



# Angels We Have Heard on High

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.  
Luke 2:14

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 back their joy - ous strains.  
Say what may the 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.

REFRAIN

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o,

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Traditional French carol  
GLORIA 7.7.7.7.4.  
Traditional French melody  
Arr. by Edward S. Barnes, 1937

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# Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.  
Is. 11:1

1. Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der  
2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I  
3. The shep - herds heard the sto - ry, pro - claimed by  
4. This flow'r, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness  
5. O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt our

stem hath sprung, of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing,  
have in mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it,  
an - gels bright, how Christ, the Lord of glo - ry,  
fills the air, dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor  
hu - man woe; O Sav - ior, King of glo - ry,

as men of old have sung. It came, a flow'r - et bright,  
the vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right  
was born on earth this night. To Beth - le - hem they sped  
the dark - ness ev - 'ry - where. True man, yet ver - y God;  
who dost our weak - ness know, bring us at length, we pray,

a - mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night,  
she bore to men a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.  
and in the man - ger found him, as an - gel her - alds said.  
from sin and death he saves us and light - ens ev - 'ry load.  
to the bright courts of heav - en and to the end - less day.

German hymn, ca. 1500  
St. 1-2 tr. by Theodore Baker, 1694  
St. 3-4 tr. by Harriett R. Spaeth, 1975  
St. 5 tr. by John C. Matheis, 1914

ES IST EIN ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN 7.5.7.6.6.7.6.  
German melody, 15th cent.  
Arr. by Michael Praetorius, 1606, alt.

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# To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.  
Is. 9:6

1. To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n,  
2. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, for - ev - er - more a - dored,  
3. His pow'r, in - creas - ing, still shall spread, his reign no end shall know;  
4. To us a child of hope is born, to us a son is giv'n,

him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, him all the hosts of heav'n.  
the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the great and might - y Lord.  
jus - tice shall guard his throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.  
the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the might - y Lord of heav'n.

John Marston, 1781; alt.

I DO BELIEVE C.M.  
Traditional English melody

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting the first Advent candle this morning and reading from God's Word is Kathe Vannoy.

Please stop by the table in the narthex today to pick up one or more pre-addressed, stamped Christmas cards to send to our missionaries as a reminder that we are praying for them this Christmas season.

Willing and able volunteers are invited to consider parking in the upper lot and along Covenant Lane (the flat portion perpendicular to the church) on Sunday mornings. Leaving free spaces in the main parking lot allows us to better welcome visitors this Advent season, some of whom may never have heard the good news of Jesus Christ.

The young adult Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange will be held at Byron and Rebecca Childs' house on December 14 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a snack or hors d'oeuvre to share. If you would like to participate in the white elephant gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (maximum \$25).

Our annual Christmas breakfast will take place on Sunday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m. Please sign up in the narthex by December 15 to bring a "family size" breakfast dish, fruit salad, or pastry as we celebrate our Lord's birth together.

For those of you who missed Covenant's performance of Dorothy Sayers' radio play *Kings in Judaea* last February, we are happy to announce that we will be bringing that story to life again this epiphany season. Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 5 at 4:30 p.m. with refreshments and fellowship to follow. We have already started working on the cast, but if any other adults or high schoolers would like to participate, please see Sharon Muhlfeld.

A sign-up sheet for the next adult membership class with Pastor Muhlfeld is available in the narthex. Attending the class does not obligate one to apply for membership, but is a requirement before meeting with the Session for a membership interview. The class will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15–10:00 a.m.) and will meet February 9 to March 23 in the far narthex.

## THIS WEEK AT COVENANT

<b>Sunday 12/8</b>	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group Christmas Celebration
<b>Monday 12/9</b>			
<b>Tuesday 12/10</b>	11:30	a.m.	Senior Fellowship Lunch at Plumsteadville Inn
	7:00	p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00	p.m.	Men's Bible Study
<b>Wednesday 12/11</b>			
<b>Thursday 12/12</b>	7:00	a.m.	Deacons' Meeting
<b>Friday 12/13</b>			
<b>Saturday 12/14</b>	7:30	a.m.	Men's Breakfast at Henning's Market
	5:00	p.m.	Young Adult Christmas Party at Childs' Home
<b>Sunday 12/15</b>	9:15	a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00	a.m.	Heart Hiders
	10:30	a.m.	Worship Service
	11:45	a.m.	Adult Choir Practice
	3:30	p.m.	Junior Choir Practice
	4:30	p.m.	Christmas Caroling

For a complete listing of events at Covenant, or for more information on ministries, please visit [www.covpreschurch.org](http://www.covpreschurch.org)



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## CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

<i>Health Related</i>	<i>Expecting</i>
<i>Mark Childs</i>	<i>Cheryl Burger (Due February 1)</i>
<i>Jean Daniels</i>	<i>Sarah Walsh (Due March 18)</i>
<i>Rita Hageman</i>	<i>Rebecca Childs (Due May 3)</i>
<i>Joan Keyt</i>	<i>Joy Mahysz (Due June 3)</i>
<i>Barbara Kolbe</i>	
<i>David Wynn</i>	

### **Missions**

Flavien and Inyange are missionaries stationed in the US serving churches and church planters in sensitive countries. Flavien reports that his September trip to PA was very full and a great time connecting with partner churches. His trip to Florida had to be postponed after hurricane Milton hit. Staying in Asheville, though, gave him an opportunity to take part in various efforts to provide supplies and relief to people impacted by the devastation of hurricane Helene.

Two pressing concerns for Flavien include finances and immigration status. The first is due to a combination of realizing that their current income is insufficient and of ambiguity around tax regulations applying to a pastor's compensation package. Flavien is also concerned about his visa which expires on December 10. Now that his daughters' green card applications have been filed, he can move forward with his.

In family news, it appears that anemia is going to be a chronic challenge for Inyange, though thankfully her current treatment has shown some improvement. One big change is that their two youngest daughters will start attending a local Christian school after nearly twenty years of homeschooling for their family.

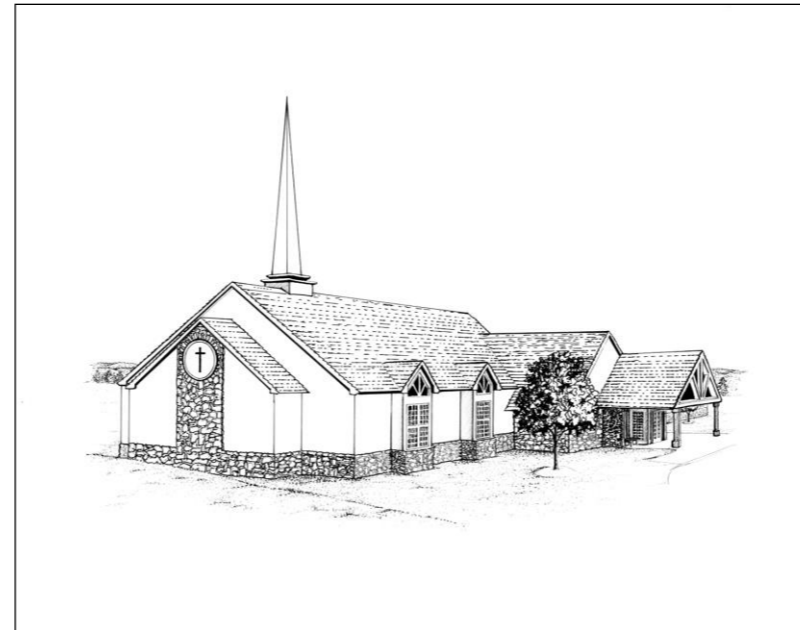
Please pray for the following:

- that the work of a local evangelical church helping with hurricane recovery would produce much gospel fruit
- that God would use remedies at their disposal to improve Inyange's symptoms and fatigue
- that Flavien's visa application would get filed on time
- for wisdom on how to best address their financial needs
- that their hope and assurance would remain in the Lord

## SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

	December 8	December 15	December 22	December 29
<b>Sunday School Nursery</b> Room 120	Nancy Hillman	Abigail English	Christmas Breakfast	Ella Clement
<b>Heart Hiders</b>	A. McMillan	Diana Lowery	Christmas Breakfast	No Heart Hiders
<b>Worship Service Infants</b> Room 120	Lydia Evans Emry Evans	Mary Riggall	C. Rutkowski	TBD
<b>Worship Service 1s-2s</b> Room 123	Barb Nelson Jessica Fox	Nicole Yates Sarah Rutkowski	Diane Dietterich Jasmine Muhlfeld	Kristen Jones Ruth Clement
<b>Worship Service 3s-4s</b> Room 122	Laura Wambold Maggie Wambold	Angela Tippett Luke Snyder	Ashley Benoit Lydia Moyer	Yvonne Marshall Makayla Marshall
<b>Junior Church 5s – grade 1</b> Room 112	L. Barbadoro	A. McMillan	A. McMillan	David & Joy Schmidt
<b>Junior Church Grades 2-3</b> Room 110	Mark & Rebecca Kleeman	Steve Rutkowski	Steve Rutkowski	J. English
<b>Welcome Bread Bakers</b>	Pam Taylor	Debbie Schultz	Debbie Schultz	Debbie Schultz
<b>Greeters</b>	Jonathon Leiser	Andy & Carolyn Ford	Bob & Betty Peterson	Bob & Kim Kenderdine
<b>Ushers</b>	Andy Ford David Schmidt D. Dietterich Ed Gottschalk Dan Hillman Bob Kenderdine Drew Sparks	Mark Kleeman Ken Markwalter Charles Freed Brandon Jones Jeremy Riggall George Schmidt Henry Schultz	Dan Benoit Tom Buhay Jake Barbadoro Noah Keating Jack Kane John Kane Shahil Patel George Schmidt	Rick Castor Bob Lagonegro Frank Evans M. McMillan J. Medendorp Paul Wichert

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