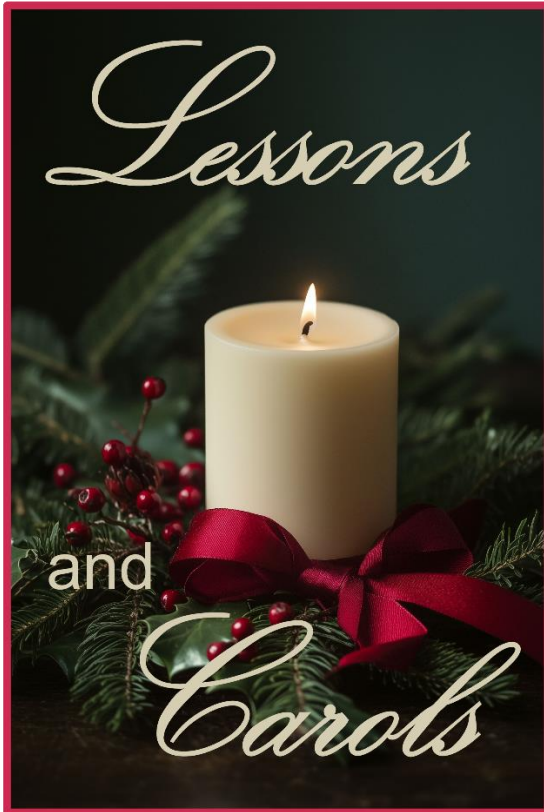


Welcome to worship at  
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

# Service of Lessons and Carols

December 29, 2024



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  
Nicole Young, seminarian minister  
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry  
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader**

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

**All worship can be viewed online at  
[newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)  
[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)  
and on YouTube.**

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

Prelude

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

Tom McHugh, trumpet

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Welcome

Pastor Scott

From the beginning, through baptism, we are called Christian. We are "Christ-ened" at the font. Bearing Christ's name, we share the same Father and are invited to address this parent intimately: Abba! Jesus bears our sins in humble obedience to the will of God. Today we pray that the mind of Christ, whose name we bear, would be our own. It is a good way to begin again, another year.

*Please rise as you are able.*

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Scott

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.**

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

*Please be seated.*

Lesson                                  Numbers 6:22-27                          Barbara Noecker  
*The Aaronic Blessing*

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>23</sup>Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you,  
and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>So they shall put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.

Carol                                  *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*                          ELW #272

Lesson                                  Psalm 8                                  Terry Santangelo

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup>**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Carol

*Away in a Manger*

ELW #277

Lesson

Galatians 4:4-7

Carolyn Fleming

*We are no longer slaves, but children*

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Carol

*It Came upon the Midnight Clear*

ELW #282

Lesson

Philippians 2:5-11

Janet Psota

*God takes on human form*

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*Please rise as you are able.*

Carol

*The First Noel*

ELW #300

Lesson

Luke 2:21-38

Kaydence and Alivia Singley

*Jesus receives his name*

<sup>21</sup>After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

<sup>22</sup>When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), <sup>24</sup>and they offered a

sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. <sup>27</sup>Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

<sup>29</sup>“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation,

<sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed <sup>35</sup>so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

<sup>36</sup>There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. <sup>38</sup>At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

*Please be seated.*

**Carol**                      *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

God rest you merry, gentlemen. Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Saviour was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

In Bethlehem, in Israel,  
This blessed Babe was born  
And laid within a manger  
Upon this blessed morn  
The which His Mother Mary  
Did nothing take in scorn  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our Heavenly Father  
A blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by Name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

And when they came to Bethlehem  
Where our dear Saviour lay,  
They found Him in a manger,  
Where oxen feed on hay;  
His Mother Mary kneeling down,  
Unto the Lord did pray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

Now to the Lord sing praises,  
All you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood  
Each other now embrace;  
This holy tide of Christmas  
All other doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Lesson**

Matthew 2:1-11

Marsha Staub

*The magi follow the star*

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Carol

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

ELW #288

**Blessings**

Pastor Scott

God bless you and keep you,  
Jesus grant you grace and truth,  
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Christ the Savior is born!

Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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## Announcements

### Today

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of her grandson Colvin Erb's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday by Corrine Bartholomew.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their son Tom's birthday by Charlie and Donna Kehs.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Ron Fegley, Ushers: Dee and Kyle Singley, Acolyte: Miller Quigley

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Brian Flack, Lector: Harry White, Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing, Acolyte: Tom McHugh, Communion Assistants: Donna Kehs and Carolyn Fleming

**Altar Guild** members serving this month: Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan

**The Weary World Rejoices!** Come join us each Sunday at 10:15 AM for an Advent Group Bible Study in room 33. Each week we meet to share and discuss holiday traditions, Bible passages and how each of us cope with living in the promise of peace and hope, even though we witness this world we live in. This study is a safe place to come to share, listen and/or just hang. So come join us this Advent.

**The Nursery room** is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during



worship as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

**Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing** remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

## Calendar

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

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

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**Scout Lock-in** – Tuesday, 6:00 PM

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

**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

**Handbell Choir** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

**Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

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

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico

**J.A.M.** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Kids for Christ Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, sanctuary

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

**The church office** will be closed on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, - Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, for the holiday.

## Upcoming Events

**Attention Committee and Board Chair:** 2024 reports are due in the church office by Monday, January 6, 2025.

**New Hanover Family Learning Center Update** - The Property Committee and Learning Center team have been busy making plans to get the education wing ready for construction sometime after the New Year. Large items have been identified to be claimed to keep or disposed of by being sold, donated, or trashed. The property committee will be moving these items from the

education wing on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. You may reach out to Jim Gross if you'd like to help move large items.

Donna Kehs will work with volunteers after Christmas to pack items in storage closets and small items in the classrooms. One group of volunteers will box items but will not move any heavy boxes, and another volunteer or two will move the boxes out of the education wing. If you are available on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, or Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, and would like to volunteer, reach out to Donna Kehs at 610-212-2673.

**New Hanover's Got Talent!** Everybody is blessed with a talent. What's yours? On Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, you will have an opportunity to showcase your talent at the Fastnacht Social and Talent Show. The event will follow the 9:00 AM worship service and, of course, will include fastnachts!

Do you sing? Like to dance? Play an instrument? Tell stories or jokes? Recite poetry? Do a skit with a friend? If so, see Patricia Nyce or Jayne McHugh to sign up to showcase your talent. Folks of all ages are invited to participate. It's a fact that New Hanover's got lots of talent! We can't wait to see yours!

This event is being planned by the 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

## **Want to be a member?**

Please fill out a yellow card, "Your Voice from the Pew", located in the pew rack and give to Pastor Scott or place the card in the offering plate. Check off "Interest in Church Membership."

## **Thank You**

**Angel Tree** A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our Angel Tree this year. As always, our congregation is most generous and creative in their gift giving.

A very packed carload of gifts and gift cards were delivered to the Martin Luther School at Gemma Services in Plymouth meeting. The Martin Luther School provides education and support to grades k-12 students with emotional and behavioral needs. In addition, there is a residential program with sixty current residents. The staff was thrilled to see us arrive. Amanda from the school explained each resident is provided a personal Christmas bounty.

Staff make every attempt to make Christmas morning special. She added the generosity of our congregation is most appreciated. Thank you, one and all, and Merry Christmas!

**Boyertown Area Multi-Service** Thank you to all who contributed non-perishable items to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service during our November collection. Thanks to your generosity, NHELCC donated 74 lbs. of food and personal items to help our neighbors.

## Resources

**Want to keep up** with all the latest news from NHELCC?

Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



**Do you enjoy the praise band songs?** Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs.



**Peer Support Information** The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact the church and leave a message for the peer support program or reach out to Pastor Scott.

**The Peer Support Ministry** webpage on the church's website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

**Mental Health and Wellness** Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on

Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELHC has links with helpful information available on our website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

**NAMI Help Line** 1-800-950-6242 is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text “Helpline” to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

**PA Addiction Helpline** 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

**Online live chat** offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

## You Can Help

**Pictorial Directory** Send pictures of members, classes and group activities to Nance White at [Nance2237@yahoo.com](mailto:Nance2237@yahoo.com) as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

**You can donate to NHELHC ministry electronically.** Simply point your smartphone camera at one of these QR codes and follow the link.

**Tithe.ly QR Code**



**Simply Giving QR Code**



**Volunteers are needed** to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children’s Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at [omiweidner@gmail.com](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

## Food Ministry

**More than 200,000 meals have been delivered!** NHELHC’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 donations on the offering plate or mail

to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

## Reconciling in Christ

**Recently the RIC team arranged for two presentations.** The presentations, “LGBTQIA+ 101” and “Pronouns-Why They Are Important”, are now on the church website under the



Reconciling In Christ Journey page. In case you missed the presentations or would like to watch them again, you will find them by entering this link in your web browser: <https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.

**Do you want to participate in a one-to-one discussion** around the possibility of New Hanover becoming a Reconciling in Christ church, welcoming to all - especially to those identifying as LGBTQIA+, racially diverse, or gender diverse? Contact Sharon Tracey, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Rick Hausch or Pastor Scott.

**Got a question for the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team** about their journey? Jot down your question (paper provided at the desk) and put it in the box on the desk in the Welcome Center. The team will try to answer your question(s). Be sure to provide your preferred contact information.

**“Taking a closer look: What the Bible does and doesn’t say about homosexuality”** January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall

The Bible is often used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people to prove that they are condemned by God, and sometimes to justify discrimination and even violence against them. Most often people point to a few verses scattered throughout scripture to justify this. In this workshop we will examine some of these texts, and explore how to respond when the Bible is used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people. The Rev. Bruce Davidson, a retired pastor in the ELCA, will be leading the presentation. At the end of his presentation questions will be received. We will meet in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Drinks and snacks will be available.

**“Allyship”** January 19<sup>th</sup> Allyship is an action verb defining the lifelong process of building relationships based on trust, consistency, and accountability with minoritized individuals and/or groups of people with the strategic intentions to become collaborators to promote equity.

We welcome Dr. Dee Singley, (she/they), Director for Disability Services and 504 Coordinator Institute for Student Success at Ursinus College for a Temple Talk during worship on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, during the adult Sunday School hour, Dr. Singley and members of the RIC team will be available for questions and further discussion in Room 33 of the Christian Education Wing.

## Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

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

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Katy Mahon-Miller	Luann Hanley	Carol Estes
William Trotter	Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard
Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer
Betty Lou Shadle	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Joan Wagner	Robert Ganovsky
Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess
Sue Care	Deb Matthews	Marceline
Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger
Hank Droneberg	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout	Verdie Smith
Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen
Chuck Beck	Ally Musser & family	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
Tim Mutter	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Penny Garber
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	David Gottshall
Kate Brunick and family		

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# 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.

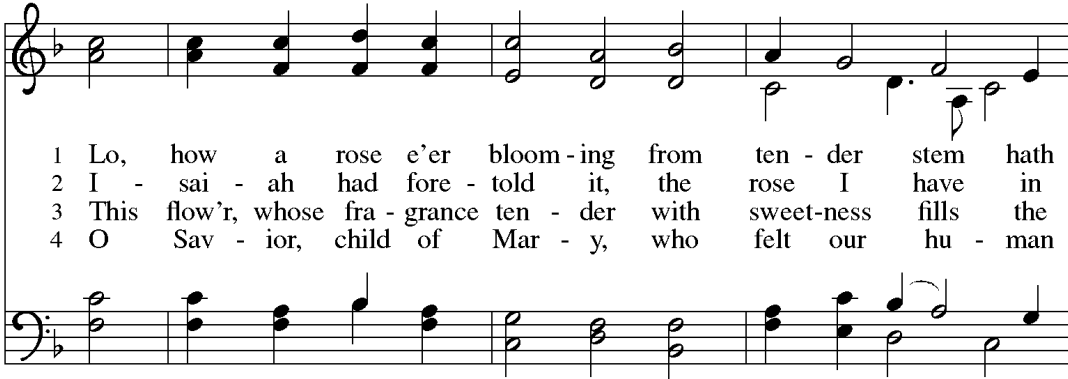
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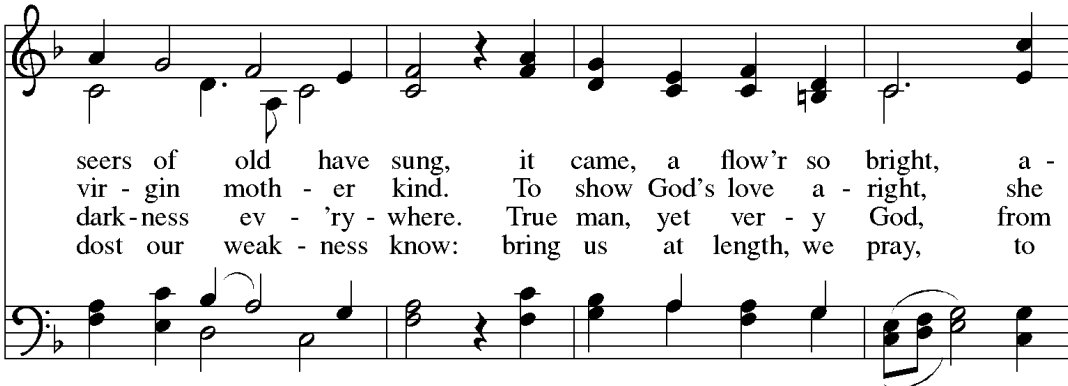
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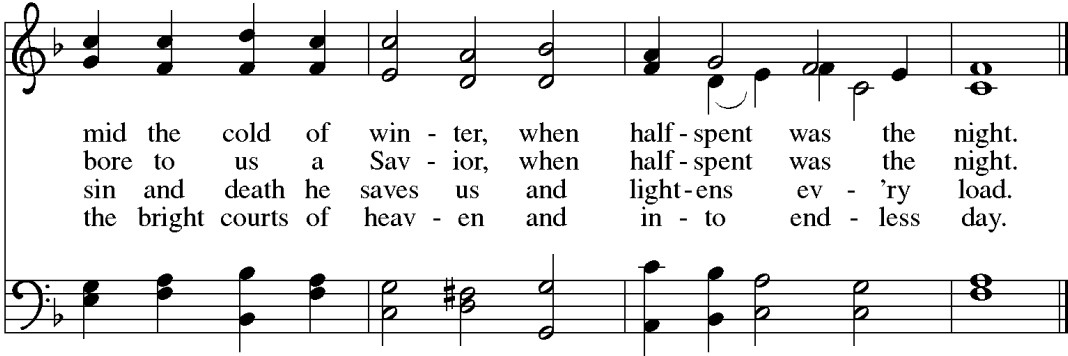
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
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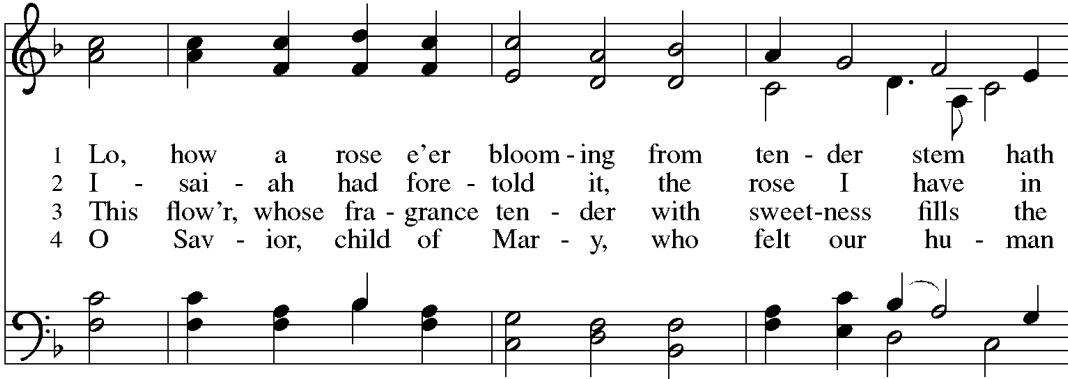


mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

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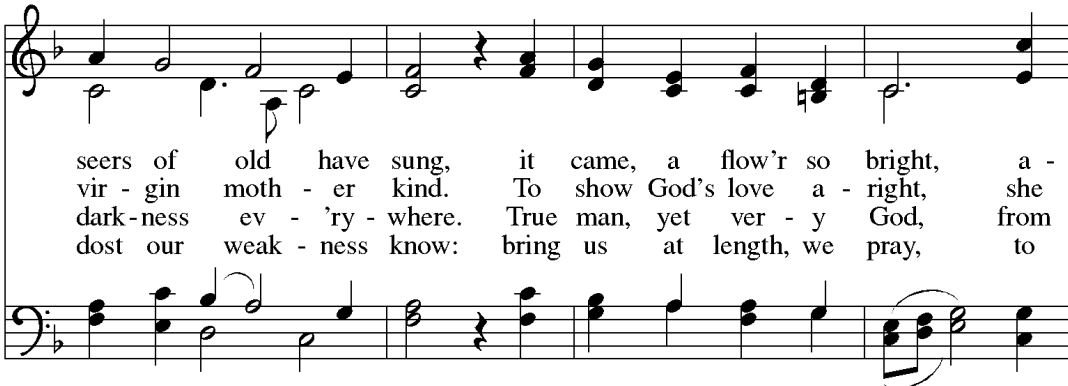
## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



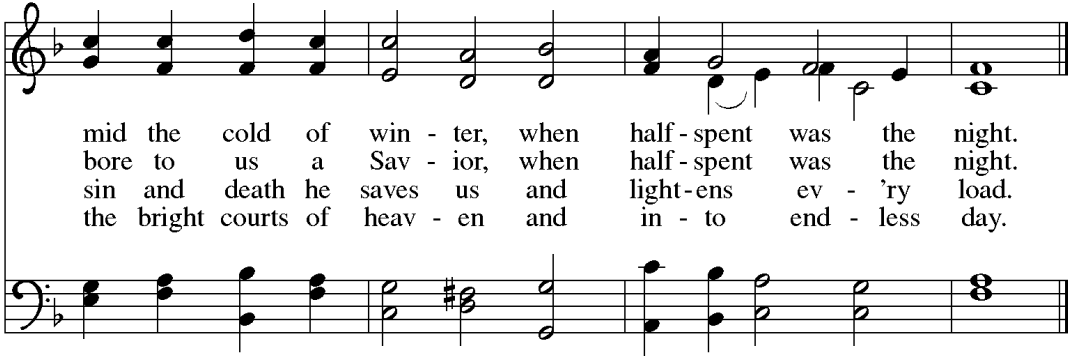
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath  
 2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in  
 3 This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the  
 4 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our hu - man



sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as  
 mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the  
 air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the  
 woe; O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who



seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -  
 vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she  
 dark-ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God, from  
 dost our weak - ness know: bring us at length, we pray, to

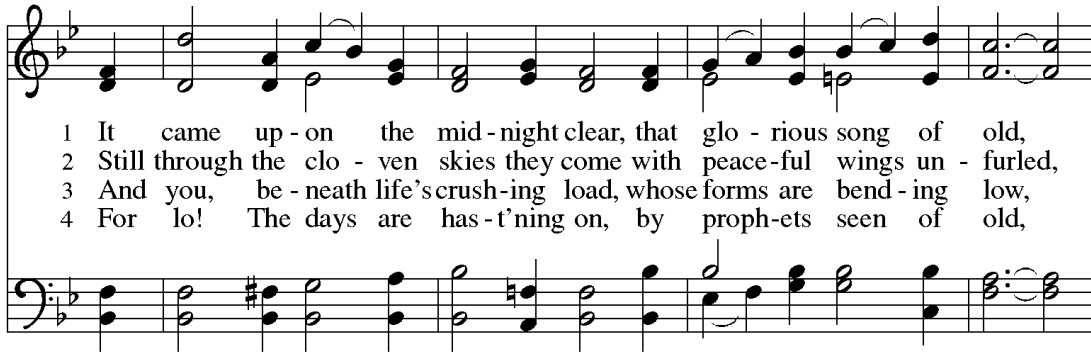


mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.  
 bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
 sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
 the bright courts of heav - en and in - to end - less day.

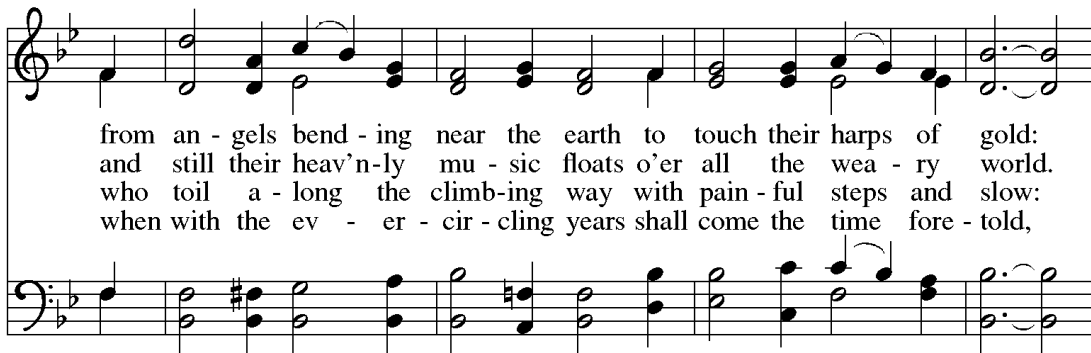
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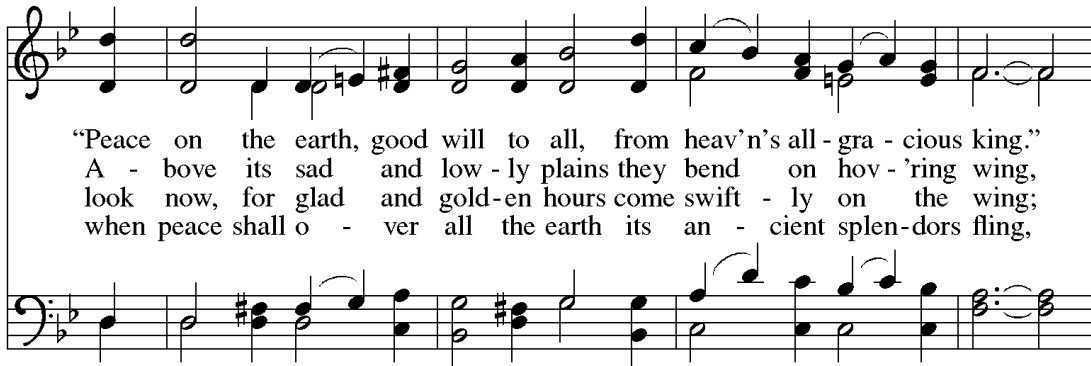
# It Came upon the Midnight Clear



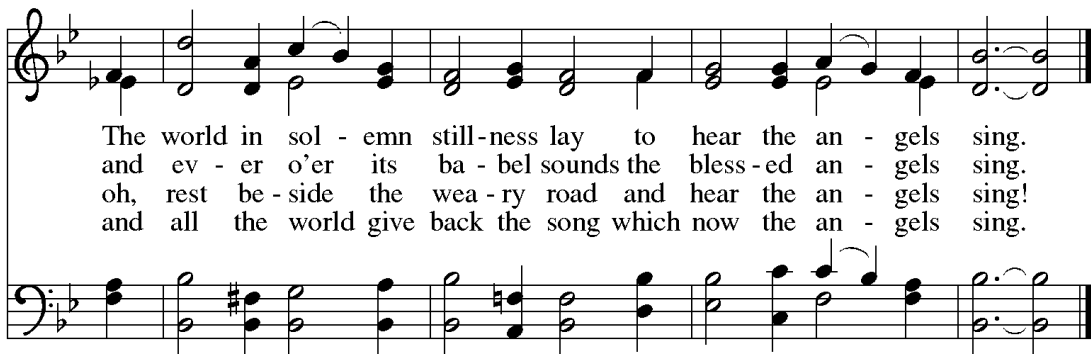
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king.”  
A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.

# The First Noel

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 2 They look - ed up and saw . . . a star shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that . . . same star three . . .  
 4 This star drew near to the . . . north - west, o'er . . .  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where  
 in . . . the east . . . be - yond . . . them far; and to the  
 wise . . . men came . . . from coun - try far; to seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem . . . it took . . . its rest; and there it  
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . . so it con -  
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the  
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . . o - ver the  
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

*Refrain*

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