



4:00pm Worship Service

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2024



+ stand, as able

UMH = red United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = black The Faith We Sing hymnal supplement

## GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

+Call to Worship

Send the message, loud and clear: Hope is ours to hold.

**In God with us, the weight of living, breathing hope is in our hands.**

Send the message, loud and clear: Peace surpasses understanding.

**In God with us, we pass the peace from inside out, engaging conflicts, upending expectations.**

Send the message, loud and clear: Joy is everywhere abundant!

**In God with us, we're daily called to thanksgiving and joy in all that we take for granted.**

Send the message, loud and clear: As one kneels before a child, love comes down

**In God with us, love transcends our "yes" and "no," love makes children of us all, wondrously reliant on God's will. O come, let us spread the glorious word!**

+Hymn: O come, all ye faithful (UMH 234)  Verses 1-3 & 6 sung in English.

+Opening Prayer

## WORD

+Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20 (NT 58)

Hear what the Spirit says to the church.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

"Telling the Story"

Hymn: Hark! The herald angels sing (UMH 240)

"Telling the Story, Again"

Hymn: Away in a manger (UMH 217)

"Telling the Story, Anew"

Hymn: Go, tell it on the mountain (UMH 251)

## RESPONSE

Prayers of God's Children

Offertory Hymn: Angels we have heard on high (UMH 238)

+Offertory Prayer

+Lighting the Christ Candle

We come seeking hope, peace, joy, and love.

**Not as objects to own, but gifts to keep bringing.**

With the magnitude of a choir of angels

**May the Light be found in us as a song is heard in the singing.**

+Sharing the Light of Christ

*The candlelight will be passed to people in the center aisle. The light is then passed from person to person down the pew. Please hold lighted candles upright; slide the cup down, tip the unlighted candle, and slide the cup back to protect the flame.*

## SENDING

+Sending Hymn: Silent night (UMH 239)

+Benediction

Postlude: In dulci jubilo, BWV 729 - Johann Sebastian Bach

*Please leave your candle at the exit.*

*Please join us following worship in Glenna Hall for Community Hour with birthday cake for Jesus!*

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## Worship Leadership

**Storytellers:** Rev. Britt Cox, Sydney Harkrider, Colin McDonald

**Liturgists:** Rev. Britt Cox, Rev. Grace Imathiu, Sydney Harkrider & Colin McDonald

**Scripture Readers:** The Henry Family

**Lighting the Christ Candle:** The Dillon Family

**Minister of Music & Organist:** Dr. Brian Schoettler

**Ushers/Greeters:** Ed Webler, Bruce Baumgarden, Ann Weatherhead, Vivian Green

**Audio Visual Team:** Terrance Alexander and Tom Scott

*First Church celebrates Communion (Eucharist) every Sunday: in the Sanctuary at the 10:30 am service on the first Sunday of the month and in Tittle Chapel at 11:45 am on all the other Sundays. All are invited.*

## **Christmas Poinsettias**

In Loving Memory of:

All the saints from William and Nancy Brown

Steve Armstrong from Carol Kreikard, Eric and Brian Armstrong,

Hazel Barnett from Carol Barnett

My parents, Harry and Virginia Barnes from Sandra Gordon

Robert and Martha Baumberger from Bruce Baumberger

Ethelyn Bond from George Bond

Jack Cappozzo by Glynis and Dan Doyle

Joan and Bill Doyle from Glynnis and Dan Doyle

Carl Lawrence Godman by Fay Godman

Barb Gorman from Jean Clipperton & Miles Shultz

My Grandparents from Leah Holzwarth

Our Grandparents from Lindsay Theile & Justin Sabrsula

Dan and Betty Heiple, Ed and Lois Grodsky from Teresa and Rich Grodsky

Anita Hill from Robert Thompson

Marie and Karl Hinz from Cate Whitcomb and Jack Hinz

David Hay Jones by Grace and Erik

John and Vera Kerastas/Harold and Jamaline Werner from John & Barbara Kerastas

Bette Mitchell by Jill Althage and Louise Sprengelmeyer

Our Parents from Constance and Hugh Williams

Fredrick and Barbara Poole from Mary Poole

Dr. Jean Sindab from Joe Agne

Debbie Wagner from Bryan and Caroline Wagner

Bill and Dorothy Whitcomb from Cate Whitcomb and Jack Hinz

Dale and Edythe Williams from Eileen Chamber

In Honor of:

Fay Godman for 62 faithful membership at First Church - Evanston

Our beloved family from Don and Patty Baker

My wonderful children from Lori Colbert

The Ministry of First Church Staff from Britt Cox

Colin McDonald and Rebbecca Beiter from Mary and Bob Hetzel

The Choir from Jane Koten

Sean, Ian, and Kieran Monahan from Ken and Bertha Monahan

Dabney Frierson James *from* Courtney Zirkle

Prayers

*The people of Gaza and the West Bank given by* Don and Diane Baker,

Peace from Mary Poole

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## O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 1. *A - des - te, fi - de - les, lae - ti tri - um - phan - tes; ve -*  
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E - ter - nal,  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; O  
 6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye, to Beth - le - hem.  
*ni - te, ve - ni - te in Beth - le - hem.*  
 lo, he shuns not the Vir - gin's womb;  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!  
 Je - sus to thee be glo - ry giv'n.

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
*Na - tum vi - de - te Re - gem an - ge - lor - um.*  
 Son of the Fa - ther, be - got - ten, not cre - at - ed;  
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,  
*Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,*

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.  
*ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, Do - mi - num.*

## 240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

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 Right-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 a 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 th'in-car-nate De - i - ty,  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

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

*Refrain*

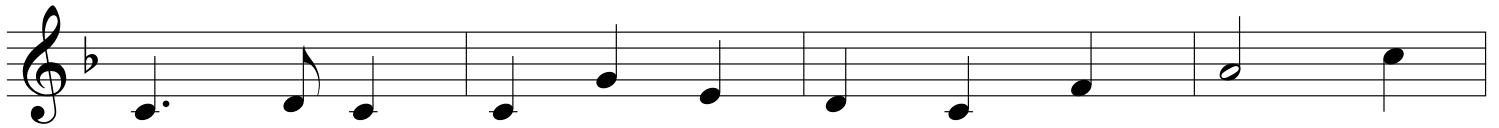
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# Away in a manger

AWAY IN A MANGER



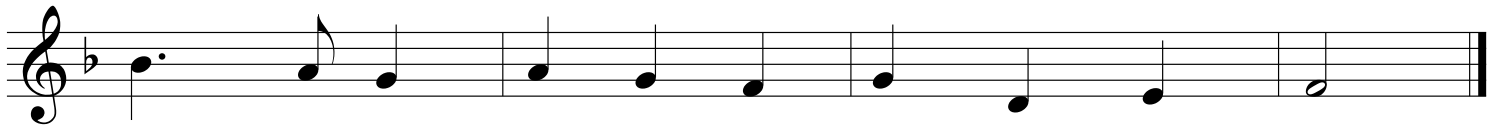
1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed, the  
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, but  
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay close



lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The  
lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I  
by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; bless



stars in the sky looked down where he lay, the  
love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky and  
all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, and



lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.  
fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

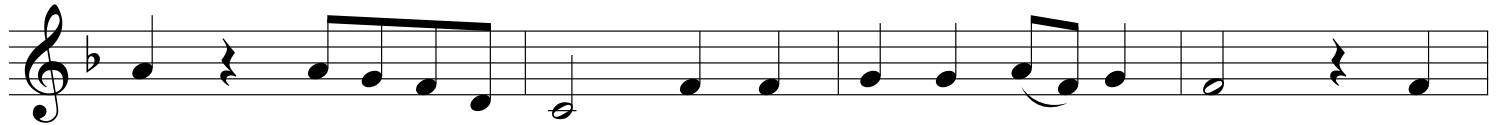
# Go, tell it on the mountain

GO TELL IT

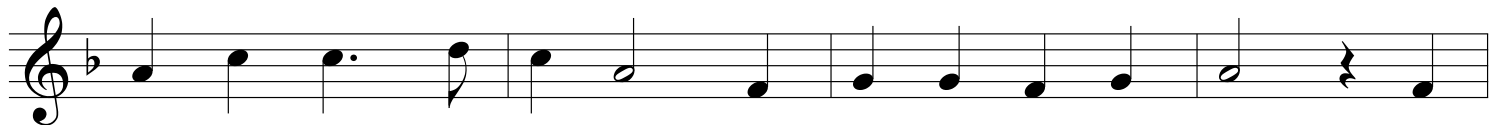
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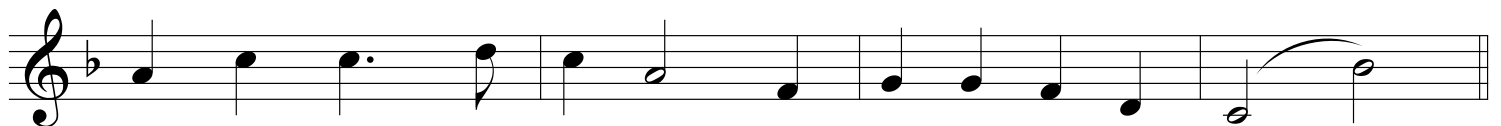
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go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born. While

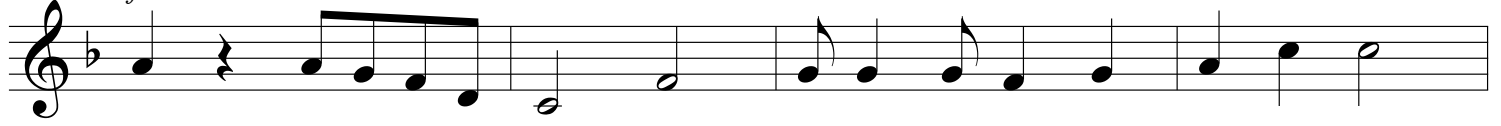


shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night, be -

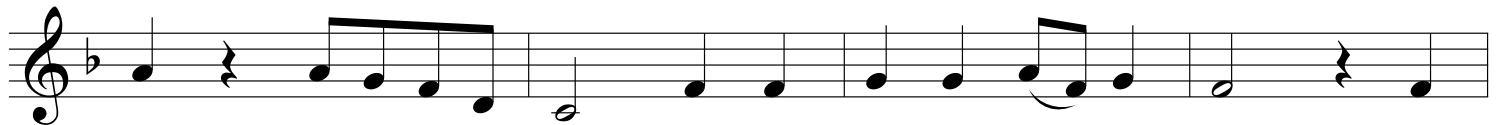


hold through - out the heav - ens there shone a ho - ly light.

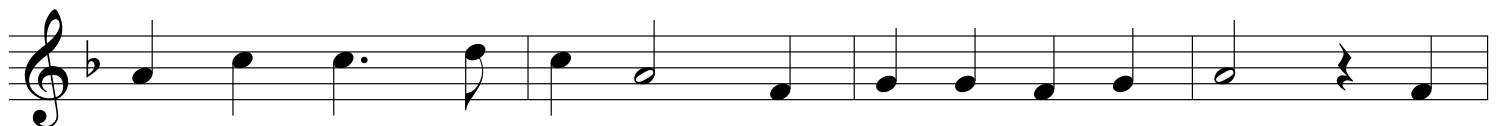
## *Refrain*



Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born. The



shep - herds feared and trem - bled, when lo! a - bove the earth, rang

WORDS: African American spiritual; adapt. by John W. Work, Jr., 1907  
MUSIC: African American spiritual



out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed the Sav - ior's birth.

*Refrain*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born. Down

in a low - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born, and

God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

*Refrain*

Go, tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.

## 238 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 Christ whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of an - gels praise;

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 heaven - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - ri - a,

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - -

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

# Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright  
 1. *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht*  
 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 mild,  
*nur das trau-te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar, Hold-er Kna-be mit lock - i - gem Haar,*  
 glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far, heav-en-ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ra-diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,  
 with the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
*schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh, schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh.*  
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.  
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!



WORDS: Joseph Mohr, 1818, alt.; sts. 1, 2, 3 trans. by John F. Young;  
 st. 4 trans. anon. (Lk. 2:6-20)  
 MUSIC: Franz Gruber, 1818

STILLE NACHT  
 Irr.