

Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Christmas
December 26, 2021



Christmas

On the first Sunday of Christmas we find the boy Samuel and the boy Jesus, both in the temple, both growing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind. We too have returned to the house of God “to sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God,” who has gifted us with a savior. As the festival continues, “let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.” It is Christmas, still.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Brian Tracey, guest organist
All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org,
facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch
and on YouTube.**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Prelude

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Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by
what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have
not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our
neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that
we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory
of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Song *Once in Royal David's City* ELW #269
Children's Message Ariel Hansley

Glory to God



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men, a - men.

Word

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

A reading from 1 Samuel

¹⁸Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD”; and then they would return to their home.

²⁶Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from Colossians

¹²As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

In a Lowly Manger Born

ELW #718

Gospel Reading Luke 2:41-52

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴¹Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day *Jesus, What a Wonderful Child* ELW #297

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.

Lord's Prayer
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

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 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* ELW #275

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

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Announcements

Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Today

We welcome organist Brian Tracey to our worship this morning. Thank you for enriching our worship experience with your ministry today.

Serving Today Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Bill Allen and Rick Hausch; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley

Next week Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Elfriede Ilke; Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs

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

Calendar

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

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

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 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

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

Pastor Scott will be on vacation December 27th to January 12th. Please call (610) 326-1335 ext. 2 (Church Office Manager) or Council President Steve Eisenhart (215) 804-8733 with any emergency requests.

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 27th, and Friday, December 31st, for the holidays.

Upcoming Events

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

Food Ministry

More than 70,000 meals have been delivered! NHELIC'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! NHELC 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, NHELC Loaves & Fishes is 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

Loaves & Fishes Chosen 300 Meal Volunteer Meeting Can you help us on a second Tuesday of any month feed the homeless? Sally Sugita will help you understand the roles needed for this vital ministry. The meeting is Sunday, January 9th, at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship hall.

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.

Faith Formation

“Thursdays at Ten” is an informal, discussion-type fellowship time which meets Thursdays in room 33 from 10 – 11:30 AM. Newcomers are always welcome! We’re taking a break for the holidays and will resume meetings on Thursday, January 6th, when we start a new topic, **“I Will Give You Rest.”** We’ll look at ways to

spiritually reduce everyday stress and rest our minds and bodies, giving us a chance to be more aware of God's presence around us. We hope you'll come rest with us!

Didn't get a chance to fill out a Seniors Ministry Survey Form?

There are extra copies in the welcome center. They can be returned to the marked black tray in the welcome center. Or, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office and we'll send you one!

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC 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"!

Thank You

Thank you to the Altar Guild and their helpers for decorating the sanctuary: Sue Care, Barbara and Carl Eisenhart, Lynn Fegley, Nancy Gross, Rick Hausch, Brenda Hunsberger, Jane Johnson, Jean Moser, Lucille Powell, Jeff Renninger, Deb and Rick Solazzo, Jo Anne Wirt and Sharon Wise.

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 Larry Peto, Yvonne Peto's husband and Candace's father

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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Call for an appointment.

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Send

Teaching about God's love

Even as a child, Jesus taught others about God's love. You can teach others about God's love, too. Draw a heart beside each picture that shows a way you can teach others about God's love.



Dear God, please help me teach others about your love. Amen

This week

Celebrate Christmas and the New Year with your family and friends!

Kids Celebrate

First Sunday of Christmas



gather



Welcome to worship. The season of Christmas lasts 12 days—December 25 to January 5. Use the pictures in this frame to finish the Christmas count for the first seven days of this celebration.

One little baby named _____.

Two parents named _____ and _____.

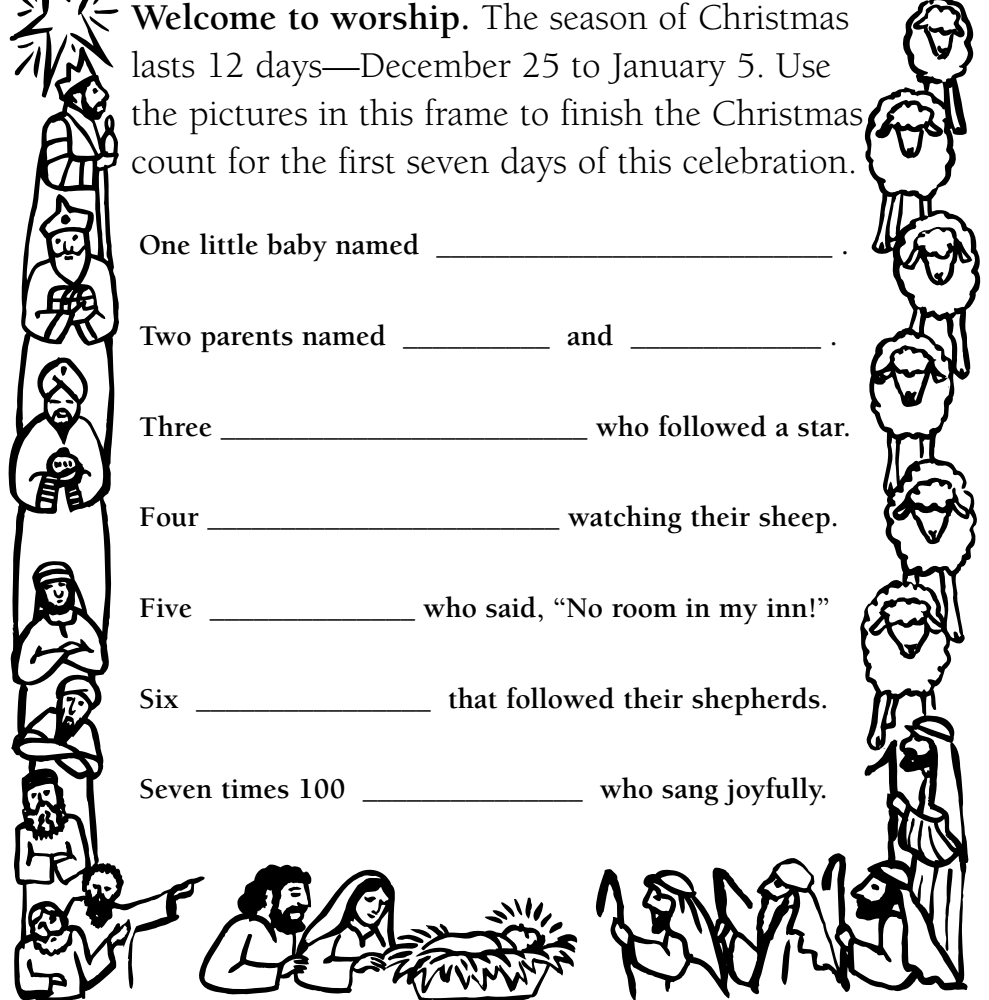
Three _____ who followed a star.

Four _____ watching their sheep.

Five _____ who said, "No room in my inn!"

Six _____ that followed their shepherds.

Seven times 100 _____ who sang joyfully.



Jesus, a child like you

Luke 2:41-52

Did you know that Jesus was a child like you?
Write or draw these answers.

Jesus worshiped God in a synagogue.

I worship God in a _____.

Jesus slept on a woven mat.

I sleep on a _____.



Jesus ate cheese, bread, grapes, and other tasty foods.

My favorite food is _____.

Jesus wore sandals on his feet.

I wear _____ on my feet.

Jesus' home was lit with oil burning lamps.

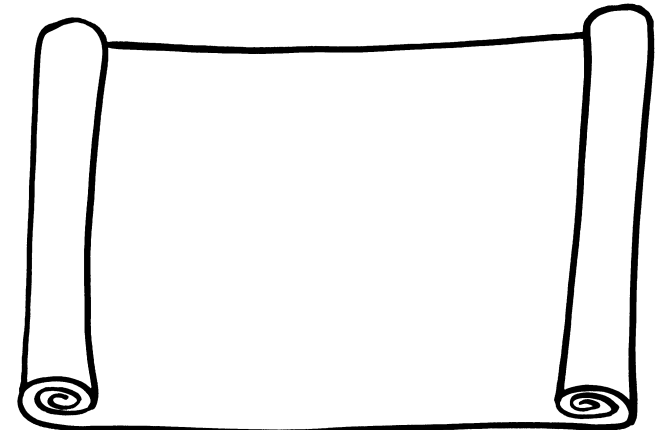
My home is lit by _____.

Sharing the peace

Jesus grew up in a loving family. Jesus' parents worried about him like your parents worry about you. When you were baptized, you became God's child. You belong to a loving church family. Sharing peace is one way God's children share God's love. When the worship leader says, "Peace be with you," we answer, "And also with you." We share God's peace by shaking hands, greeting each other, or giving hugs.



Write the names
of people you
share the peace
with today.



Once in Royal David's City



- 1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,
- 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,
- 3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;
- 4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

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In a Lowly Manger Born



1 In a low - ly man - ger born, hum - ble life be - gun in scorn;
2 Vis - it - ing the lone and lost, stead - y - ing the tem - pest - tossed,
3 Then, to res - cue you and me, Je - sus died up - on the tree.



un - der Jo - seph's watch - ful eye, Je - sus grew as you and I;
giv - ing of him - self in love, call - ing minds to things a - bove.
See in him God's love re - vealed; by his pas - sion we are healed.



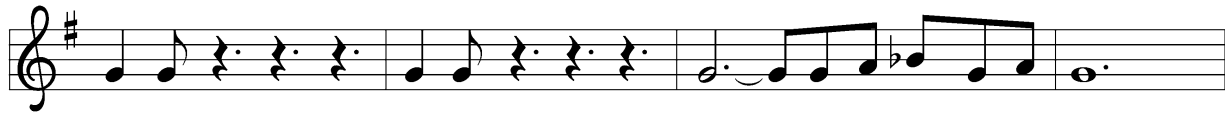
knew the suf - f'rings of the weak, knew the pa - tience of the meek,
Sin - ners glad - ly hear his call; pub - li - cans be - fore him fall,
Now he lives in glo - ry bright, lives a - gain in pow'r and might;



hun - gered as but poor folk can; this is he. Be - hold the man!
for in him new life be - gan; this is he. Be - hold the man!
come and take the path he trod, son of Mar - y, Son of God.

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Jesus, What a Wonderful Child



Je - sus, Je - sus, oh, what a won - der - ful child.



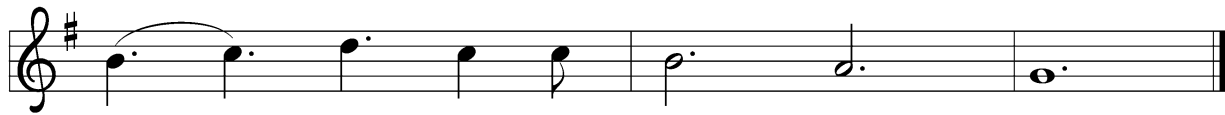
Je - sus, Je - sus, so ho - ly, meek, and



mild; new life, new hope the child will bring.



Lis - ten to the an - gels sing: "Glo - ry, glo - ry,



glo - ry," let the heav - ens ring!

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Angels, from the Realms of Glory



- 1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
- 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
- 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
- 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais-ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

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