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Conducting the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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WELCOME The Reverend Susan McGhee

PRELUDE *Still, Still, Still* Traditional Austrian Carol

CALL TO WORSHIP * *Luke 2:14; Isaiah 9:6*

Patrick Nyarko, liturgist

Liturgist: Glory to God in the highest!

People: **And peace to God's people on earth!**

Liturgist: To us a child is born, to us a son is given.

People: **O come, let us adore him!**

CAROL N^o 41 *

O Come, All Ye Faithful

OPENING PRAYER *

Liturgist: Gracious and Holy God:

on a night long ago and in a stable far away

you gave to the world the gift of great joy,

Jesus Christ, a new baby boy.

Oxen and donkeys and cattle were there to welcome him,

shepherds hurried to worship him, and angels sang songs of praise.

And on this holy night *we* gather together

to welcome him, to worship him, and to sing *our* songs of praise.

Praise be to you, O God, for Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

Patrick & Agatha Nyarko and family

SUNG RESPONSE

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.

Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;

With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, Glory to the newborn King!"

THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

Prayer for Illumination

Luke 2:1-7

CAROL N^o 25

Away in a Manger (seated)

Unison Prayer

People: **Lord Jesus, we rejoice in the good news of your birth,**

and we rest in the mystery of your dear love,

on this holy night, and forever and ever. Amen.

Luke 2:8-20

CAROL N^o 37

Pastor: The Word of the Lord
 People: **Thanks be to God.**

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (seated)**SERMON****Crayons and Candles**

The Rev. Susan C. McGhee
 Executive Presbyter
 The Presbytery of Ohio Valley

CAROL N^o 34 **In Bethlehem a Babe was Born***THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation to the Table

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

SHARING THE LIGHT**CAROL** (see page 5 of this Bulletin) **Silent Night, Holy Night***RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE ***

Pastor: Christ the Savior is born!

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Jesus Christ, the light of the world!

People: **A light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Earth shines tonight with heavenly light:

People: **Jesus Christ, the light of the world!****CAROL** (see last page of this Bulletin) **Joy to the World!***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING *****POSTLUDE**

O Holy Night (Cantique de Noël)
 Benjamin Watkins, piano

Adolphe Adam

*Please stand if you're able.



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Silent Night, Holy Night

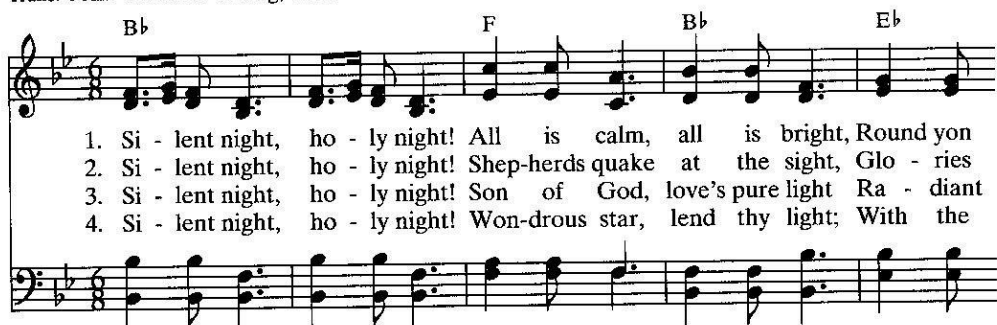
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Joseph Mohr, 1818

Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863

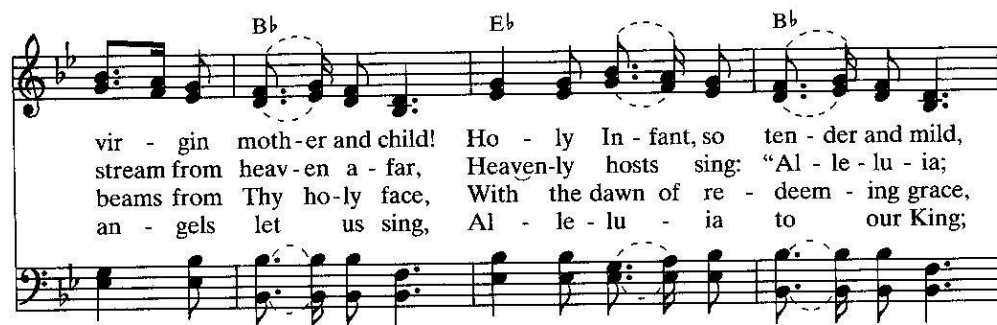
Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818

B \flat F B \flat E \flat



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

B \flat E \flat B \flat



vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heaven-ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

F B \flat F B \flat



Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.
 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.

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'!

2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Hirten erst kundgemacht
 Durch der Engel Alleluja,
 Tönt est laut von fern und nah:
 Christ der Retter ist da,
 Christ der Retter ist da!

3. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
 Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund':
 Christ, in deiner Geburt,
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!



Poinsettia Display

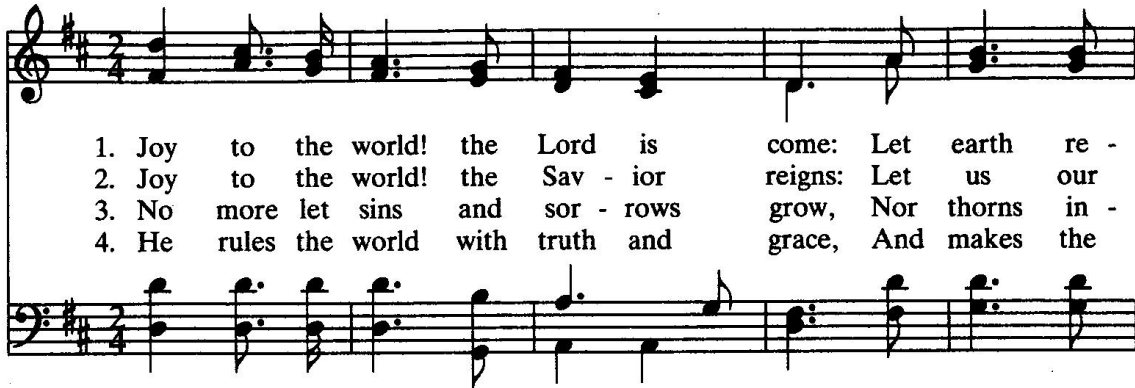
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Joy to the World!

ANTIOCH CM with repeat

Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us our
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare Him room,
songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
fest the ground; He comes to make His bless - ings flow
na - 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,

And



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,