



Worship of God in Christ

December 24, 2022



"Colored by Stella Gregg"

Christmas Eve

Marking of the Hour Barbara Moore

*We mark the hour, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ,
and centering us in the embrace of the Holy Spirit.*

Prelude – “On Christmas Night” (arr. Cherwein) Barbara Moore

Lighting the Candles

*We light these candles to welcome the Spirit, for they represent how Jesus is the
Light of the world which guides us through life.*

Opening the Bible

We open the Bible to remind us that God speaks to us through the Holy Word.

Call to Worship Ed Smith, Connor Marshall

One: Friends and family, siblings in Christ, come and hear the good news!

All: The one who was promised will be born this night, a savior born as a human to live among us!

One: Angels proclaim the glory of God, the merciful one who sent us God’s Son.

All: A gift from heaven, sent from God, yet born as a human to show us the way!

One: Shepherds shout and dance for joy, for the Prince of Peace is alive and well.

All: A baby wrapped in cloths, lying in a manger, born as a human to understand our suffering!

One: Mary ponders these things in her heart, imagining his life and calling.

All: Immanuel, God with us, yet breathing and sleeping, laughing and crying, born as a human to seek and save the lost.

One: Friends and family, siblings in Christ, come and hear the good news!

All: Jesus Christ is born. Come, let us worship!

*Hymn – “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

*Invocation Will Cooke

Greeting Will Cooke

*Please take a moment to sign and pass the red booklets found in each row
so that we have a record of your presence with us today.*

Lighting the Christ Candle Raynell Stokes, Debra Bryant

Epistle Lesson - Titus 2:11-14
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Ben Chenault

*Hymn – “O Little Town of Bethlehem”

Gospel Lesson - Luke 2:1-14
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Sarah Buchanan

Evening Prayer
Rev. Val Fisk

Anthem – “Night of Silence”
Sanctuary Choir

Sermon – “Homily”
Dr. Matthew Tennant

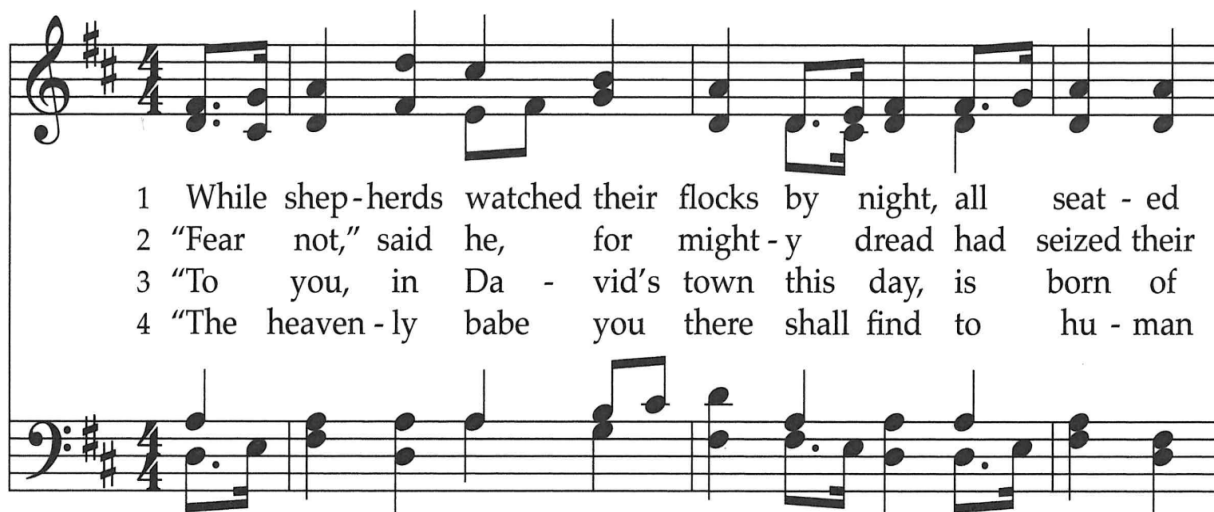
*Hymn – “Silent Night, Holy Night”

*Benediction
Dr. Tennant

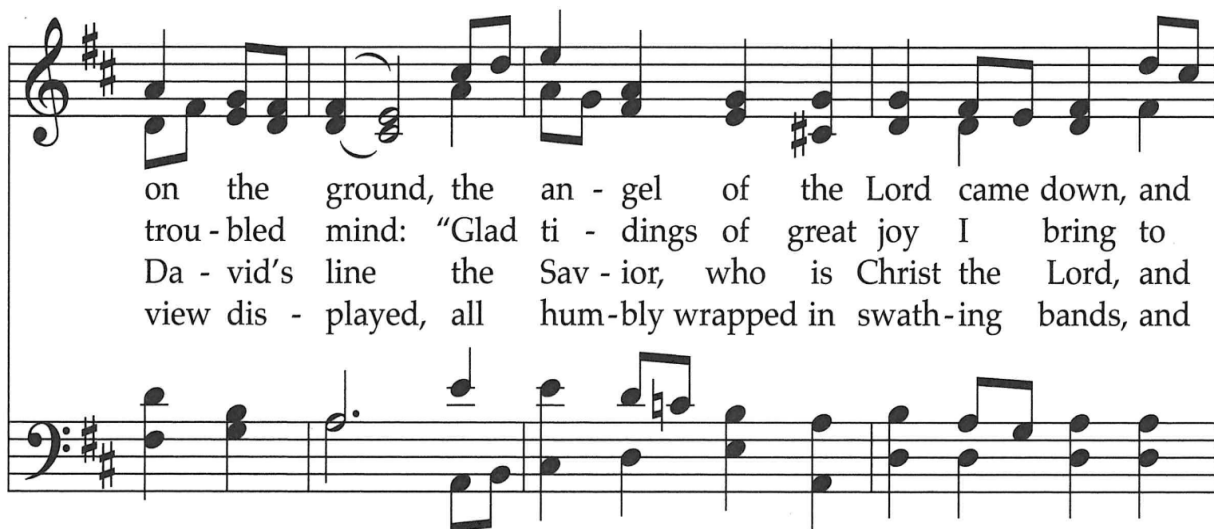
*Postlude – “Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day”(arr. Wagner)
Barbara Moore

** Please rise as you are able, in body or spirit.*

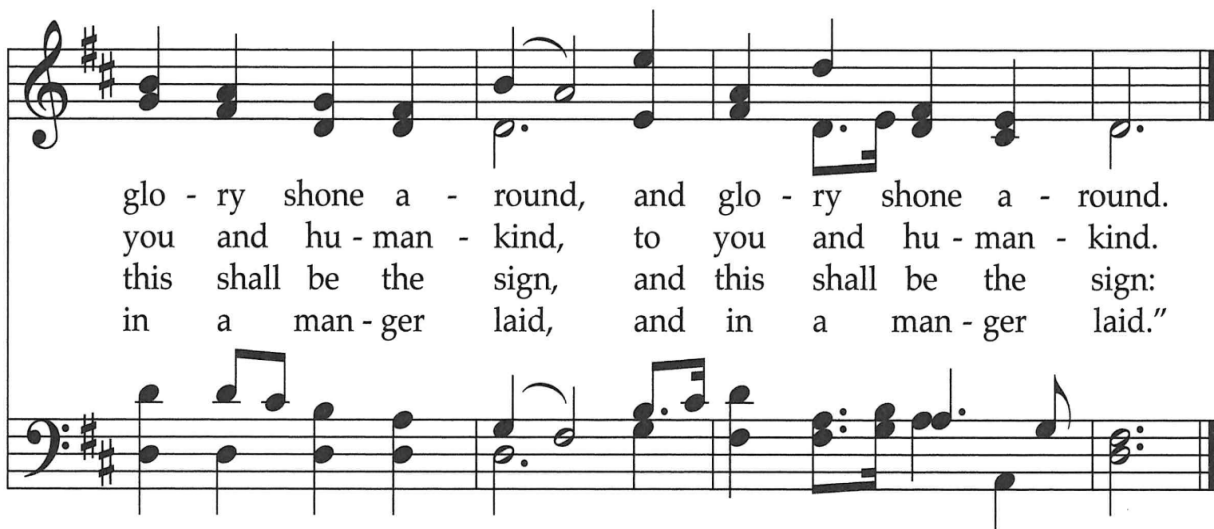
While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks



1 While shep-herds watched their flocks by night, all seat - ed
2 "Fear not," said he, for might - y dread had seized their
3 "To you, in Da - vid's town this day, is born of
4 "The heaven - ly babe you there shall find to hu - man



on the ground, the an - gel of the Lord came down, and
trou - bled mind: "Glad ti - dings of great joy I bring to
Da - vid's line the Sav - ior, who is Christ the Lord, and
view dis - played, all hum - bly wrapped in swath - ing bands, and



glo - ry shone a - round, and glo - ry shone a - round.
you and hu - man - kind, to you and hu - man - kind.
this shall be the sign, and this shall be the sign:
in a man - ger laid, and in a man - ger laid."

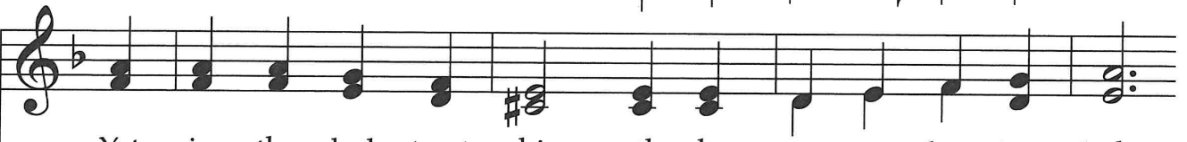
O Little Town of Bethlehem



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y and, gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by.
while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,
No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad ti - dings tell;



the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us; a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!



Silent Night, Holy Night!



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;



'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -
ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our



mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.



WELCOME TO UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are blessed by your presence with us, and we trust that this hour will help to deepen your spiritual life. We look forward to meeting you personally at the close of the service.

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FLOWERS: On the communion table this morning is the Nativity drawing our attention to the anticipated birth of Jesus.

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