



*The little Lord Jesus
asleep on the hay.*



New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Christmas Eve, December 24, 2021
7:00 PM

Merry Christmas!
Welcome to New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Brian Tracey, guest organist
Barb Eisenhart, bell choir director
All worship can be viewed online at newhanoverlutheran.org,
[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)
and on YouTube.

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!
May this service fill you with the Spirit of Christmas
as we celebrate the coming of the Light of Life
that shines in the darkness.

Christmas Eve Worship

Preludes *The Moon of Wintertime* arr. Karissa Dennis
Handbell Ensemble

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Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella arr. Cathy Moglebust
Handbell Ensemble
Amanda Dodge, percussion

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Carol of the Bells arr. Douglas E. Wagner
Handbell Ensemble

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Prince of Peace arr. Bill Ingram
Handbell Ensemble

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While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks arr. Sandra Eithun
Handbell Ensemble
Lauren Flack, violin

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In Dulci Jubilo

arr. Jason Krug
Handbell Ensemble

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Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates J. A. Freylinghausen
Brian Tracey, organ

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Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren
Johann Walther
Brian Tracey, organ

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Welcome

Lighting of Advent Candle John 1:1-18

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Hymn of Praise *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ELW #283
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!

The highest, most holy, Light of light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God in the highest:

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain

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Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Generosity Message

Hymn of Praise *Angels We Have Heard on High* ELW #289

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

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo;
gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

Refrain

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

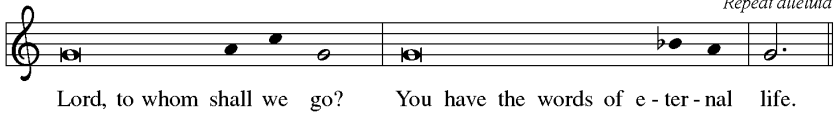
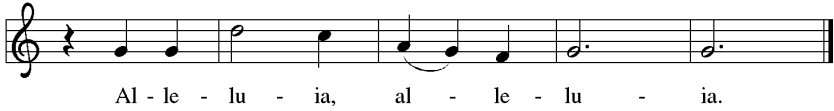
A reading from Titus.

¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Nativity

Mary: Jen Boyer

Joseph: Phil Boyer

Angels: Cara Boyer and Charlotte Moser

Shepherds: Brett Boyer and Alexa Moser

Wisemen: Jim Boyer, Craig Moser and Gary Moser

Gospel Luke 2:1-20

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Before the hymn, all children are invited to come forward.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day *Away in a Manger* ELW #277

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright 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 you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.

“Away in a Manger” Text: North American, 19th cent. Music: James R. Murray, 1841-1905. Text and music are in public domain.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living 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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow-er and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high-est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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 and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

(Please place your used plastic cup in the baggie provided to you).

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

The body and blood of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Candle Lighting

To light a candle, tilt the candle to be lighted to the lit candle.

Glow sticks are available for children.

Hymn

Silent Night

ELW #281

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,
Heav'nly 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 your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

"Silent Night, Holy Night!" Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885. Music: STILLE NACHT, Franz Gruber, 1787-1863. Text and music are in public domain.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

Joy to the World

ELW #267

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary by John and Hazel LeVan.

The Christmas tree in the welcome center is presented to the glory of God and in memory of Eva and Raymond Renninger and Laverne Renninger by Marcia and Carl Dey.

The Christmas trees decorating the altar are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents, Charles and Helen Eisenhart by their children.

Calendar

Worship Service – Sunday, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Sunday, 10:00 AM, Sunday School Wing door

Peer Support – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 32

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 2:00 PM, Sunday School Wing door

12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Boy Scout 367 Lock-in – Friday, 7:00 PM – Saturday, 9:00 AM, rooms 1, 32, 33

Upcoming Events

Sunday School will not be held on December 26th or January 2nd. Sunday School for children and youth will resume on January 9th. The adult class will resume on January 16th.

The church office will be closed through Monday, December 27th, for the Christmas holiday.

Free Take-out Christmas Meal offered by St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Boyertown will be available from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Christmas Day. Enter the parking lot on North Reading Avenue or Walnut Street and follow the traffic directions to the back of their building.

Food Ministry

More than 70,000 meals have been delivered! NHELCL's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donation in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

We need help! NHELCL Loaves & Fishes are feeding the homeless and those in need Every month on the second Tuesday we are feeding the homeless and those in need in our area. If you can put a piece of food onto a plate, or serve a plate, or greet someone, or help sing a hymn or two, we could use your help. Each month on the second Tuesday at 5:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located in Pottstown, NHELCL Loaves & Fishes are serving meals to the homeless and those in need. You can sign up now and help us for the first meal serving on January 11th, at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48adaf28a5f58-nhelc>.

Can You Help

Sign up to sponsor the bulletin and altar flowers for 2022. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

The 2022 offering envelopes are available for pickup in the welcome center.

Spiritual Renewal

Copies of the *Word in Season* daily devotion books January - March are available in the welcome center. Be sure to pick up a copy of this daily scripture and brief message. By designating just a few minutes a day to read and ponder this devotional, you can

enrich and inspire your life. *Word in Season* is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of her church family by Lucille A. Powell.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHEL C Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, we will lift those prayers up! All information will be kept confidential. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office (610-326-1335), leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be “delivered”!

May God bless you with a joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year! From the staff at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Larry Gallagher, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, Roy Fleming, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Stephanie Holtz, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Gates family, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Charles Rhoads, Andy Van Dyke, Lilly Marie Kuzminski, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak

family, Carly, Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Lawrence Moser, Holli Muffler

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Shannon, John, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Grieving

Family and friends of Margaret Hansley (Brian Hansley's mother)

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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Thank You to the Poinsettia Sponsors

Jean N. Buckley in memory of John E. Buckley

Janet Burkhart in memory of Herbert D. Burkhart

The Eisenhart children in memory of Charles and Helen Eisenhart

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Granddaughter Carol Gmitter-Huffman and great-granddaughter Olive Gilbert Park in memory of the Gilbert family

Jo Heck in honor of her grandchildren, Ryan and Janine

Jane Johnson in memory of her husband, Frederick Johnson

Betty Karver in memory of her husband, Jerry Karver, her parents and all loved ones

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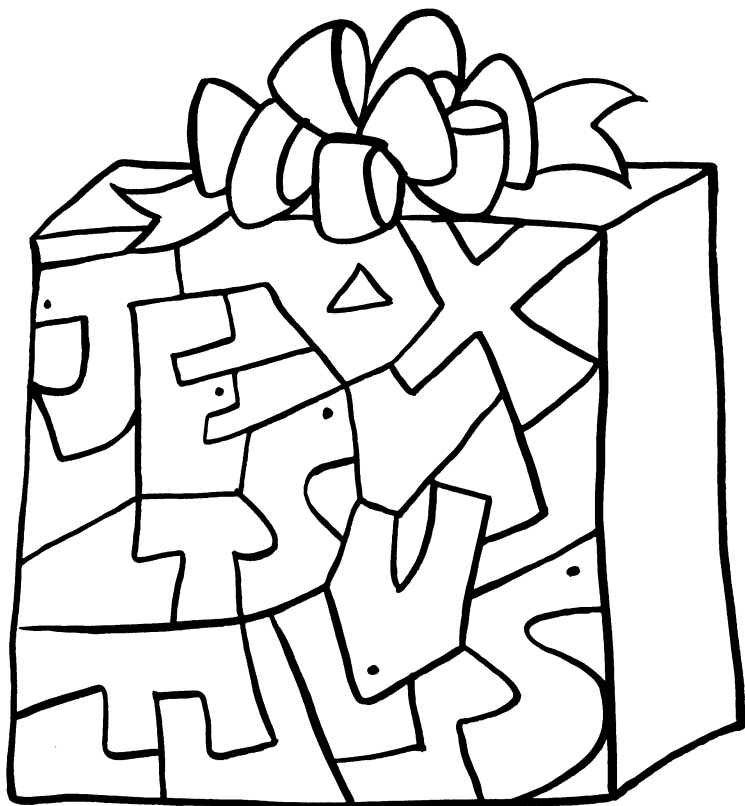
Merry Christmas



Send

Christmas gifts

We give Christmas gifts to celebrate Jesus' birth. Color in the dotted spaces to find the best Christmas present of all.



Thank you, God, for sending baby Jesus to us and to all people. Amen

This week

Tell the Christmas story to a friend.




Kids Celebrate

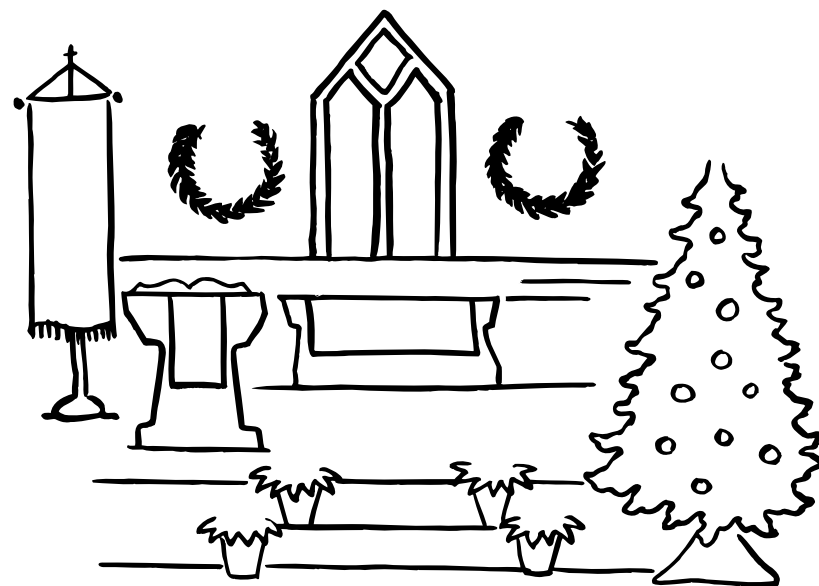
Nativity of Our Lord



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Welcome to worship. It's Christmas! How is your worship space decorated to celebrate Jesus' birthday? Finish decorating this church.

- Add flowers to the flower pots. 
- Add bows to the wreaths. 
- Add a star on top of the tree. 
- What else can you add?



God came to us in Jesus on Christmas night

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

Help Mary and Joseph find their way to the stable.



Help the shepherds find their way to the new baby.

Christmas carols



We sing joyful songs at Christmas to celebrate Jesus' birth. What is your favorite Christmas carol? What is your family's favorite Christmas carol? Who sang the first Christmas carol? Angels! Use the code to find the first words of the angels' song.

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O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!

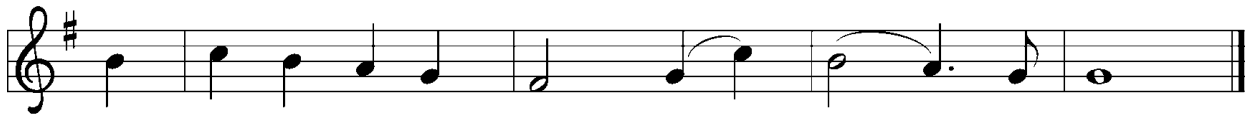


come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711-1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, sts. 1, 3-4; tr. Unknown, st. 2. Music: ADESTE FEDELES, attr. John Francis Wade. Text and music are in public domain.

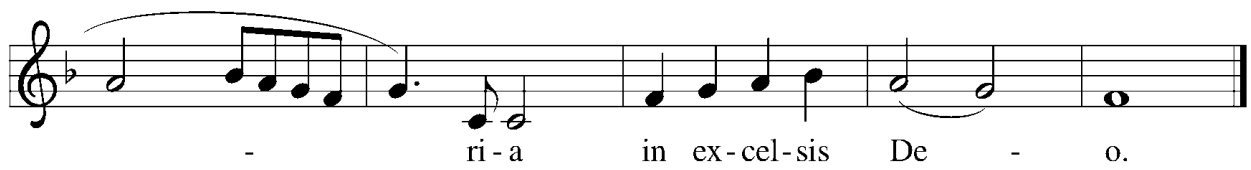
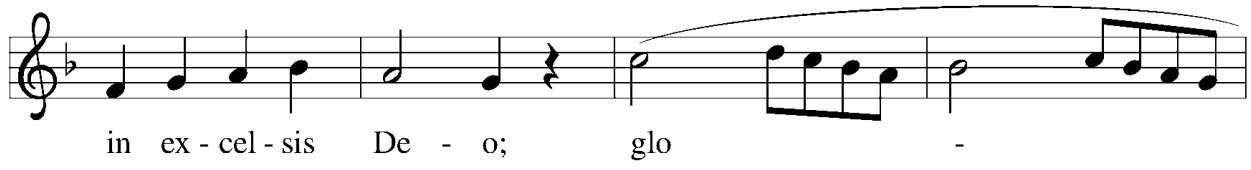
Angels We Have Heard on High



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 him whose birth the an - gels sing;

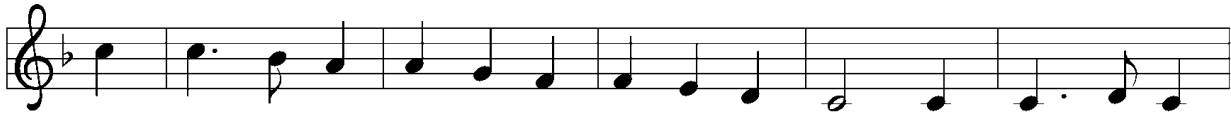


and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



“Angels We Have Heard on High” Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, The Crown of Jesus Music, 1864. Music: French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958. Text and music are in public domain.

Away in a Manger



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, the lit - tle Lord
2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes, but lit - tle Lord
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



down where he lay, the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
down from the sky and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

*“Away in a Manger” Text: North American, 19th cent. Music: James R. Murray, 1841-1905.
Text and music are in public domain.*

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, Heilige Nacht!



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

"Silent Night, Holy Night!" Text: Joseph Mohr, 1792-1849; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885.
 Music: *STILLE NACHT*, Franz Gruber, 1787-1863. Text and music are in public domain.

Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the



ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

"Joy to the World" Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: ANTIOCH, English melody, 18th cent.; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792-1872. Text and music are in public domain.