

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Fort Dodge, Iowa
Christmas Eve December 24, 2025, 7:00 pm

*"Yet as I read the birth stories about Jesus, I cannot help but
conclude that though the world may be tilted toward the rich and
powerful, God is tilted toward the underdog."
– Philip Yancey*

TRINITY BELLS

*GATHERING MUSIC #41 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O Come, You who are faithful, and you who seek faith...

People: This is the night to sing and rejoice!

Leader: The star of hope shines in the east...

People: We would follow and find that hope.

Leader: Let us go now to Bethlehem...

People: And see this thing that has taken place.

Leader: Together let us worship Christ, the newborn King!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Carol Pederson, Emma Mason & Kim Mason

SPECIAL MUSIC

Mary Did You Know / All Is Well
Roxanne Amhof & Aaron Amhof

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

EVENING PRAYER

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

"He Is Born"

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2,6-7
Joyce Garton-Natte

HYMN

#9 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
(vs. 1, 3)

SECOND LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a
Allie Birkett

HYMN

#37 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

THIRD LESSON

Luke 1:26-35,38
Josh Mason

OFFERING

#25 "Away in a Manger"

FOURTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-21
Linda Whiting

HYMN

#53 "What Child Is This?"
(vs. 1, 3)

FIFTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-14
Don Miller

HYMN

#31 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
(vs. 1, 2)

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:15-20
Ben Tofilon

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

#2269 "Come, Share the Lord"
#521 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

Rev. Paul Masters

*SHARING CHRIST'S LIGHT

#60 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

*SENDING HYMN

#40 "Joy to the World!"

*BENEDICTION

Helpful Notes

1) We say "debts" and "debtors" in the Lord's Prayer

2) Asterisks (*) = Please stand as you are able

Thank you to our volunteers today

Ushers: Rick & Cheri Maehl

Communion Servers: Linda Whiting, Judy Wood, Sid Bodholdt & Ruth Hancock

Advent Candle Lighter: Roxanne Amhof & Family

Readers: Joyce Garton-Natte, Chris Helton, Josh Mason, Linda Whiting, Don Miller & Paul Masters

Office Closures

The office will be closed December 25th – 27th and January 1st.

Children's Church

We won't have Children's church the rest of December. Children's church will return January 4th.

Harry's Pantry

If you would like to donate to our little pantry at the Shalom Center, non-perishable or personal hygiene donations can be donated at the pantry or put in the shopping cart in the Narthex. For monetary donations, please write 'Harry's Pantry' in the memo line of your check, or you can donate on SecureGive by clicking on the 'Harry's Pantry' line.

2025 Contributions

Contributions must be received in the office by 11 am Wednesday, December 31st to count for fiscal year 2025. Anything received after 11 am (regardless if postmarked by date) will count for fiscal year 2026.

Mitten and Sock Tree

The Deacons are collecting child-sized gloves, mittens, and socks for local elementary students. There is a wagon next to the tree for donations. Please donate by January 4th. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please talk to Amy in the office.

Wednesday Programs Returning

Wednesday programs will return on January 15th.



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Executive Pastor, Chris Helton
Director of Music, Gabriel Alves
A/V Tech. & Comm. Director, Mary Alves
A/V Specialist, Kristal Torres
515-576-2091
December 24, 2025

Website: www.fpcfd.org
YouTube: FPC Fort Dodge





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Jim & Tim Wood

Given by Judy Wood

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 in one heart and mind; Bid - en - vy, strife, and dis - cord

here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

W ŻŁOBIE LEŻY 4.4.7.4.4.7.4.4.4.7

Polish carol

Trans. and para. Edith M. G. Reed, 1925

Polish carol

Harm. A. E. Rusbridge (1917-1969)

1. In - fant ho - ly, In - fant low - ly, For His bed a cat - tle stall;
 2. Flocks were sleep - ing; Shep - herds keep - ing Vig - il till the morn - ing new.

Ox - en low - ing, Lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 Saw the glo - ry, Heard the sto - ry, Tid - ings of a gos - pel true.

Swift are wing - ing An - gels sing - ing, No - els ring - ing,
 Thus re - joic - ing, Free from sor - row, Prais - es voic - ing

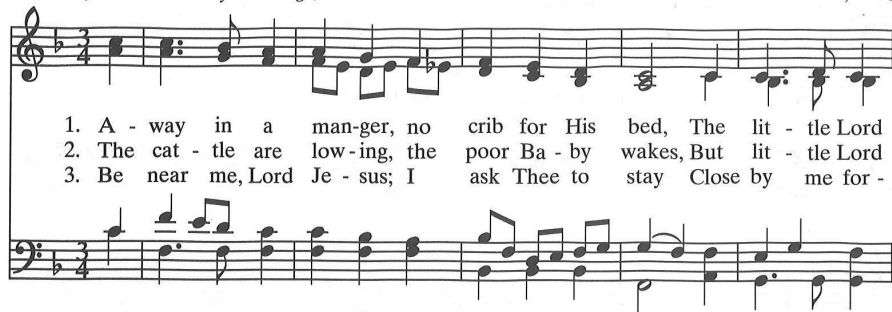
Tid - ings bring - ing: Christ the babe is Lord of all.
 Greet the mor - row: Christ the babe was born for you.

Away in a Manger

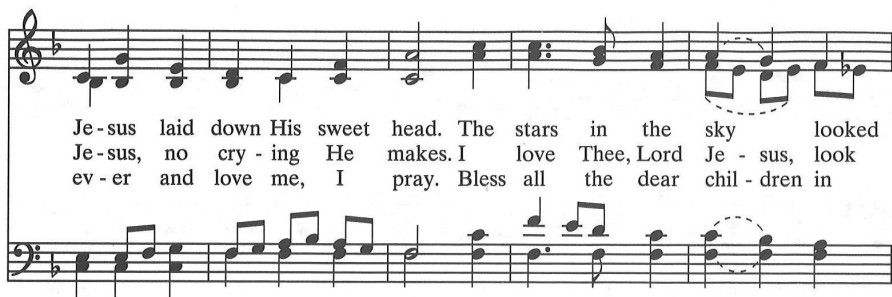
MUELLER 11.11.11.11

Stanzas 1-2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, c. 1885
Stanza 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892

Attr. James R. Murray, 1887
Harm. John Weaver, 1986



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for His bed, The lit - tle Lord
2. The cat - tle are low-ing, the poor Ba - by wakes, But lit - tle Lord
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me for -



Je - sus laid down His sweet head. The stars in the sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing He makes. I love Thee, 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 side un - til morn-ing is nigh.
Thy ten - der care, And fit us for heav - en to live with Thee there.

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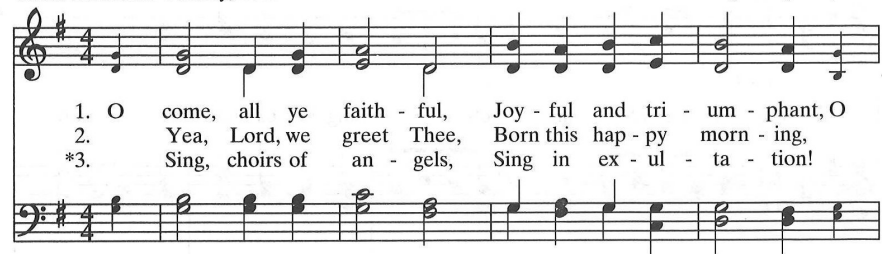
O Come, All Ye Faithful

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ADESTE FIDELES 6.6.10.5.6 with refrain

John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
Trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841

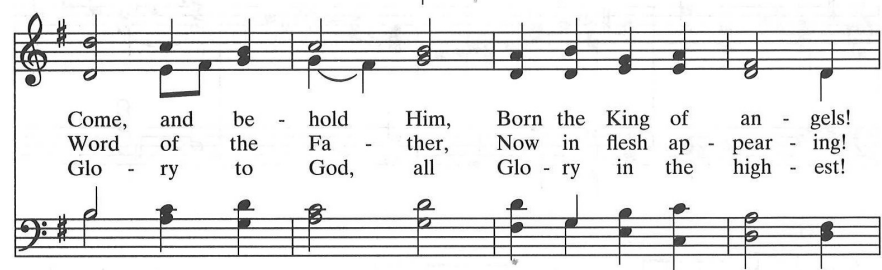
John Francis Wade (c. 1740-1743)
Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906



1. O come, all ye faith - ful, Joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this hap - py morn - ing,
*3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, Sing in ex - ul - ta - tion!

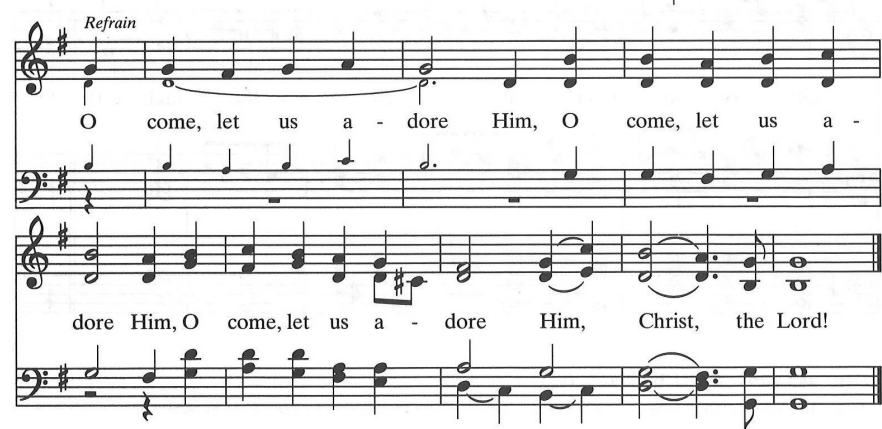


come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem!
Je - sus, to Thee be all glo - ry given;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!



Come, and be - hold Him, Born the King of an - gels!
Word of the Fa - ther, Now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God, all Glo - ry in the high - est!

Refrain



O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a -
dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ, the Lord!

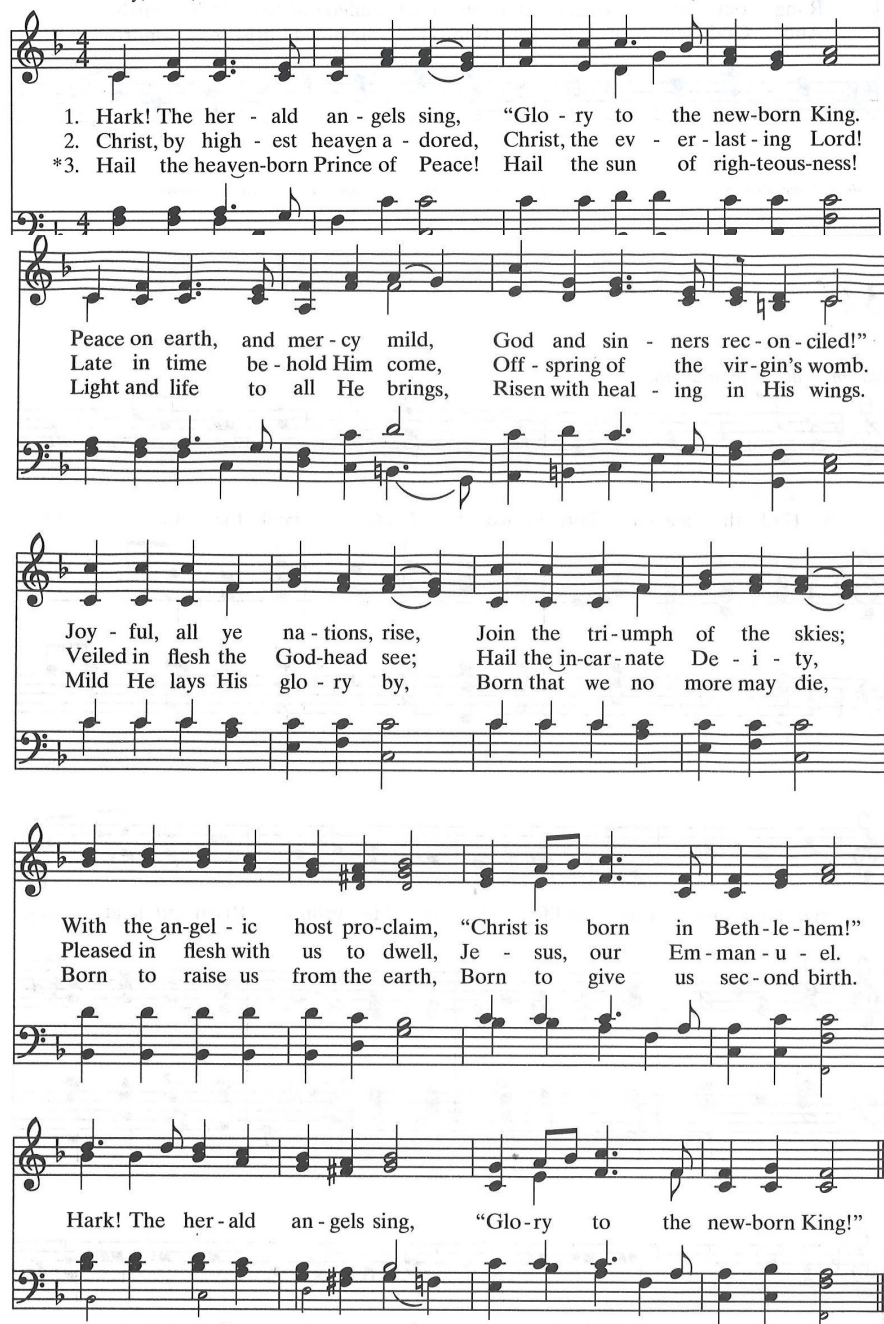
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D with refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

Arr. William Hayman Cummings, 1855



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King.
2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
*3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec-on-ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of the vir-gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Risen with heal - ing in His wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri-umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty,
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,

With the an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth-le-hem!"
Pleased in flesh with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man-u - el.
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec-ond birth.

Hark! The her-ald an - gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

Come, Share the Lord



1. We gath-er here in Je - sus' name, his love is
(3. He joins us) here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who
(5. We'll gath-er) soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the

burn-ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through the
pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the one we
glo - ry of our Lord and com-ing King; now we an -

lov-ing Son the Fa-ther makes us one: } Come, take the
love the most is now our gra-cious host: }
ti - ci - pate the feast for which we wait: }

Fine
bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

2. No one is a stran-ger here, — ev - ery - one be -
4. We are now a fam - i - ly of which the Lord is

longs; find - ing our for - give-ness here, we in
head; though un - seen he meets us here in the

turn for - give all wrongs. 3. He joins us
break - ing of the bread. 5. We'll gath - er

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain

You sat-is-fy the hun-gry heart with gift of fin-est wheat;

Fine

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1. As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
2. With joy-ful lips we sing to You Our praise and grat-i-tude
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out-poured?
4. The mys-tery of Your pres-ence, Lord, No mor-tal tongue can tell:
5. You give Your-self to us, O Lord; Then self-less let us be,

So when You call Your fam-ily, Lord, We fol-low and re-joice.
That You should count us wor-thy, Lord, To share this heav-en-ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de-clare Our one-ness in the Lord?
Whom all the world can-not con-tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
To serve each oth-er in Your name In truth and char-i-ty.

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7 with refrain

English ballad, 16th century

William Chatterton Dix, c. 1871

Arr. Christmas Carols New and Old, 1871

Em D G D Em Am B

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing?
2. Why lies He in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, one and all, to own Him.

Em D G D Em Am B Emsus4 Em

Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet While shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here The si-lent Word is plead-ing.
The King of kings sal-va-tion brings; Let lov-ing hearts en-throne Him.

Bm G D Em Am B

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;

Bm G D Em Am B Emsus4 Em

Haste, haste to bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Ma-ry!

Silent Night, Holy Night

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STILLE NACHT Irregular

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon
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 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; With the

vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
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 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
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1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht
 Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh',
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh'!
2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Hirten erst kundgemacht
 Durch der Engel Alleluja,
 Tönt est laut von fern und nah:
 Christ der Retter ist da,
 Christ der Retter ist da!
3. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
 Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund':
 Christ, in deiner Geburt,
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 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His righ - teous - ness,

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