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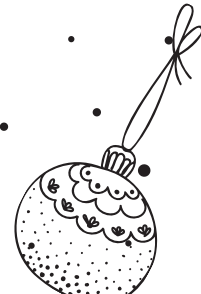

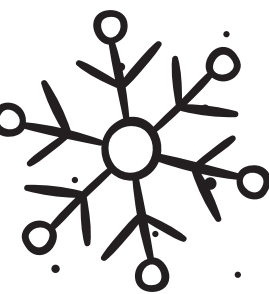
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+ *Please rise in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Anita Lockwood

+ Call to Worship

On this holiest of nights, we come,
joining the shepherds who are stunned by wonder.

Merry Christmas!

On this most silent night, we come,
our hopes and dreams joining those of Mary and Joseph.

Merry Christmas!

On this night of carols and candles, we come,
our glad songs joining with the choirs of angels over us.

Merry Christmas!

+ Opening Hymn

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

True God of true God, Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father, begotten, not created; *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest; *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: *Refrain*

Words: John F. Wade, ca. 1743; trans. By Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others

Music: (ADESTES FIDELES, Irr): John F. Wade, ca. 1743; harm. From *Collections of Motetts or Antiphons*, 1792

Lighting the Christ Candle

We celebrate the coming of Christ...Shine in your church gathered today.

O holy Child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray. Cast out our sin and enter in, be born to us today. We hear the Christmas angels; the great glad tidings tell. O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

A child is born for us. A gift is given to us. Emmanuel, God with us, bringing your kingdom of peace to all people on earth. Christ, we celebrate you here today! Let us light this Christ candle, completing this circle as we rejoice in the light that shines in the darkness and declare with joy and with hope that the Lord has come as together, we sing:



The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

We light this Christ - mas can dle, Je - sus is born, as a
gift from God bring-ing hope and love, we sing out with joy. Al-le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord is born.

Words & Music by Steven Burchard

A POP-UP CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

O Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1)

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie;
above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

Scene 1- *Mary & Joseph travel to Bethlehem to be counted.*

Away in a Manger (vs. 1, 2)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Scene 2- *The multitude of angels sing about the glory of God.*

Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1)

Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Scene 3- *Shepherds visit the baby Jesus.*

The First Noel (vs. 1, 2)

The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

Scene 4- *The scholars visit the baby Jesus.*

We Three Kings (vs. 1)

We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

Scene 5- *God loved the world.*

Joy to the World (vs. 1, 4)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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 Offertory

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*We offer our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.
Physical offerings may be placed in the offering plates
that are being passed or brought/mailed to the church office.
Online donations may be made using the QR code to the left.*

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens there shown a holy light. *Refrain*

The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus that hailed the Savior's birth. *Refrain*

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

+ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Eucharist, or Holy Communion, in our United Methodist tradition is a gift from our abundant God. This is not Grace's table or the United Methodist Church's table, but it is God's table. All that we ask is that you love God, earnestly repent of your sin, and seek to live in peace together.

+ Candlelight Carol

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Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright
round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar, heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night, wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing, Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

+ Christmas Blessing

All are invited to join us in the Narthex for hot chocolate, cookies, and Christmas crafts! Thank you for worshipping with us today. Merry Christmas!



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