



Hope

Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, December 27, 2020

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

(Matthew 2:1-12)

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Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Call to Worship: Psalm 150

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn :#218 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

*Scripture Reading: Micah 5:2–5a

*Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

O, Christians, what is it that you believe?

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. He descended into hell, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into

heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy universal and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession to God

Anthem of Musical Worship

Sermon: Wise Men Seek Out and Worship Jesus

Matthew 2:1–12

Rev. Martin Hawley

Closing Prayer

*Closing Hymn: #224 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

(Live Stream Ends)

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

*Benediction

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

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They saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.
Matt. 2:11

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. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

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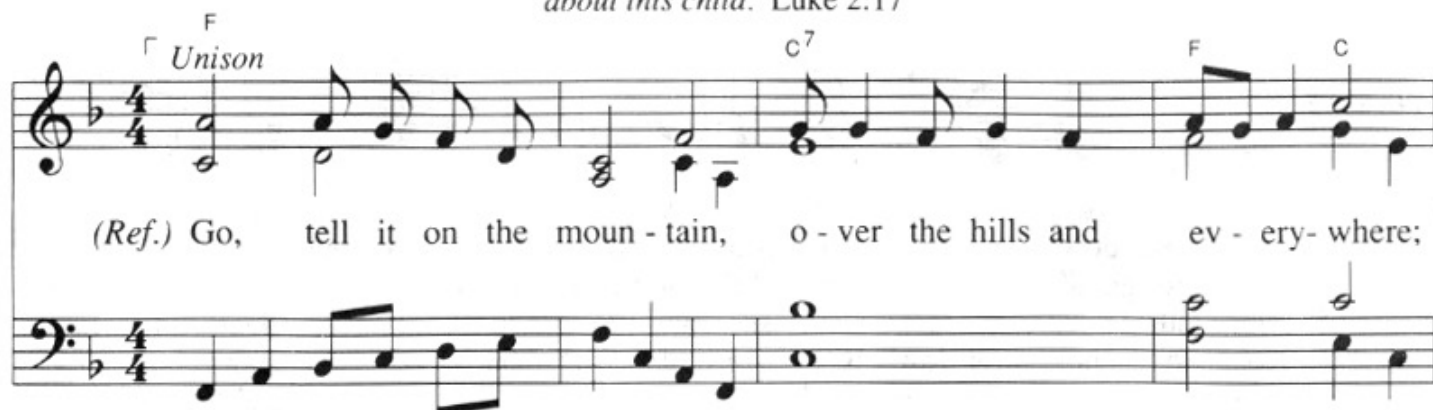
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

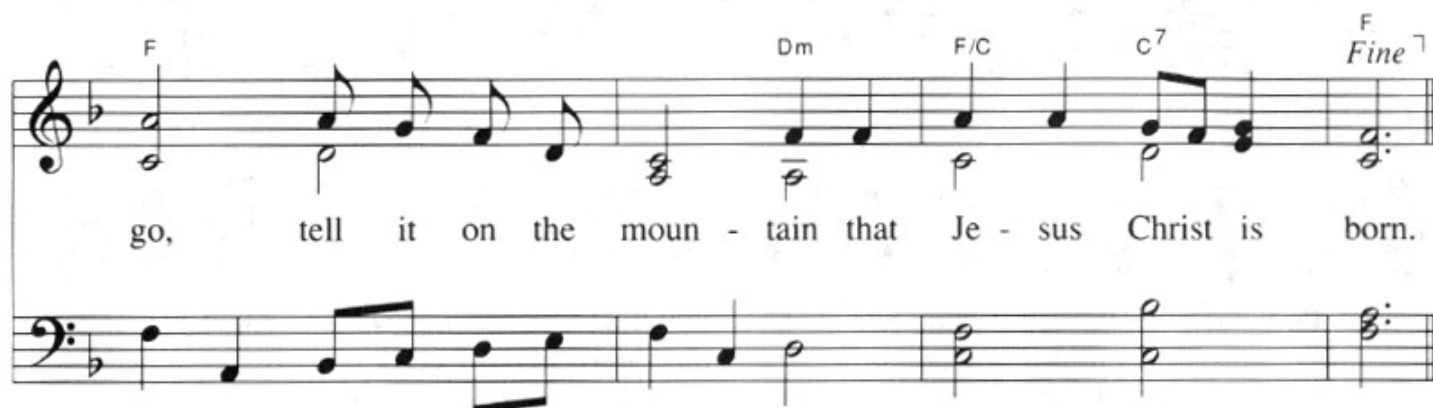
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When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child. Luke 2:17

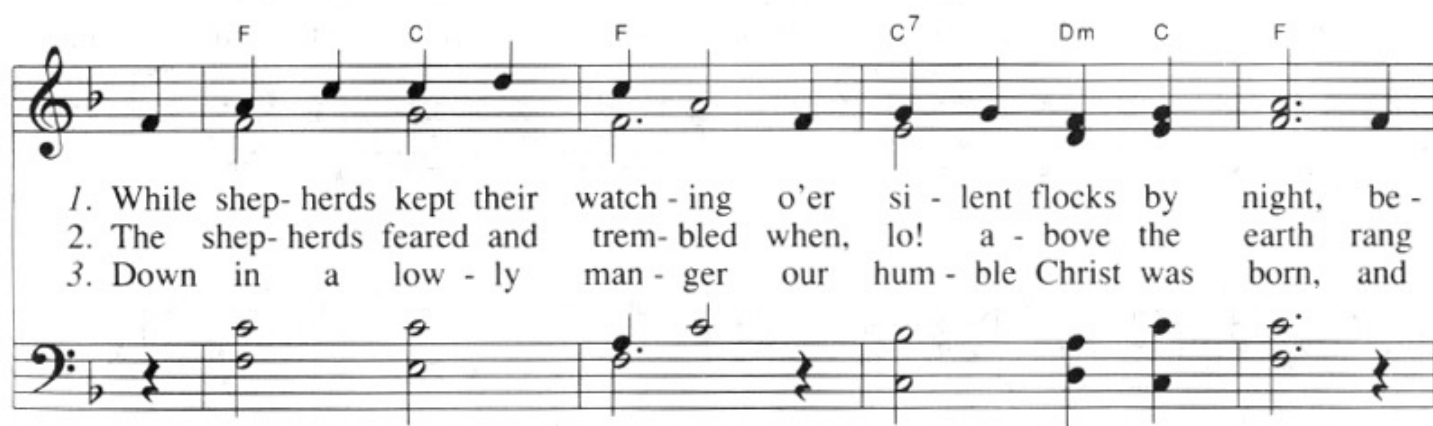
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(Ref.) Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev-ery-where;



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



1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si-lent flocks by night, be-
 2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo! a-bove the earth rang
 3. Down in a low-ly man-ger our hum-ble Christ was born, and



hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho-ly light.
 out the an-gel cho-rus that hailed our Sav-ior's birth.
 God sent us sal-va-tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.