

Joy

Hear the angels still rejoicing.

And I will lift my voice

to You and sing,

My Savior, God,

and the King

of Kings is born.



I bring you good tidings of great joy....

Unto you is born this day...a Saviour. Luke 2:10-11

Sunday Worship
West Barre Church
December 17, 2023

Welcome and Greeting

Prelude: “We Have Come into This House” Bulletin Insert

Bringing in the Light (acolytes)

***Call To Worship**

Leader: In the midst of cold days and long nights,

People: God offers joy.

Leader: When things that we have planned go right, and even
when they don't

People: God still offers joy.

Leader: Even when we least expect it.

People: God surprises us with joy.

Leader: As we abide in Christ and His love abides in us

People: Our joy is made complete

***Unison Prayer:**

**Jesus we thank you that You are the source of our hope, and
peace and joy. We rejoice in Your Word that reveals you
compassion and love towards us.**

**We rejoice in Your presence that gives us abiding strength
and peace.**

**You fill our hearts with more joy than we ever expected, and
we rejoice in Your goodness towards us. Amen.**

***Hymn “Angels from the Realms of Glory” UMH# 220**

Choir Anthem

Faith Declaration:

This is my Bible. Every word in it is true. The truth shall set me free, and the truth will keep me free. I choose to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only, and to faithfully respond to the call of Jesus Christ.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

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Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Children Dismissed to Their Classes

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

***Hymn “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks” UMH #236**

The Apostles Creed

Morning Meditation

“Unexpected Joy”

Receiving of the Morning Offering

Doxology

UMH #95

Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn “Angels We Have Heard on High”**

UMH #238

Sharing God's Light with the World (acolytes)

Benediction: (from Chris Tomlin's song)

Light of the World you stepped out into darkness. You opened our eyes that we may see. Shine Your light upon us Jesus. Shine through us as the light of the world. Amen.

***Sending Forth**

Disperse in Mission

To access our website, type: westbarreumc.org

We are also on Facebook, type: West Barre UMC

Pastor Jim usually is in the church office Tuesdays and Wednesdays. However, he will probably be working from home for a couple of weeks. He is available on his cell phone if he is not here in the office. (716) 523-7542.



Assisting in Worship

	Today 12/17	Next Sunday 12/24
Preaching:	Rev. James Heiler	Rev. James Heiler
Greeters/Ushers:	Lanor Markle	Dean & Karen Dibley
Liturgist:	Jim Peglow	Jim Peglow
Organist:	Naomi Caldwell	Naomi Caldwell
Choir Director:	Hugh Dudley	Hugh Dudley
Altar Flowers:	Lanor Markle	Dean & Karen Dibley

Announcements:

Monday (18th): 6:30 pm Trustees

Looking ahead:

Sunday (24th): 9 am Choir
7 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December Monthly Mission: Jesus' gift to the
Lipson Cancer Foundation – patient services
The Hope you want. The cancer care you need.



Financial Statement:

December 10, 2023		\$ 2,400.00
Giving to Date:		\$116,874.00
Included in giving:		
Jesus Gift	\$1,140.00	\$ 1,580.00



*But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the
people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been
born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
Luke 2:10-11*

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We Have Come into His House

Bruce Ballinger, 1945-

(to Worship Him)

Bruce Ballinger, 1945-

1. We have come in - to His house and gath-ered in His name to
 2. So for - get a - bout your-self and con-cen-trate on Him and
 3. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and mag-ni - fy His name and

wor - ship Him. We have come in - to His house and
 wor - ship Him. So for - get a - bout your-self and
 wor - ship Him. Let us lift up ho - ly hands and

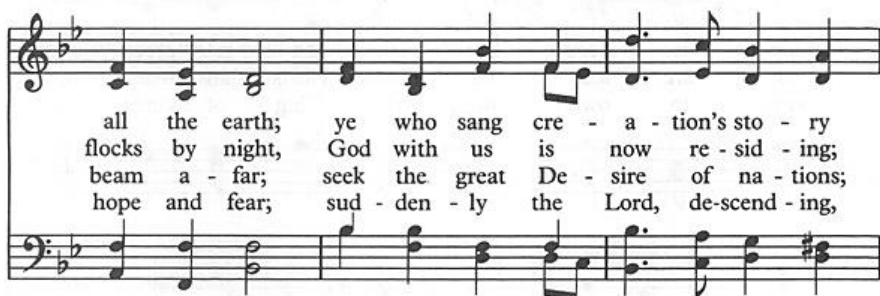
gath-ered in His name to wor - ship Him. We have
 con - cen-trate on Him and wor - ship Him. So for -
 mag - ni - fy His name and wor - ship Him. Let us

come in - to His house and gath-ered in His name to wor-ship Christ the
 get a - bout your-self and con-cen-trate on Him and wor-ship Christ the
 lift up ho - ly hands and mag-ni - fy His name and wor-ship Christ the

220 Angels from the Realms of Glory



1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er
 2. Shep - herds, in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions
 4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in



all the earth; ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry
 flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing;
 beam a - far; seek the great De - sire of na - tions;
 hope and fear; sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,

Refrain

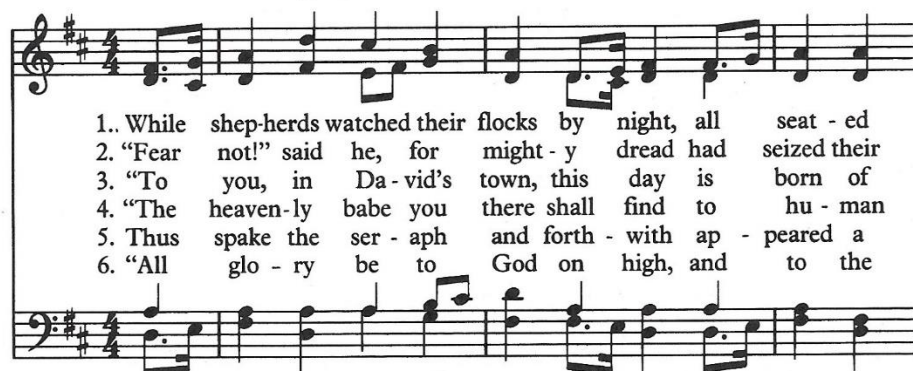


now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: Come and wor - ship,
 ye have seen his na - tal star:
 in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

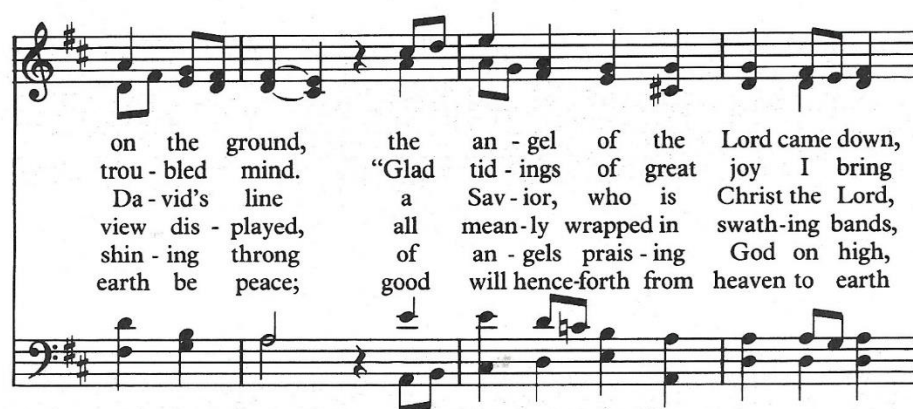


come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

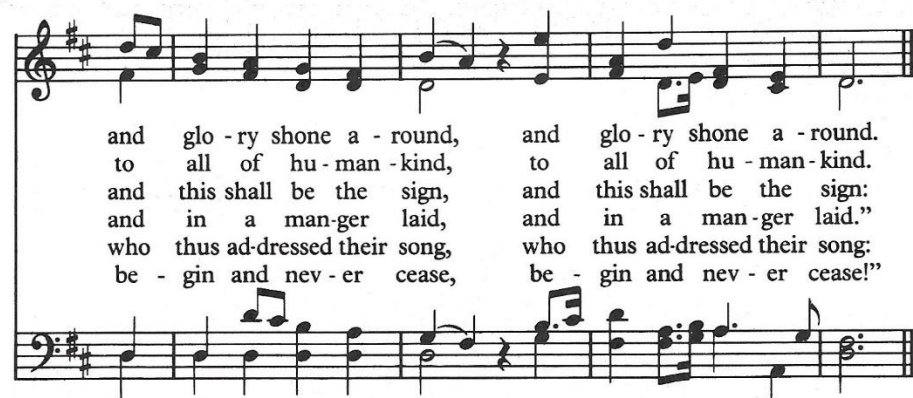
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1. While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed
 2. "Fear not!" said he, for might - y dread had seized their
 3. "To you, in Da - vid's town, this day is born of
 4. "The heav-en-ly babe you there shall find to hu - man
 5. Thus spake the ser - aph and forth - with ap - peared a
 6. "All glo - ry be to God on high, and to the



on the ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down,
 trou - bled mind. "Glad tid - ings of great joy I bring
 Da - vid's line a Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord,
 view dis - played, all mean-ly wrapped in swath-ing bands,
 shin - ing throug of an - gels prais - ing God on high,
 earth be peace; good will hence-forth from heaven to earth



and glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.
 to all of hu - man-kind, to all of hu - man-kind.
 and this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:
 and in a man-ger laid, and in a man-ger laid."
 who thus ad-dressed their song, who thus ad-dressed their song:
 be - gin and nev - er cease, be - gin and nev - er cease!"

WORDS: Nahum Tate, 1700 (Lk. 2:8-14)

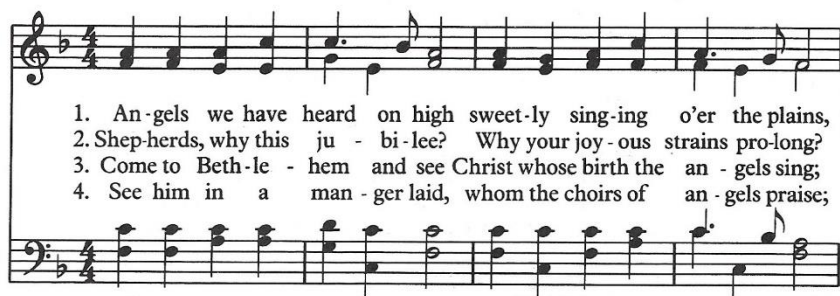
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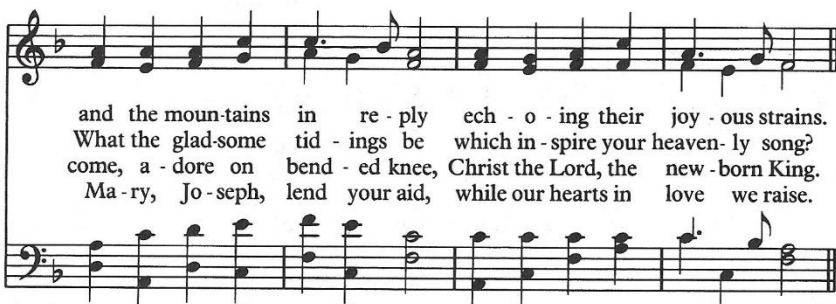
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I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;*
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the
dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic** church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

238 Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;



and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav-en - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.



Refrain
 Glo - - - - - ri - a,



in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - -



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