

December 25, 2022 ~ Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day

Gathering Music ~ Mark Handford

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude ~ Celebration Ringers

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Hear how deep God's love is for us,

People: that while we still lost in our sins, God sent a Savior.

Leader: He was born of a woman in a lowly barn, guarded by shepherds.

People: Yet he is Jesus, our Lord, who saves his people from their sins. Amen!

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

*Hymn #133 ~ "O Come All Ye Faithful" and #143 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

Christian Scripture ~ Luke 2:1-14

*Hymn #132 ~ "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer ~ *in 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.

*Hymn #136~ "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

*Benediction

Postlude

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The office will be closed on December 26 and 27.

The worship service on January 1, 2023 will be at 10:15AM, in person and live-streamed.

The office will be closed on January 2 and 3.

REMINDER: ALL offerings and special donations to be credited for 2022 must be received **no later than December 29.** There is a secure mailbox at the church where donations may be dropped off. **ALL** donations to the Board of Deacons and/or to the Foundation must be payable by separate check made directly to the Deacons or to the Foundation. Their accounts are **SEPARATE** from the St. Paul's account.

2022 Giving Tree: The collection of NEW children's books for COTS in Detroit will continue through Sunday, January 8th. The books can be left in or near the baskets in the lobby by the fireplace Christmas tree display! These will not be delivered to COTS until mid-January, so no Christmas/seasonal books please. We will be collecting books for infant - elementary aged children. Give the gift of reading this season!

Highlights from the December 20 Session Meeting:

1. Congratulations to Grace Bible Chapel as they begin worshiping in their new building.
2. Two members will share their faith journeys on January 1, 2023.
3. Communion with Ordination and Installation of Officers will be January 8, 2023.
4. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be February 12, 2023.
5. The \$2,066.00 collected of the \$4,330.24 owed for Per Capita will be paid.

Please hold those listed in prayer... and REVIEW and REPORT updates, PLEASE



Bill Garvey, Mike Graham, Janet Frank, Grace Erwin, August Kornowicz, Karen Bright
Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Jerry Stone
Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant, Bruce Phillips
Sister-in law and nephew of Pat Garvey, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Joan Velis and family; Westin ~ infant grandson of Jeanne Sinclair
John Branch ~ father of Christie Piastowski
Dave Schulz ~ nephew of Carol & Mike Graham
Sharon and George and Rita Czanko ~ cousins of Terry Earnley
John Candiloro ~ friend of August Kornowicz
Ray & Mary Clark ~ neighbors of Don & Meta Tulley
Sarah & Mason Young ~ family of Judy McGregor
Chris O'Neill, Tracey Ford, Phil Decker & Vickie McVeigh ~ friends of Judy McGregor
Ben Abela ~ son-in-law of August & Faith Kornowicz
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock
Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel; Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham; Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck
Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian; Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet
Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Ben; Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook
Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips; Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

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.

132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
 He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

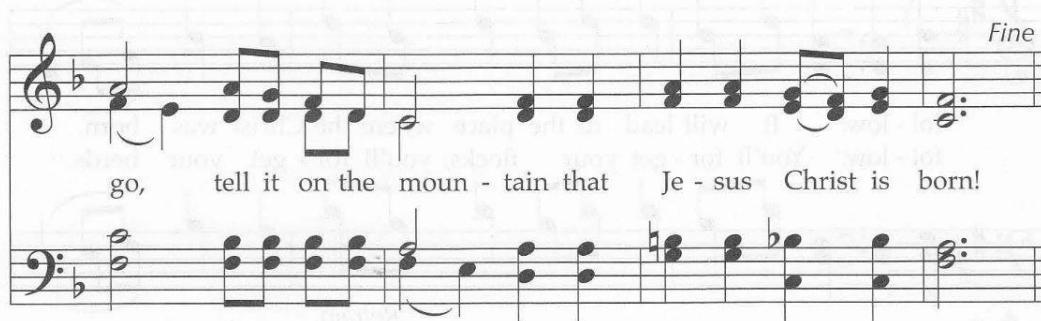
Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain 

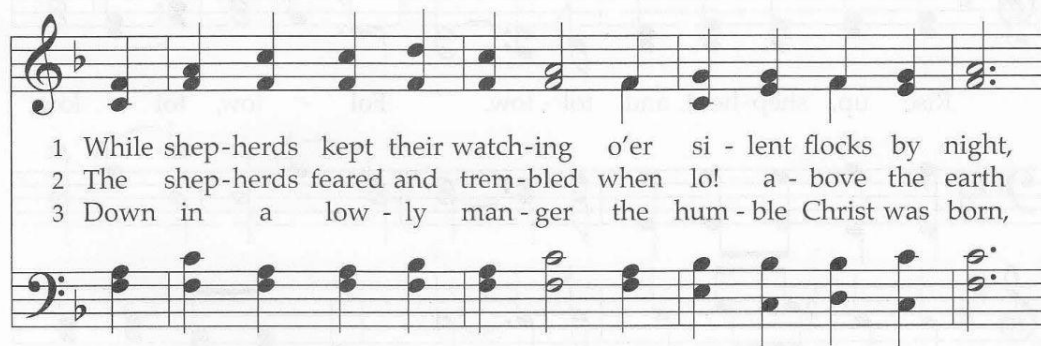


Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

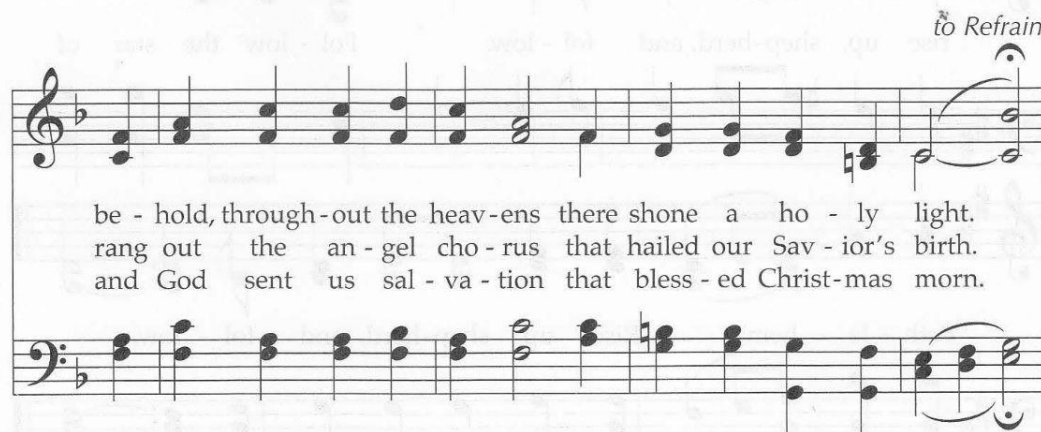


go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

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,



to Refrain

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.

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.

143 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 fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vi - sions
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,

all the earth; you, 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;
 Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing

now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 yon - der shines the in - fant light: come and wor - ship,
 you have seen his na - tal star:
 to the e - ter - nal Three in One:

come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king!

This familiar carol was first published as a poem in the Christmas Eve 1816 issue of a newspaper the author edited in Sheffield, England. The tune name celebrates the location of a prominent Presbyterian Church in London, sometimes called the "Presbyterian cathedral."