



CHRIST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, BROCKTON, MA



December 24, 2022

7:00 pm

AN ASTERISK IN THE BULLETIN INDICATES THAT ALL FOR WHOM IT IS COMFORTABLE SHOULD RISE FOR THAT PART OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE

HYMN/CAROL Sing

RINGING OF THE CHIMES 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'

WELCOME Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 'Once In Royal David's City' No. 165

Tonight...

HYMN 'Angels We Have Heard On High' No. 155

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The impossible is about to happen in a stable. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them, The Light has shined!

One: This is the evening when creation stood still and held its breath, for God was doing the most unbelievable, dangerous thing.

All: This is the evening when God embraced humanity from the inside, as one of us, from birth to death.

One: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of Grace and truth. And His name was Jesus.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

"CHRIST"

One: In a world of darkness, we have seen a great light!

All: We join with our siblings around the world, lighting candles to guide our steps in this Advent journey.

One: Today we light the candle of Christ!

All: In a tiny manger, God became like us, so that we may be with God.

One: In the cries of a newborn baby comes the answer to our own cries of Advent,

All: O come, O come, Emmanuel!

ADVENT PRAYER *(in unison)*

God of Advent, You have brought us together in eager anticipation of the birth of the baby Jesus, Your son. Allow Your spirit to be born anew in our hearts this night. Open our lips that we may too, sing the songs of hope, peace, joy and love. May the flame of these candles remind us that You are the light of the world, and we shall never walk in darkness; Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

'When God Is A Child' (vs. 4)

No. 132

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

Jesus has come and will never depart.

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

*The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

The Light...

MUSICAL OFFERING

'Do You Hear What I Hear?'

Noel Regney/Gloria Shayne
arr. Harry Simeone

'Twas The Night Before Christmas

The Light...

MUSICAL OFFERING

'Carol of the Bells'

Ukrainian Carol
arr. Mykola Leontovich

Glory To The Newborn King

HYMN

'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'

No. 150

Rang Out The Angel Chorus

MUSICAL OFFERING

'Go, Tell It On the Mountain'

Lisa Sparling, director

Fall On Your Knees

MUSICAL OFFERING

Alisa Cassola, soloist

'O Holy Night'

Adolphe Adam

HOLY COMMUNION

Guide Us To Thy Perfect Light

GIVING OF OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT

IMPROVISED MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Anton Faynberg

During this time, we invite you to take a moment for quiet reflection

CHRISTMAS DOXOLOGY 'Gloria refrain from Angels We Have Heard On High'

No. 155

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(in unison)*

Our Creator (Father) who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Jesus, Lord at Thy Birth

CANDLE LIGHTING

***HYMN**

'Silent Night, Holy Night'

No. 145

***BENEDICTION**

***HYMN**

'Joy to the World'

No. 143

Participating in Todays Worship Service:

Rev. Dr. Holly Norwick, Bridge Pastor

Rev. Ann-Marie Illsley, Associate Pastor

Rev. Mary Perry, Guest Pastor

Murray Kidd, Music Director

Anton Faynberg, Organist/Pianist

Alisa Cassola, Soloist

David Wilcox, ASL Interpreter

Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a lów - ly
 2. Christ came down to earth from hea - ven, love in - car - nate
 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 mo - ther laid her ba - by
 for us all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble,
 us he grew, he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less,
 deem - ing love; for that child who seemed so help - less.

in a man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that mo - ther
 and his cra - dle was a stall; with the poor, the scorned, the
 tears and smiles like us he knew. Thus he feels for all our
 lives and reigns 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.

WORDS: Cecil F. Alexander, 1848, alt.

MUSIC: Henry John Gauntlett, 1849; harm. Arthur H. Mann, 1919

IRBY

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155 Angels We Have Heard on High

Descant

4. See with - in a man - ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ, who comes in
 4. See with - in a man - ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of

an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,
 o'er the plains, and the moun - tains in re - ply
 strains pro - long? What the glad - some tid - ings be
 low - ly birth. Come a - dore on bend - ed knee
 an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

Refrain

while our hearts in love we raise. Ah!

ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Je - sus, joy of heav'n and earth. Glo - - -
 while our hearts in love we raise.

WORDS: Traditional French carol; tr. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862, alt.
 MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937;
 harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964, alt.; desc. Richard E. Gerig, 1956

GLORIA
 77.77 w. refrain

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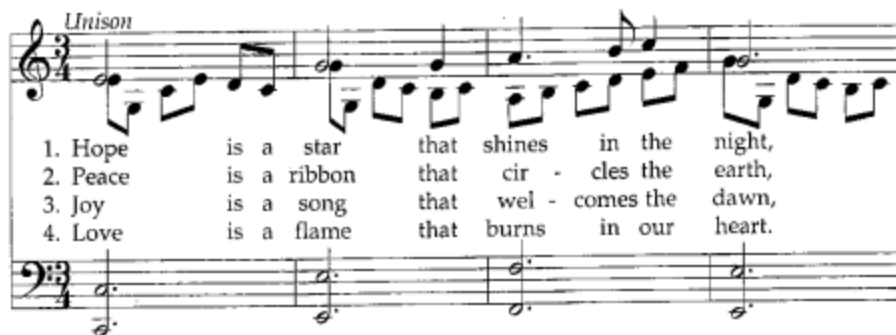
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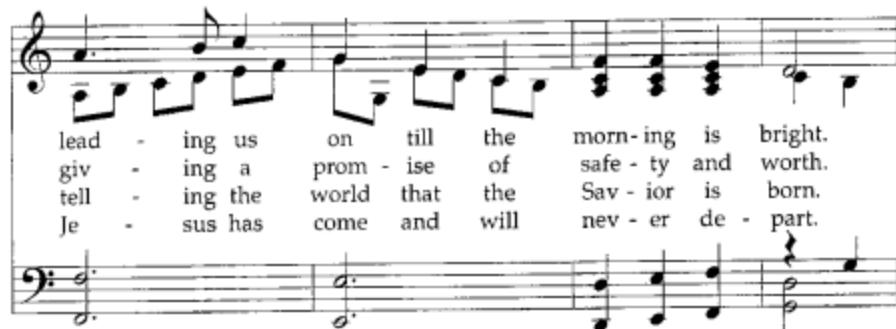
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ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Unison

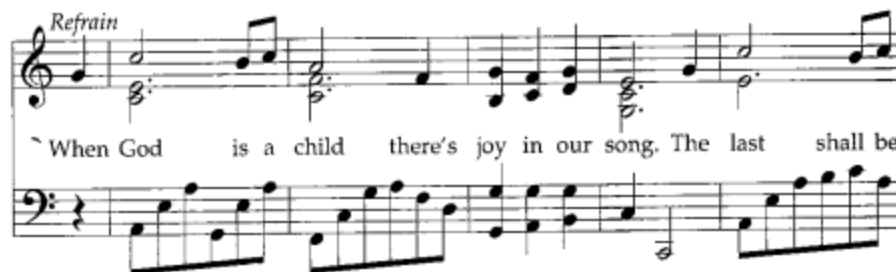


1. Hope is a star that shines in the night,
 2. Peace is a ribbon that cir - cles the earth,
 3. Joy is a song that wel - comes the dawn,
 4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

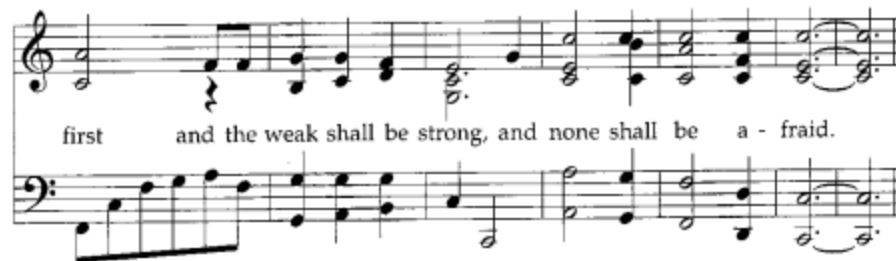


lead - ing us on till the morn - ing is bright.
 giv - ing a prom - ise of safe - ty and worth.
 tell - ing the world that the Sav - ior is born.
 Je - sus has come and will nev - er de - part.

Refrain



When God is a child there's joy in our song. The last shall be



first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be a - fraid.

WORDS: Brian Wren, 1985
 MUSIC: Joan Collier Fogg, 1987

MOON BEAMS
 Irr. w. refrain

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150 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Descant

3. All hail the Sun of

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

Righ - teous - ness! He is risen with heal - ing

new - born King; peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners
 last - ing Lord! Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the
 Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing

in his wings. His glo - ry by,

rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,
 Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God - head see;
 in his wings, mild he lays his glo - ry by,

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William H. Cummings, 1856;
 desc. Paul Liljestr and

MENDELSSOHN
 77.77D w. refrain

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no more may die;

join the tri - umph of the skies; with the an - gel - ic
 hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty, pleased in flesh with
 born that we no more may die, born to raise us

born to raise us from the earth to sec - ond birth.

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

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing to the new - born King.

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

Silent Night, Holy Night

145

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep-herds quake at the sight,
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, won-drous star, lend thy light;

round yon vir - gin moth-er and child, ho - ly in-fant so ten-der and mild,
 glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, heav-en-ly hosts sing al - le-lu - ia;
 ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face, with the dawn of re-deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing, al - le-lu - ia to our King;

sleep in heav - en-ly peace, sleep in heav - en-ly peace.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ, the Sav - ior, is born, Christ, the Sav - ior, is born.

WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818; tr. John F. Young, 1863
 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

STILLE NACHT
 Arr.

Joy to the World

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1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 songs em - ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

And heaven and na - ture sing, and
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
 And won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
 peat the sound - ing joy,
 won - ders of his love,

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719
 MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1741; arr. Lowell Mason, 1848

ANTIOCH
 CM w. repeat