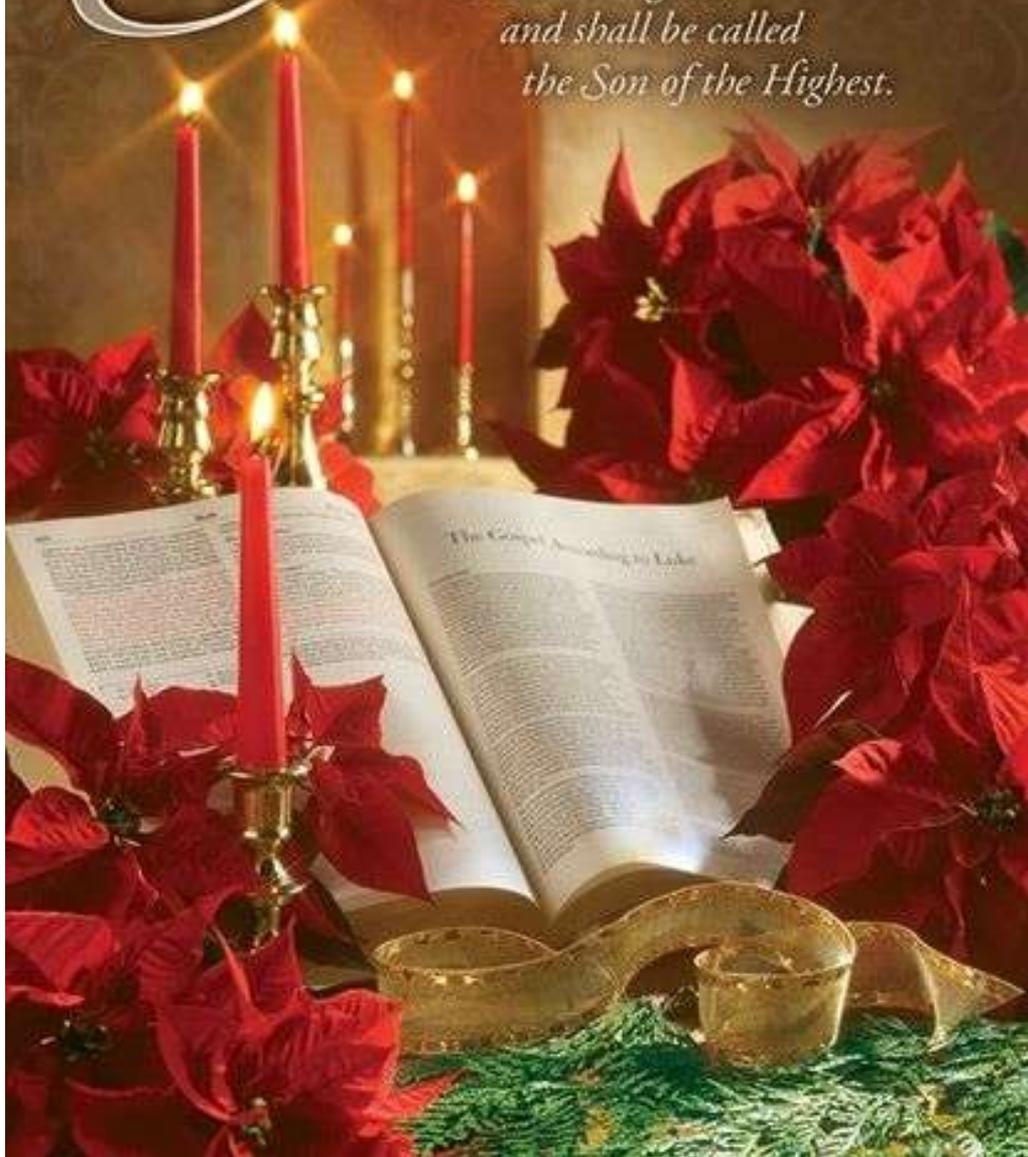


Luke 1:32

Jesus

*He shall be great,
and shall be called
the Son of the Highest.*



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HADDON HEIGHTS

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

*Large-print bulletins are available at both entrances to the sanctuary.
Activity bags & bulletins for kids are available in the narthex.*

***Indicates those who are able may stand.**



All hymns today are in the **PURPLE Hymnal, *Glory to God***, unless otherwise noted.



The Poinsettias displayed on the Chancel today are given in memory and in honor of our loved ones, and to the Glory of God. (The list of dedications is included in your bulletin.)



Prelude

Mike Rugge, Organist

*Gathering Hymn: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

#133, (vv.1-4)

Welcome & Announcements

We Come Into God's Presence

Call to Worship (L—Leader / P—People)

Isaiah 9 / Luke 2

L: The people who walked in darkness, have seen a great light.

P: Good news of great joy!

L: For unto us a Child is born.

P: Good news of great joy!

L: For unto us a Son is given.

P: Good news of great joy!

L: His name is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: Good news of great joy!

L: Let us go to Bethlehem!

Lighting the Christ Candle

*Crista James, Reilly James-Wolfenstein
& Cheryl Walmsley*

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We Prepare to Hear God's Word

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, we confess that our hearts have not been open to all you revealed in the Nativity of your Son. You sent Christ as a helpless Child, but we have not attended to the suffering of children. You chose humble Mary to be the mother of Jesus, but we have not attended to the struggles of women. The holy family could find no room in the inn, but we have not attended to the cries of the homeless. Forgive our lack of attention and fill us with joyful compassion for those in need. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of God's Presence

L: Friends, believe the Good News of Great Joy:

P: **God's Word has become flesh and lives among us.**

*Congregational Response: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" #132 (v.1)

Isaiah's Prophecy

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-15 (OT, p.636)

Reader: Kate Colantonio

Time with Our Children

*Carol: "Away in a Manger"

#115

Mary's Blessing

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 (NT, pp.56-57)

Reader: Tara Klemash

*Carol: "The First Noel, the Angels Did Say"

#147 (vv.1-2)

Joseph's Dream

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 (NT, p.1)

Reader: Bruce Erwin

Chancel Choir Anthem: "For Unto Us a Child Is Born"

by John Purifoy; Dr. Chris Thomas, Director of Music

Jesus' Birth

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7 (NT, p.58)

Reader: Libby Hart

*Carol: "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

#121 (vv.1-3)

Angels & Shepherd' Proclamation

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20 (NT, p.58)

Meditation

Rev. Eliza C. Jaremko

*Carol: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

#113

The Magi's Gifts

Our Christmas Eve collection will be donated to the Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council (IHOC) Serenity House located at 8th & Station Avenues in Haddon Heights. Nine men and a house manager will be living in this beautifully restored transitional living facility. Our donation will help with their operating expenses, such as transportation, insurance & utility bills. Thank you for helping to support their journey to independence.



Invitation to the Offering

Offertory: “Come Darkness, Come Light”

by Mary Chapin Carpenter; Kim Muni, vocals; Mike Rugge, piano;
Fred Heuser, guitar; Jeff Moon, drums

*Doxology: “Joy to the World”

#134 (v.1)

*Prayer of Dedication

God's Promised Light

Scripture: John 1:1-5,14 (NT, pp.91-92)

*Candle Lighting

L: Jesus, the Light has become flesh and now dwells among us.

P: The light is for all time, for all places, for all people.

L: The Light shines in the darkness,

P: And the darkness cannot overcome it.

*Carol: “Silent Night! Holy Night!” Covenant Ringers, #122 (vv.1-4)
(Lighting of our individual candles)

***Charge and Benediction** (unison)

**May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are
absent one from the other.**

L: Our worship together has ended.

P: Now our service begins.

Postlude

	Deacons	Greeters	LiveStream	Counters
	Tom Clarke	Corky & Patti	Korey Owens	Vicki Clarke
	Kate Colantonio	Pawling	Erin Gallagher	Chuck Maienza
	Melanie Diven			Hal Wyckoff
	Kelly Evans	Nursery	Light Controller	
Ro Hudson	Abby Burrough	Bill Burrough		
Ellie Wyckoff	Maria Masi			

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

THE POINSETTIAS IN THE CHANCEL DISPLAY HAVE BEEN PLACED IN HONOR OF OR IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES BY THOSE PERSONS LISTED HEREIN.
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND ...

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>
Al & Betty Andrews.....	Al & Anne Andrews
Sandeep Bharadwaj.....	Pat Burrough Thompson
Marie & Bill Bozek	Phyllis & Mike Bozek
Joseph Brown	Candy & Paul Frantz
Dorthea Charles Brown	Corso Family
Buck & Eva Buchanan ...	Pat & Tony Masi
Susan Burrough	Sally Burrough
Jim & Kay Burrough	Their Children
Ward & Eleanor Campbell, Sr.....	Beth & David Eastman
Ward Campbell, Jr.....	Beth & David Eastman
Harris Carter	Phyllis Carter
William & Elsie Cooney.....	Sharon Cole
Jane Corso	Corso Family
Lee Davis.....	Helen Davis
Anne Dent.....	Pat & Tony Masi
Anne & Fred DiRenzo....	Ellie & Hal Wyckoff
Roderick & Dorothy Dodds	Bruce & Joanne Erwin
John A. Durham	His Family
Edward & Martha Eastman	Beth & David Eastman
Pat & Dick Edwards.....	Sandy Langford

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>
Jack & Ella Erwin.....	Bruce & Joanne Erwin
Maura Goldberg	The Hudson Family
Dwayne Hudson.....	The Rautamen Family
Wally & Edna Hudson ...	The Hudson Family
Eleanor & Nate Ives	Judy & Doug Wilson
Joshua.....	Sally Burrough
Rich Langford	Sandy Langford
James, Anne, John & Joy Lomax	Al & Anne Andrews
Nick, Judy & Nicky Masi.....	Tony & Pat Masi
Mary Masi.....	Laura & Maria Masi Hal & Carole Leadbeater
Ethreba Maxwell.....	Leadbeater
Nolan Miller	Marjorie Miller
Dorothy Mary Minerva	Marjorie Miller
Molly & Keene Mitchell.....	Polly Mitchell
Brewster & Martha Mitchell.....	Polly Mitchell
Rev. Calvin Moon & Lee Davis.....	Linda & Jeff Moon
Carl & Bobbie Niedermayer.....	Their Family
Stephanie, Walter, Alma & Neldon	Juliet & Nick Jaremko
Mary Ann Newnam	George Newnam Candace Lowden & Phil Stick
Lois Noyes.....	Phil Stick

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<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>
Our Parents.....	Candy & Paul Frantz
Our Parents & Siblings.....	Bruce & Margie Kent
Our Parents & Grandparents.....	Cathy & Brian Zobel
Our Parents.....	Hal & Carole Leadbeater
Chuck & Dot Pawling ...	Their Family
Marie & Bruce Peters ...	Marjorie Miller
Cleo & Bill Reeves	Karen & Bill Reeves
Art & Shirley Ritter.....	Their Grandchildren
Marion Truax	Her Children & Grandchildren

<u>IN HONOR OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>
The Burroughs	Anonymous
Our Children & Grandchildren.....	Brian & Cathy Zobel
Our Children & Grandsons.....	Karen & Bill Reeves
Our Church Family	Karen & Bill Reeves
Our Church Family	The Jaremko Family
Gus & Yolanda Corso	The Corso Family
Helen Davis	Linda & Jeff Moon
My Family	Sharon Cole
Our Family	Marie & Bruce Kent
FPCHH and New Song Church Families	Brian & Cathy Zobel
Fran and Charlie	Marjorie Miller
Jack, Lucas, Gabe, Scarlett, & Calvin	Linda & Jeff Moon
Crista James	Reilly James-Wolfenstein & Cheryl Walmsley

<u>IN MEMORY OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>
Dr. Martin Swiecicki	Gloria Swiecicki
Barbara & John VanWickle.....	Karen & Bill Reeves
Betty & Phil Warnke.....	Phyllis & Mike Bozek
Lillie G. Whelpley	Gloria Swiecicki
Gregory Williams	Ann & Pete Williams
Holly Williams.....	Candy & Paul Frantz
Yoda, Moe & Sammy	Reilly James-Wolfenstein
John & Rose Marie Yurkow	Jeff, Ro, & Ellen Hudson
Mimi & Greg Yurkow	The Hudson Family

<u>IN HONOR OF</u>	<u>GIVEN BY</u>
Our Grandchildren	Corky & Patti Pawling
Eliza, Kyle, Susannah, & Simon	Juliet & Nick Jaremko
Linda, Wanda, Sandy, & Brenda.....	Helen Davis
Loved Ones	Candy & Paul Frantz
Maria Masi.....	Laura Masi
Tony & Pat Masi	Laura & Maria Masi
The Merry Muckers	Phyllis Bozek
Phebe Moon	Linda & Jeff Moon
Mike Ruggie	Chancel Choir
Chris Thomas	Chancel Choir
Cheryl Walmsley (Nanny)	Reilly James-Wolfenstein & Crista James
Pauline & Hal Wyckoff ..	Ellie & Hal Wyckoff

Scripture Passages for Today's Service

Isaiah's Prophecy: Isaiah 7:10-15 (NRSV)

Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ "Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹² But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test." ¹³ Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

Mary's Blessing: Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Scripture Passages (*continued*)

Joseph's Dream: Matthew 1:18-25 (NRSV)

The Birth of Jesus the Messiah

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be pregnant from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

²³ "Look, the virgin shall become pregnant and give birth to a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had given birth to a son, and he named him Jesus.

Jesus' Birth: Luke 2:1-7 (NRSV)

The Birth of Jesus

¹ In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Scripture Passages (*continued*)

Angels & Shepherd' Proclamation: Luke 2:8-20 (NRSV)

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

God's Promised Light: John 1:1-5, 14 (NRSV)

The Word Became Flesh

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴ in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

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

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1 Good Christian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Christian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Christian friends, re-joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man-ger now.
He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

Away in a Manger

Capo 3: (D) F (G) B^b (D) F

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

(A7) C7 (D) F

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

(G) B^b (D) F

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

(A7) C7 (D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is night.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

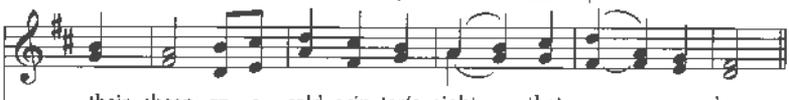
Though erroneously attributed to Martin Luther, this anonymous carol has North American roots, probably originating among Pennsylvania Lutherans. Although more than forty melodies have been connected with these words, this tune was among the earliest written for them.



1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
 2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth-le-



shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing
 east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave
 came from coun-try far; to seek for a king was their
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop



their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 great light, and so it con-tin-ued both day and night.
 in-tent, and to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went.
 and stay, right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay.



Refrain



Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,



born is the King of Is-ra-el.



"Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (*natus / natus*) as well to "news" (*nova / nouvelle*).

121 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!



Though he was famed during his lifetime as a great preacher, no sermon Phillips Brooks ever preached has been heard or read by as many people as have sung this carol he wrote in December 1868 for the Sunday School children of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

113 Angels We Have Heard on High

Verses 1-3

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 ti - dings be which in - spire your heav-en-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! Glo - - - - -

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

This French carol probably dates from the 1700s, though it was not printed until the following century. Because it uses a vernacular language for the narrative stanzas and Latin for the refrain, it belongs to a special category called "macaronic" or mixed-language texts.

Doxology, Verse 1 Only

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Joy to the World



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -



her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness



and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heaven and na - ture sing,



sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Silent Night, Holy Night!

122



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.



GERMAN

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!*

KOREAN

1 *고요한밤 거룩한밤
 어둠에 묻힌밤
 주의부모 앉아서
 감사기도 드릴때
 아기잘도 잔다
 아기잘도 잔다*

SPANISH

1 *¡Noche de paz, noche de amor!
 Todo duerme en derredor,
 entre los astros que esparcen su luz,
 bella, anunciando al niño Jesús,
 brilla la estrella de paz,
 brilla la estrella de paz.*

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.