



CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 1, 2023

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Still, Still, Still”
Setting by Paul Manz, Op 22

Traditional Austrian Carol

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Christ is born!

People: Christ is born!

Leader: Because of this birth, life is full of promise for you and for me. Life is full of promise for our community.

People: We celebrate today the presence of God's promise in our midst.

Leader: The promise of a small child coming into a crowded, hurting world, and growing to be a liberator.

People: It's the promise of you and me, struggling and stumbling together, growing and celebrating, reaching out to make a new presence in our world.

*** OPENING SONG**

“Once in Royal David's City”

No. 140
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.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: God has come to us, feeling for all our sadness, sharing in all our gladness, and is faithful to lead us. Too often we do not recognize God's presence, and don't allow ourselves to be changed. We continue in our old ways. Let us pray for transformation.

All: Ever-present God, you became our Savior in all our distress. In all the ways we hurt and all the ways we hurt others, in all the ways we feel neglected and all the ways we neglect others, in all the ways we cry out and all the ways we cause others to cry, you are with us, comforting us and holding us to account. In your love, redeem us once again. Lift us up and grant us your mercy, as you have throughout the generations.

Silence

Leader: We celebrate God's steadfast love this day. Please rise in body or spirit.

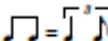
* Leader: Be restored to right-standing with God and one another. No matter what we do, no matter what we neglect to do, that love never changes, and we are forgiven.

* **People: Thank God for peace! Thank God for good news! Thank God for love! We celebrate the birth of love, telling it on the mountain, over the hills, and everywhere!**

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE **"Go Tell it on the Mountain"**

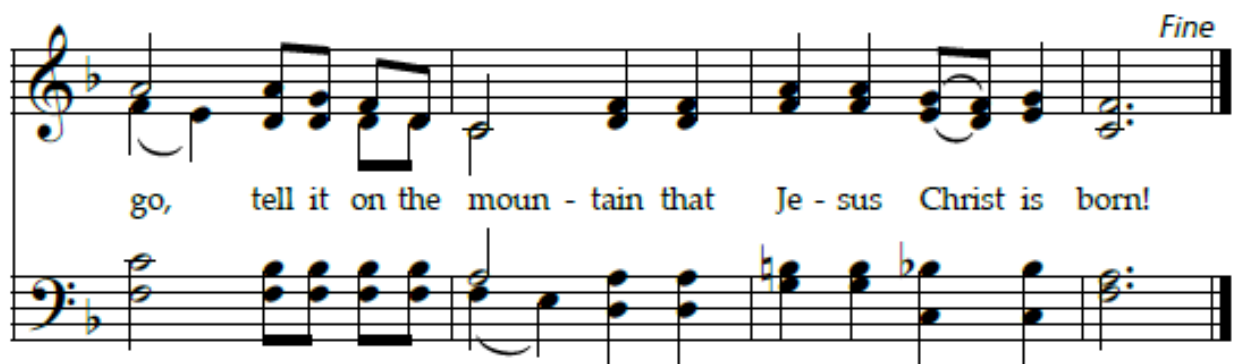
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136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

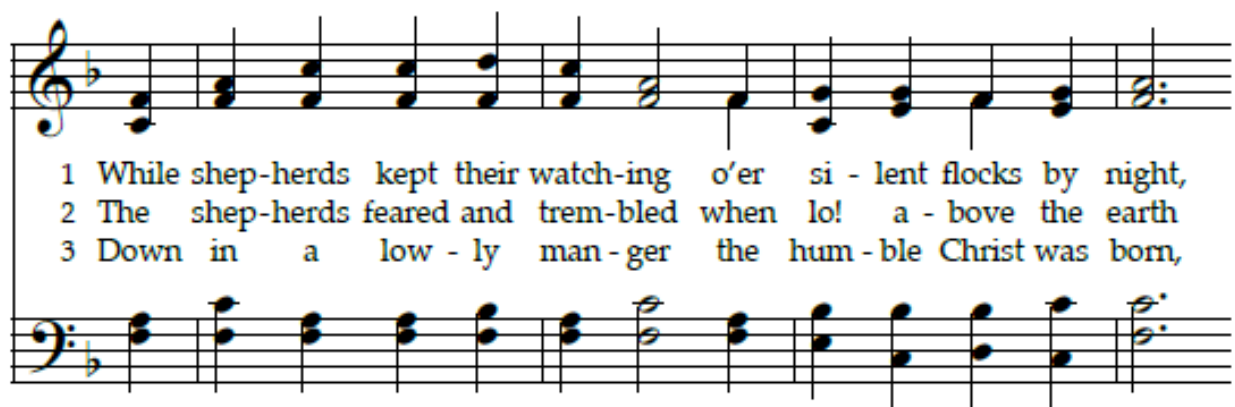
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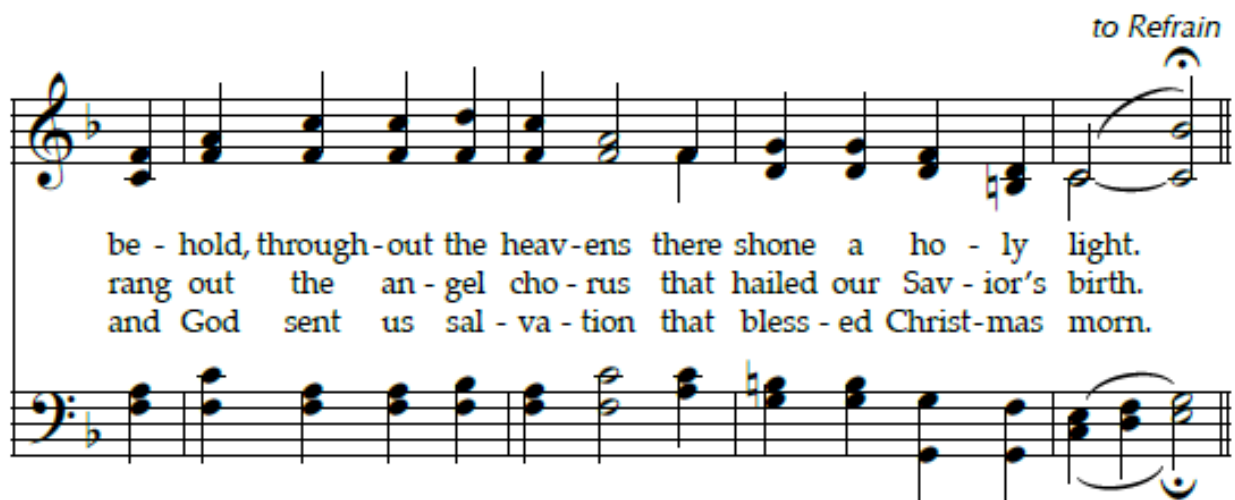
Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



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,



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

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Children are invited to the front of the church. They may return to their seats afterwards to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-23

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: 'A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

SERMON

"Same New Year, Same New Covenant" Pastor Ivan N. Herman

SONG

"He Came Down"

No. 137
Glory to God

He Came Down

137

He came down that we may have love; he
came down that we may have love; he came down that we may
have love; hal - le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.

Leader: Why did he come?

The musical score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. Each system has a treble clef staff for the voice and a bass clef staff for the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are placed below the voice staff. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and includes triplet markings in the first and third systems.

Additional stanzas:

... that we may have light
... that we may have peace
... that we may have joy

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers in your home worship space. Beside it set a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage. With these elements we celebrate the shared presence of Christ that connects and nourishes our communion of faith.)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Leader: Come to your new journey to be sustained by the food and drink of this holy table.

People: We come following the stars of guidance.

Leader: Come in spite of all the detours of your life.

People: We know God shows us every year, every day, an oasis of safety and rest when we are escaping from dangers all around us, and the 'home by another way' which may be a new staying place or a new adventure.

Leader: Come, for there is always a table waiting.

People: We come to share what strengthens us and to receive the gifts of others.

WORDS OF REMEMBERING AND GRATITUDE

We remember that scripture tells us that people are fed on the roads of life.

There is manna in the wilderness, Abigail's early door-dash, meals-on-wheels, one innkeeper's unexpected kindness, and another's, much later, in Jericho for a Samaritan, inspiring the first warming shelter. But mostly we remember that final evening with his disciples when Jesus shared with a meal with friend, betrayer, denier, in a borrowed room, under fear's shadow, in the Passover tradition.

We give thanks for bread and wine redefined as a promise to us and to all who carry the baggage of life packed for every road – both the tourism of life's joys and the paths we take through sorrow. May this holy meal call us back to your way, opening our eyes to your solidarity of love. Give us strength and courage to rest our travel-weary souls in the deep and refreshing pool of your unconditional grace. May we be ready for your next chapter of hope for all who hunger and thirst for the loaf and cup of shalom. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

***(Wherever you are, in the Sanctuary or at home,
you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup.***

***If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive
the communion elements; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles.***

Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.)

* COMMUNION SONG

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, for welcoming us to your table. Teach us to be cooks and servers for the hungry in the world, those who are escaping some tyranny, and those who just need a gift, a home, a community of belonging. Nourished at your table, we go forth to share your kindness, your wisdom, your open heart and resting place. Amen.

OFFERING

Offertory

“O Come Ye in Five”
Arranges by Jon Grier

attr. John Francis Wade

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: God of years 2022 and 2023, and of all times and places. You have journeyed with your people from the very first moment of relationship in that garden,

through the events of history, and alongside the events of this last year and the year to come. Show us each day the beauty of your creation, the strength of your human community and the potential of our aspirations. We are grateful this day for gifts you have brought to us in this life and on this day.

Even during times of alienation and exile you still longed to bring your people back to the promise. We still find ourselves in uncertain times, disorienting circumstances and long for restoration of your creation and community.

We pray for our newly elected leadership in the United States. May leaders govern with a heart for the welfare of the people of this land and every land. May they find common ground to bring the greater good into the world.

We pray for the war in Ukraine and Russia. For families ripped apart and grieving the losses of loved ones as well as the trauma of war on their children and future generations. We pray for the women of Iran and the Iranian people seeking greater agency, equality and opportunity for them and for their children.

We pray for those held hostage and without due process as pawns of states and terrorist groups. May people never be used as currency and their humanity, dignity, and agency be preserved and always honored.

We pray for those in the LGBTQIA+ and gender nonconforming communities whose lives are threatened by violence merely for who they love or for living into authenticity. We also take this moment to pray for those closest to us we may know by name who need your love and care this day.

Draw close to each one in body, mind, or circumstance, Gentle Savior. Work within each situation a knowledge of your divine love and compassion that compels your human family toward justice and love. Teach us where we may become hands and feet that all may know your grace and your powerful love. For we pray this in the name of Jesus Christ whom you sent that we may know the depth of your love and that we may remember the prayer he taught us all:

All: 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.

* CLOSING SONG

“O Sing a Song of Bethlehem”

No. 159
Glory to God

159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch - ing there,
 2 O sing a song of Naz - a - reth, of sun - ny days of joy;
 3 O sing a song of Gal - i - lee, of lake and woods and hill,
 4 O sing a song of Cal - va - ry, its glo - ry and dis - may,

and of the news that came to them from an - gels in the air.
 O sing of fra - grant flow - ers' breath, and of the sin - less boy.
 of him who walked up - on the sea and bade its waves be still.
 of him who hung up - on the tree, and took our sins a - way.

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to - day.
 For now the flowers of Naz - a - reth in ev - ery heart may grow.
 For though, like waves on Gal - i - lee, dark seas of trou - ble roll,
 For he who died on Cal - va - ry is ris - en from the grave,

Of Je - sus' birth and peace on earth the an - gels sing al - way.
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the Mas - ter's word, falls peace up - on the soul.
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a - dored, is might - y now to save.

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”
 Setting by Paul Laubengayer

German Carol

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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