

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Belleville, PA

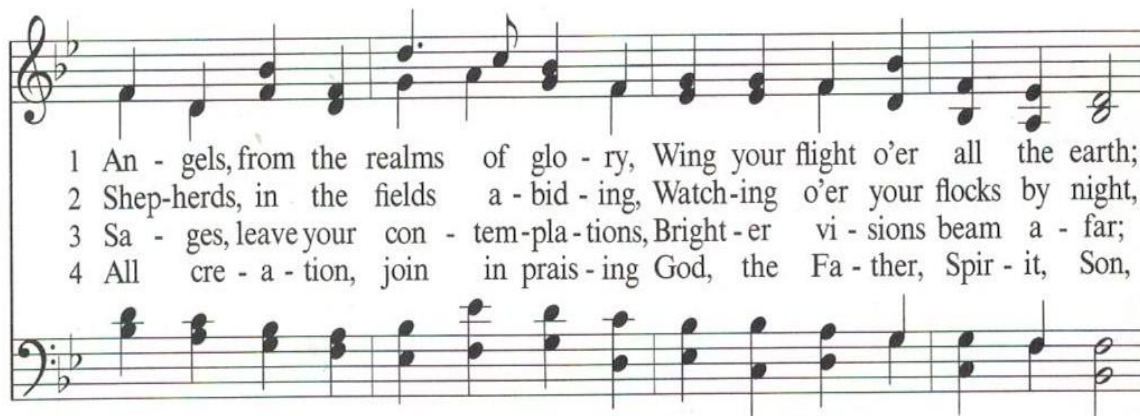


Second Sunday of Christmas
Epiphany of Our Lord
January 3, 2021

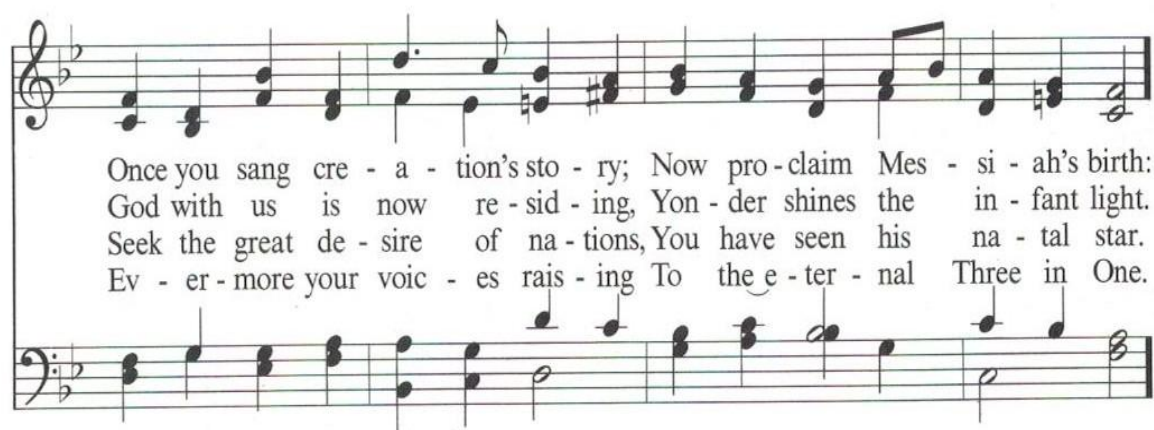
PRELUDE
WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS
HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

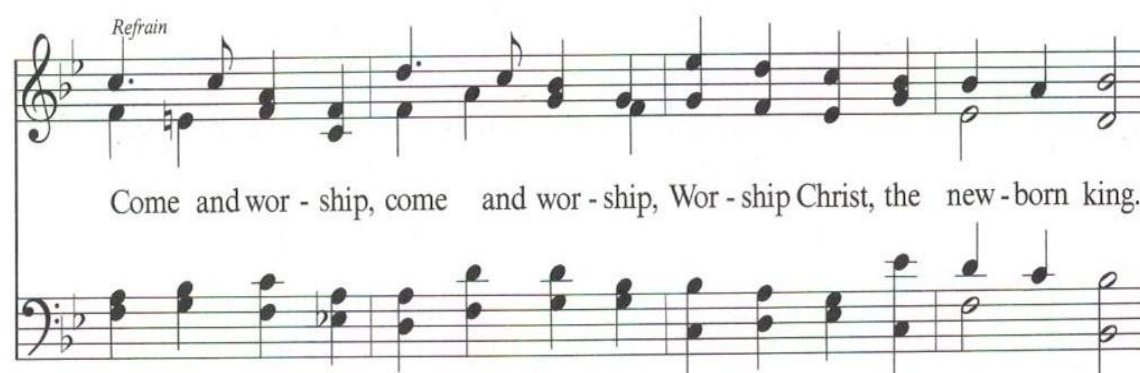
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1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem-pla-tions, Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



Once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry; Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, Yon - der shines the in - fant light.
Seek the great de - sire of na - tions, You have seen his na - tal star.
Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.
Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

REGENT SQUARE
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***CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

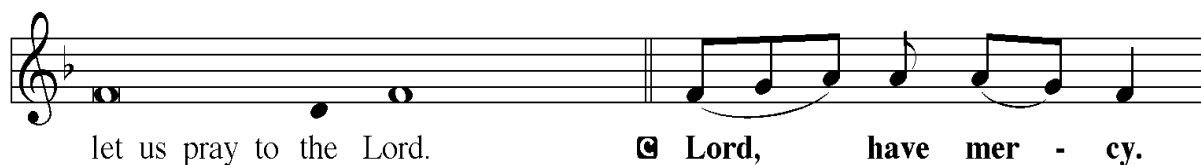
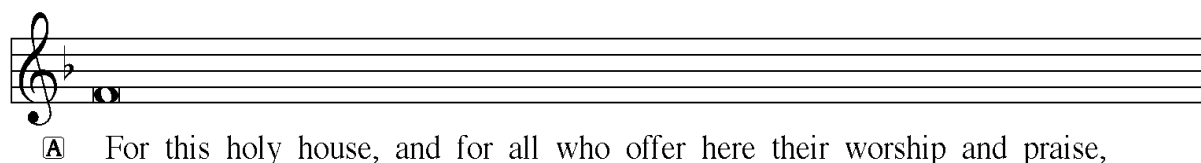
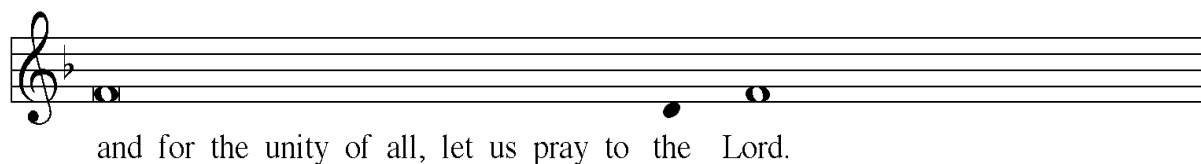
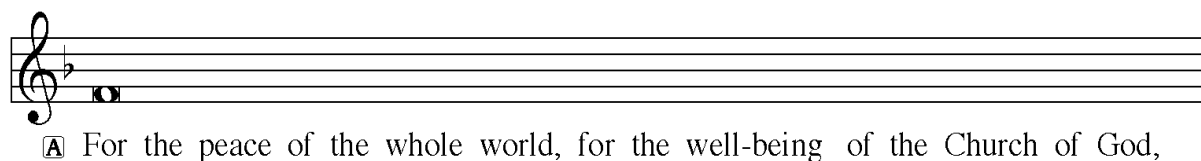
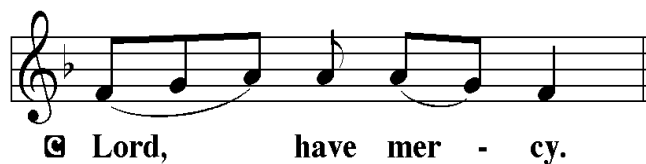
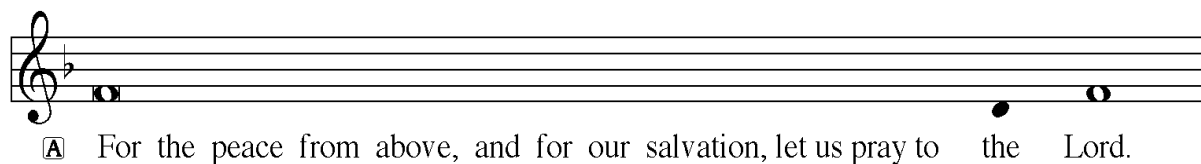
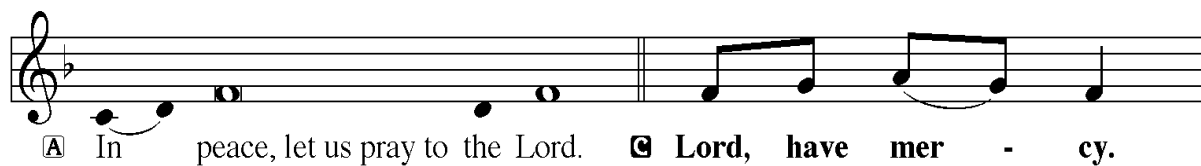
P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**



HYMN of PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

***PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison) Lessons and prayers found in Celebrate**



LESSONS

First Lesson ~ A reading from Sirach 24:1-12 (*not printed in Celebrate*)

1 Wisdom praises herself, and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.

2 In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,
and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:

3 "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
and covered the earth like a mist.

4 I dwelt in the highest heavens,
and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.

5 Alone I compassed the vault of heaven
and traversed the depths of the abyss.

6 Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,
and over every people and nation I have held sway.

7 Among all these I sought a resting place;
in whose territory should I abide?

8 "Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,
and my Creator chose the place for my tent.

He said, 'Make your dwelling in Jacob,
and in Israel receive your inheritance.'

9 Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.

10 In the holy tent I ministered before him,
and so I was established in Zion.

11 Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place,
and in Jerusalem was my domain.

12 I took root in an honored people,
in the portion of the Lord, his heritage."

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

***Psalm 147:12-20 ~ with response**

***Second Lesson ~ A reading from Ephesians 1:3-14**

after the reading

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

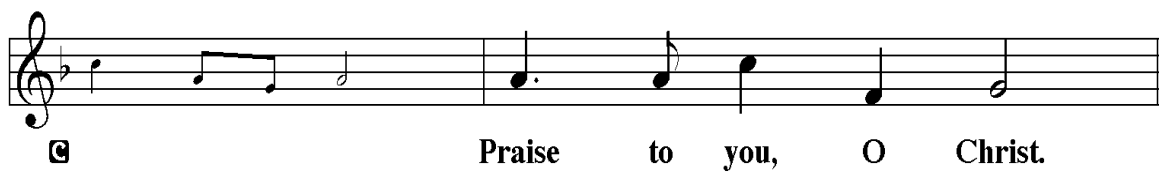
Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to John the 1st chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read. After the reading

P The Gospel of the Lord

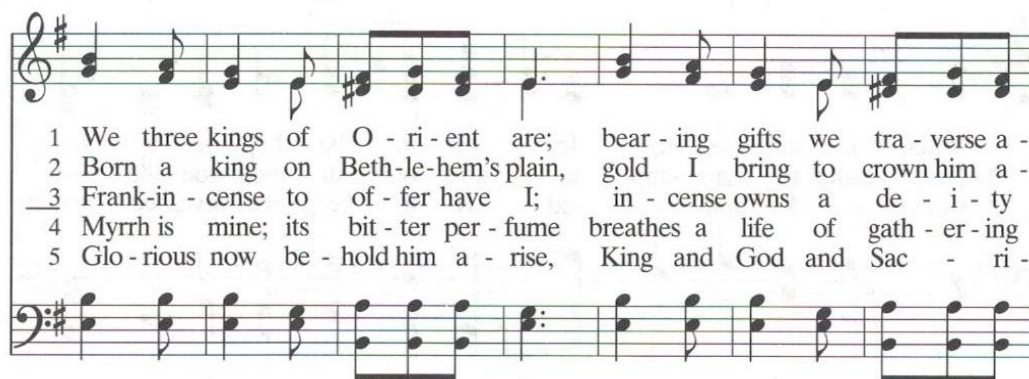


Praise to you, O Christ.

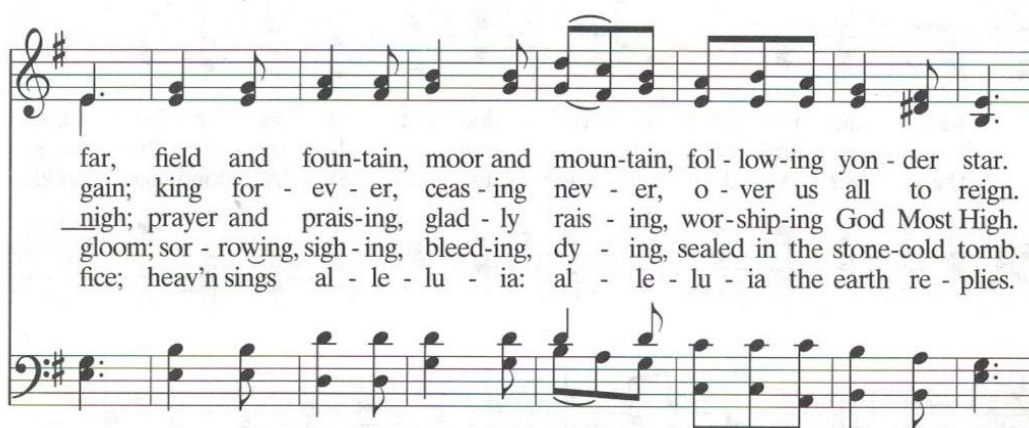
MESSAGE

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -
 2 Born a king on Beth-le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -
 3 Frank-in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri -

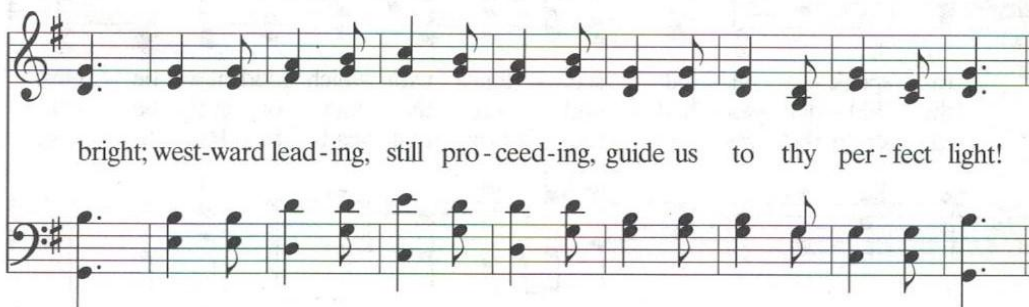


far, field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, fol - low-ing yon - der star.
 gain; king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 nigh; prayer and prais-ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor-ship-ing God Most High.
 gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed-ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
 fice; heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty



bright; west-ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.
 Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***PRAYERS of the PEOPLE** ~ See Celebrate

*PEACE

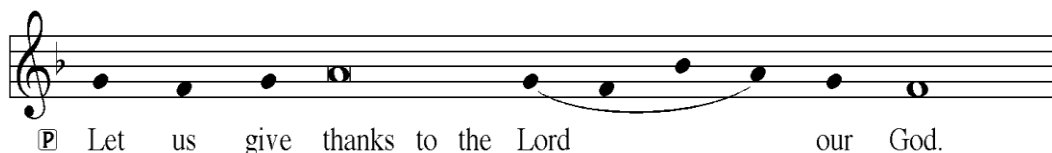
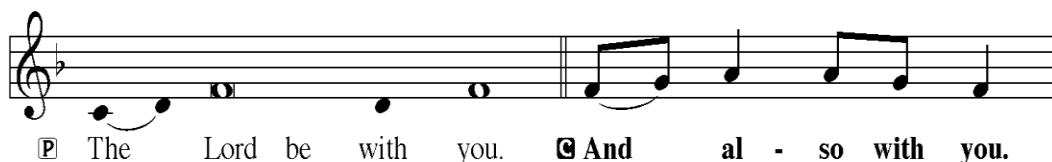
P The peace of the Lord be with you always. C **And also with you.**
The peace is shared

OFFERING ~ Your gifts may given to the volunteers or mailed to the church office.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

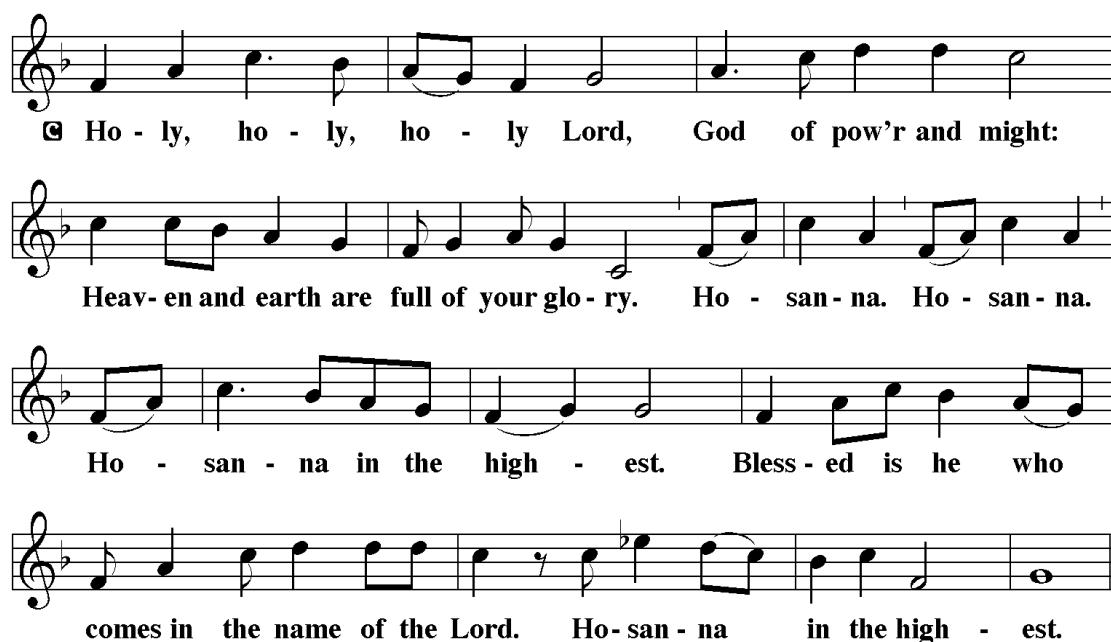
P Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



Preface for Epiphany

It is indeed right and salutary... we praise Your name and join their unending hymn...



P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
 and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the
 remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all
 to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed
 for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the
 remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as
 we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
 evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

COMMUNION

P The Bread of Life: the body of Christ, given for you;

C Amen. [Please open and take the wafer]

P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen. [Please open and take the juice]

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
 in his grace. **C Amen.**

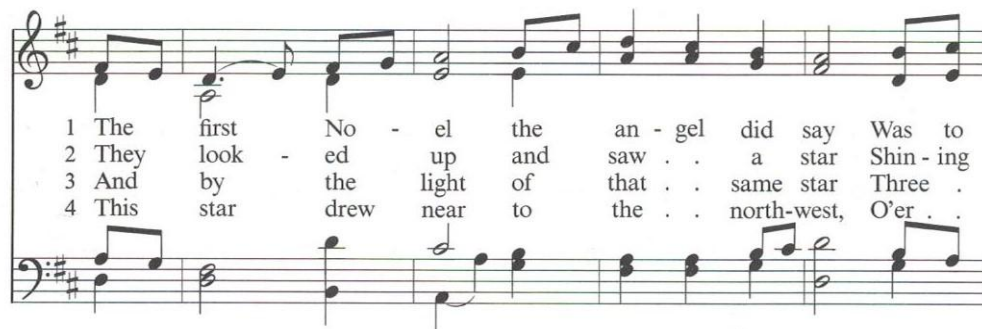
COMMUNION PRAYER

P Let us pray.

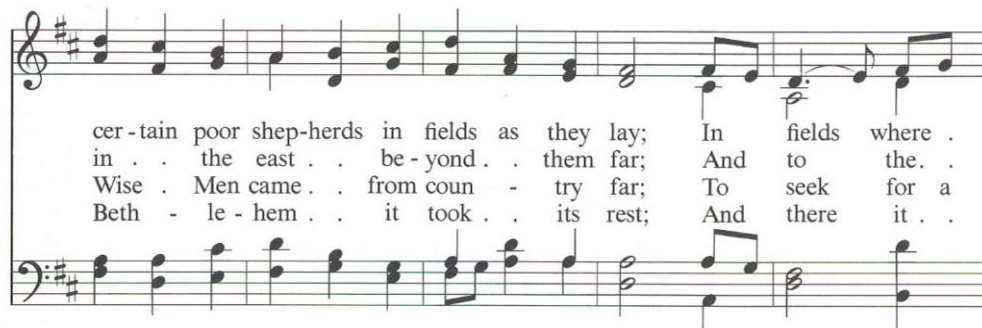
P Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have
 fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen**

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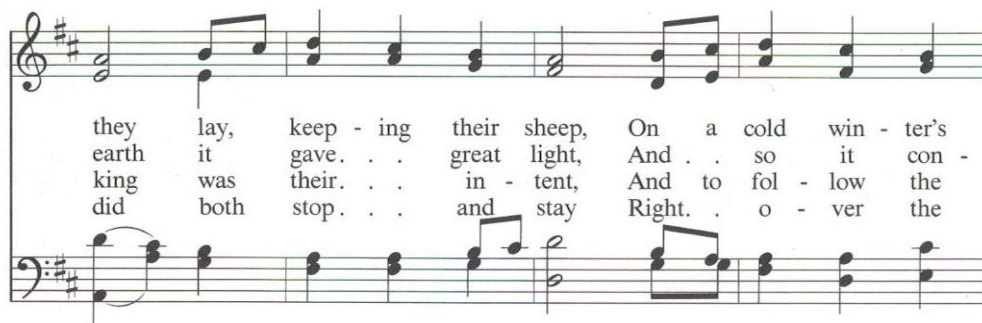
The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say Was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star Shin - ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star Three .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north-west, O'er . .



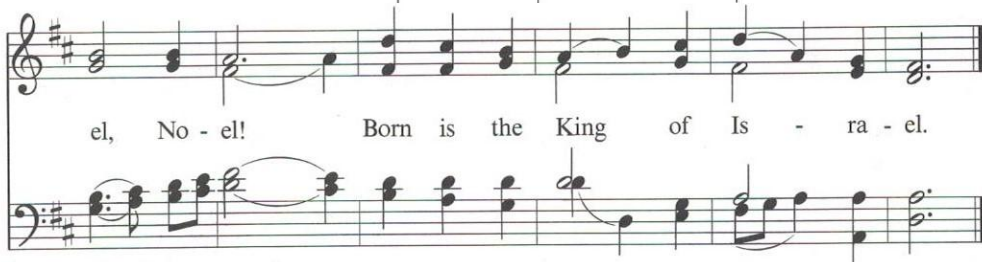
cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where .
 in . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; And to the . .
 Wise . Men came . . from coun - try far; To seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; And there it . .



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . great light, And . . so it con -
 king was their . . in - tent, And to fol - low the
 did both stop . . and stay Right. . o - ver the



Refrain
 night . that was . . so deep.
 tin - ued both day . . and night. No - el, No - el, No -
 star . . wher - ev - er it went.
 place . where Je - sus lay.



el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

BLESSING

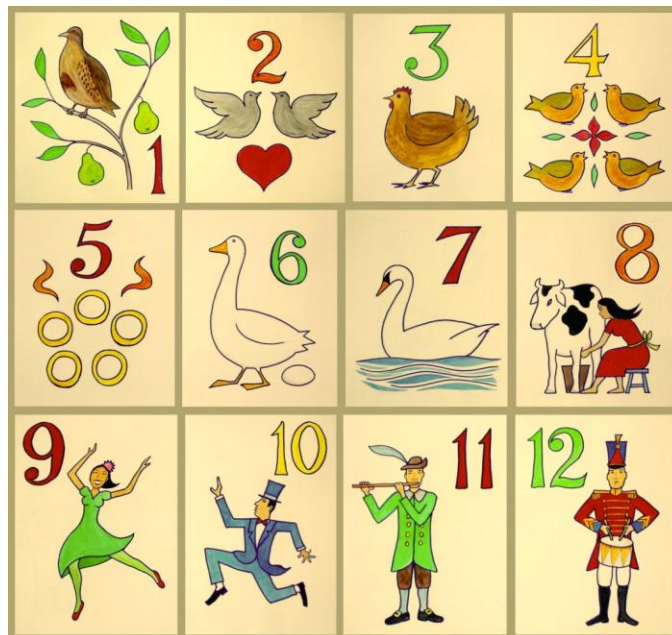
P Almighty God, Father, +Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. C Amen

DISMISSAL

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord R Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE ~ *The Twelve Days of Christmas*

The Twelve Days of Christmas refers to the festive days beginning the evening of Christmas Day (December 25) through the morning of the Epiphany (January 6). This period of time is also known as Christmastide. Over the centuries, churches and different sects of Christianity have changed the time frame and interpretations of this time frame. What has remained constant is the celebration of the birth of Jesus on December 25th.



On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me, a Partridge in a Pear Tree.
Second day – Two Turtle Doves and a Partridge in a Pear Tree
Third Day – Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree
Fourth Day – Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree
Fifth Day – Five Golden Rings, Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree
Sixth Day – Six Geese a Laying, Five Golden Rings, Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree
Seventh Day – Seven Swans a Swimming, Six Geese a Laying, Five Golden Rings, Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree
Eighth Day – 8 Maids a Milking, Seven Swans a Swimming, Six Geese a Laying, Five Golden Rings, Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree
Ninth Day – Nine Ladies Dancing, 8 Maids a Milking, Seven Swans a Swimming, Six Geese a Laying, Five Golden Rings, Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

Tenth Day – Ten Lords a Leaping, Nine Ladies Dancing, 8 Maids a Milking, Seven Swans a Swimming, Six Geese a Laying, Five Golden Rings, Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

Eleventh Day – Eleven Pipers Piping, Ten Lords a Leaping, Nine Ladies Dancing, 8 Maids a Milking, Seven Swans a Swimming, Six Geese a Laying, Five Golden Rings, Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

Twelfth Day – Twelve Drummers Drumming, Eleven Pipers Piping, Ten Lords a Leaping, Nine Ladies Dancing, 8 Maids a Milking, Seven Swans a Swimming, Six Geese a Laying, Five Golden Rings, Four Calling Birds, Three French Hens, Two Turtle Doves, and a Partridge in a Pear Tree

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Our Mission Statement

We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another in our homes, church, community and the world.

Our Vision Statement

To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.

Today

Greeter: Michele Harshbarger; **Lay Reader:** Ed Bilich

Next Sunday, January 10

Greeter: Sue Lynch; **Lay Reader:** John Boring

Please remember in prayer ~ Vivian Plank, Fred Hagemeyer, Kim Aumiller, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Betty Harmon (Elmcroft), Ev Young (Zion Home, Lititz) and Carol Yoder (VVH).

Announcements

Happy New Year to all! We look to next Sunday, when we will celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord.

St. John's has Meals on Wheels this week and next. **Still needed are 2 chocolate cakes with peanut butter icing for Tuesday, January 12.** Please contact Sue Lynch (2013) or the church office if you can provide one.

The offering envelopes and birthday calendars for 2021 can be found in the narthex. They can be picked up throughout the week and will be given to members attending Parking Lot worship. If you would like to have either delivered to your home, please contact the church office or your Good Shepherd.

January thru December 29

Last week's parking lot attendance ~ 15 Offering ~ \$ 965.00

St. John's ~ Income \$ 519,778.67. Expense \$ 230,038.86
Net Income \$ 289,739.81

Daycare ~ Income \$ 277,442.21 Expense \$ 242,776.31
Net Income \$ 34,665.90