

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
 how still we see thee lie!
 Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
 the silent stars go by;
 yet in thy dark streets shineth
 the everlasting light.
 The hopes and fears of all the years
 are met in thee tonight.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem
 Descend to us, we pray;
 Cast out our sin, and enter in,
 Be born in us today.
 We hear that Christmas angels
 The great glad tidings tell;
 Oh, come to us, abide with us,
 Our Lord Immanuel!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893 Public Domain

READING TWO: Luke 1:26-35, 38
 #58 *Lo, How a Rose Is Growing* vs. 1, 2

1 Lo, how a rose is grow - ing, a bloom of fin - est grace;
 2 The rose of which I'm sing - ing, I - sa - iah had fore - told.
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry the an - gels sang that night:
 4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, with fra - grance fills the air;
 5 O Sav - ior, child of Mar - y, who felt all hu - man woe;

the proph - ets had fore - told it: a branch of Jes - se's race
 He came to us through Mar - y who shel - tered him from cold.
 how Christ was born of Mar - y; he was the Son of light.
 his bright - ness ends the dark - ness that kept the earth in fear.
 O Sav - ior, king of glo - ry, who tri - umphed o'er our foe:

would bear one per - fect flow'r here in the cold of
 Through God's e - ter - nal will this child to us was
 To Beth - le - hem they ran to find him in the
 True God and yet true man, he came to save his
 bring us at length, we pray, to the bright courts of

win - ter and dark - est mid - night hour.
 giv - en at mid - night calm and still.
 man - ger as an - gel her - alds sang.
 peo - ple from earth's dark night of sin.
 heav - en and in - to end - less day.

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READING THREE Matthew 1:18-25

#40 *What Child is This* vs. 1

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898 Public Domain

* OFFERTORY PRAYER Generous God, **you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth. Move in our hearts, that we might use our Spirit-given gifts, to bring your hope, peace, joy and love wherever we go, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

* RESPONSIVE PRAYER

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger
to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger
to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger
to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life
cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.

In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen. "

READING FOUR Luke 2:8-20

50 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* vs 1

1 Angels, from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
once you sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt., sts. 1-3; *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857, st. 4
Public Domain

READING FIVE Matthew 2:1-11

#646 *We Three Kings of Orient Are* vs. 1

1 We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

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

***LORD'S PRAYER 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*** BLESSING**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow! **Praise God, all creatures here below!**
You are the shepherds telling the story. **We tell it in the streets and across the land.**
You are the wise ones worshipping with thanksgiving.
We worship with gifts of song and service, talents and treasures.
You are the angels announcing peace. **We live with joy and go now in peace.**
Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***#70 SENDING CAROL Go Tell It On the Mountain Refrain, vs 3, refrain**

Refrain Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

3 Down in a lonely manger
the humble Christ was born;
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt. Public Domain

*** BELLS AND DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

*** POSTLUDE** Michelle Young

SERVING US TODAY

Worship Leaders: Kris Jenson and Keith Lee **Musician:** Michelle Young

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH AND BEYOND OUR DOORS

Today: NO Sunday School

10:00 am - Lessons and Carols Worship

11:00 am - Fellowship

Monday 7:00 pm - AA meeting

Tuesday: 4-6 pm - Food Pantry

Wednesday NO Confirmation Class

Friday: NO Food Pantry

Saturday Happy New Year

Next Sunday: 8:45am - NO Sunday School

10:00 am - "New Year. Same God." Sunday worship w/communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTENT FORMS for 2022 giving can still be dropped off at the church or mailed in throughout the rest of the year.

MARK JANUARY 30th on your calendars for our ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, which will be held in the sanctuary after a shortened service. More information to come

GRIEF SHARE Beginning January 11, 2022, we will be starting a thirteen-week grief support group meeting on Tuesdays of every week at 7:00 PM via ZOOM. This program consists of video seminars featuring leading grief recovery experts, group discussions about the weekly video content, and a personal workbook with study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

Because this is by ZOOM, we are not limited by geographics of the attendees. If there is someone you know outside our community who you feel could benefit from this program, please encourage them to contact us. Call Denise at Trinity United Methodist Church Elk Mound at (715) 879-5596 to register and purchase your workbook for \$15.00. Workbooks are available at Trinity Elk Mound or Hudson UMC Hudson. Those outside the community will have to order their workbook from Grief Share but register first. We will furnish that information at the time of registration.

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