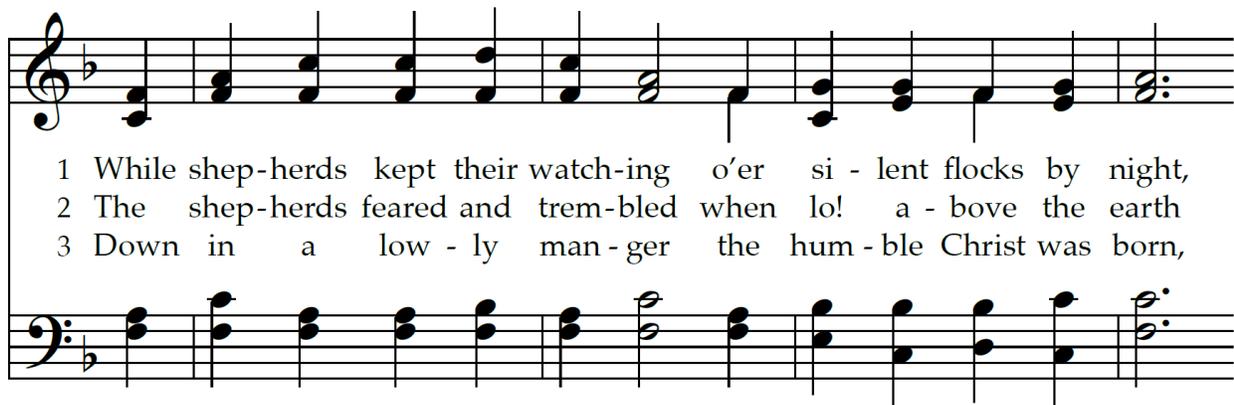


Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

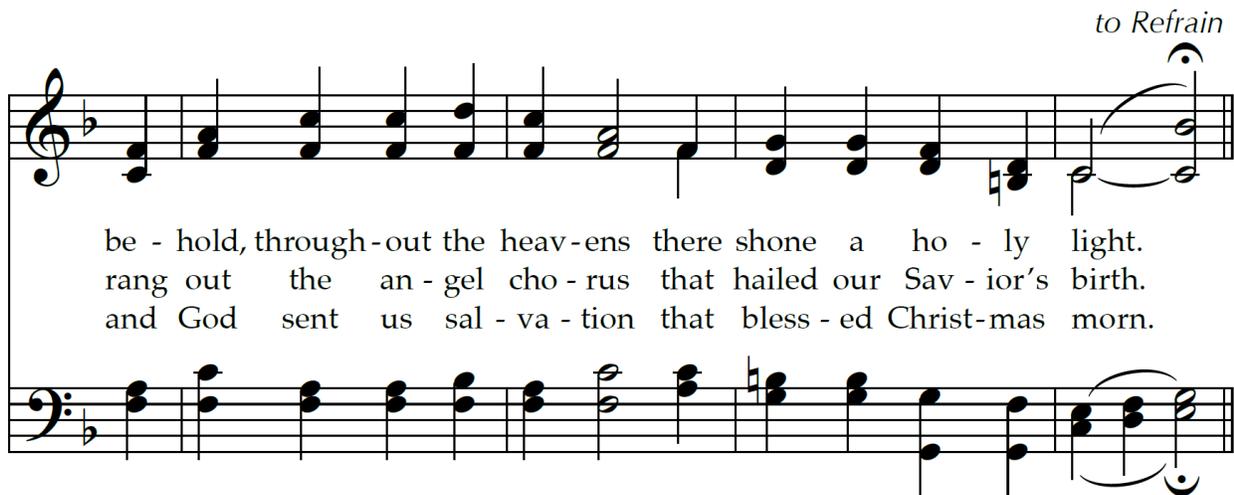


go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

Fine



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,



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.

to Refrain

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

SERMON

"Tween Jesus Is All"

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

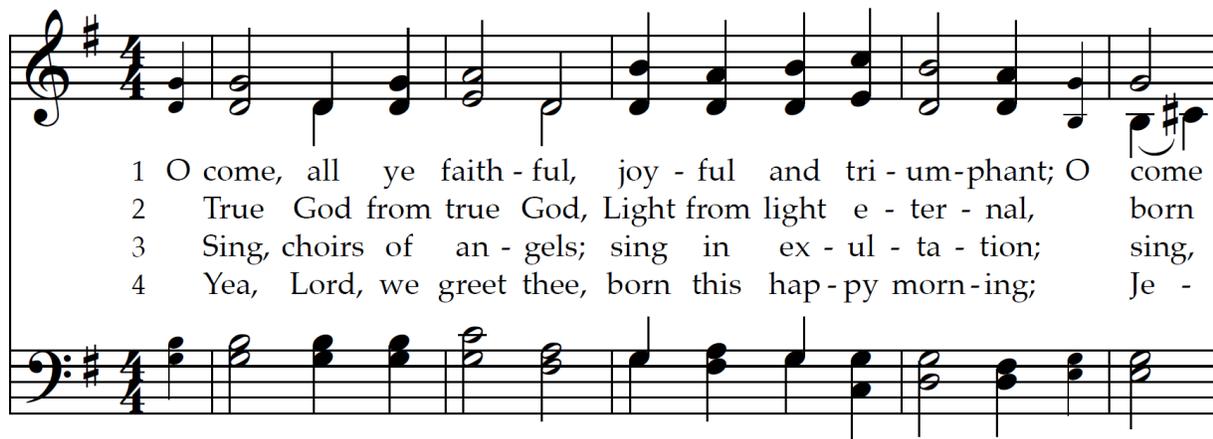
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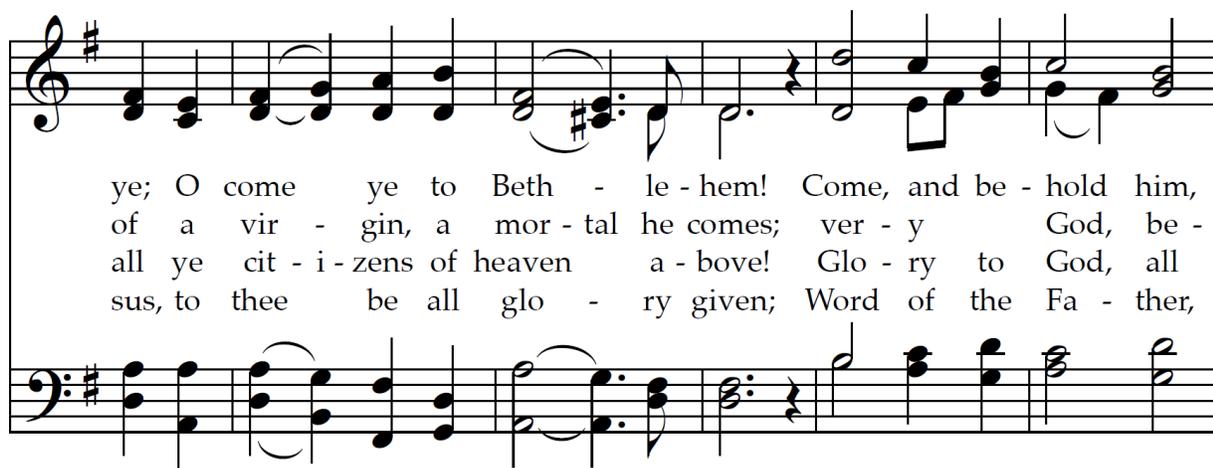
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O Come, All Ye Faithful

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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!

OFFERING

RECOGNITION OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW WAVE NWC

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Come, let us adore him ...

We adore you, Savior God, Root of Jesse, Ruler of Nations, Newborn King. We give thanks for the star that led us to this long-awaited hope and the season of Advent that prepared us for your extraordinary birth.

Come, let us adore him ...

We adore you, Savior God, born fragile, vulnerable and human. We pray for those most vulnerable in our society: the sick, the marginalized, the abused, the poor and homeless. We pray for those who are bone-weary from work, those who feel helpless and hopeless. Empower and encourage them by your Spirit, O God.

Come, let us adore him ...

We adore you, Savior God, for being with us in the flesh, for entering our world and experiencing our humanity, for redeeming and sustaining us in each and every moment. We pray for those who feel misunderstood, for those who are angry and those who have been dealt with unjustly. We pray for the victims of violence and for those who turn to violence as the answer. We pray to the Prince of Peace to heal us and guide us in the path of peace.

Come, let us adore him ...

We adore you, Savior God, for the way you came and continue to come in mystery and in might. You enter our world, our joy and our pain, making our hearts burn with thanksgiving. May our lives be gifts of praise to you. May our Christmas joy turn us towards each other with compassion, respect and kindness. May we cloth ourselves in dignity and love each other as you love us.

Holy and astounding God, we have seen the reflection of your glory and celebrated your love born again. Help us bear witness to Christ in our lives and in our prayers.

Finally, hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together,

Unison: 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 CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,
We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,
And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts" (from *Christmas Oratorio*)

Saint-Seans

*Please stand if you are able.

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