

## A Service for the Lord's Day

December 27, 2020 10:00 am
First Sunday of Christmas

(Parts of the service in **bold** are for everyone to speak in unison.)

Prelude O Come, O Come Emmanuel Dr. Jonathan Morris

Welcome Rev. Sheri Fry

Prayer of Christmas Blessing

Teddie McConnell

The Light of the word is born again, and our hearts are filled with hope. May we receive the gift so freely given and bravely take that light to even the darkest corners and hardest hearts of our hurting and beautiful world. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Hymn 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (next page)

Prayer for Illumination Rev. Sheri Fry

God of light,

you have revealed your very self to us in your son Jesus Christ, your one Word made flesh, who lived among us, full of grace and truth. Open us to your revelation once again, that in the words of your holy scripture we might know your presence and follow in your light always.

Lesson for the Day

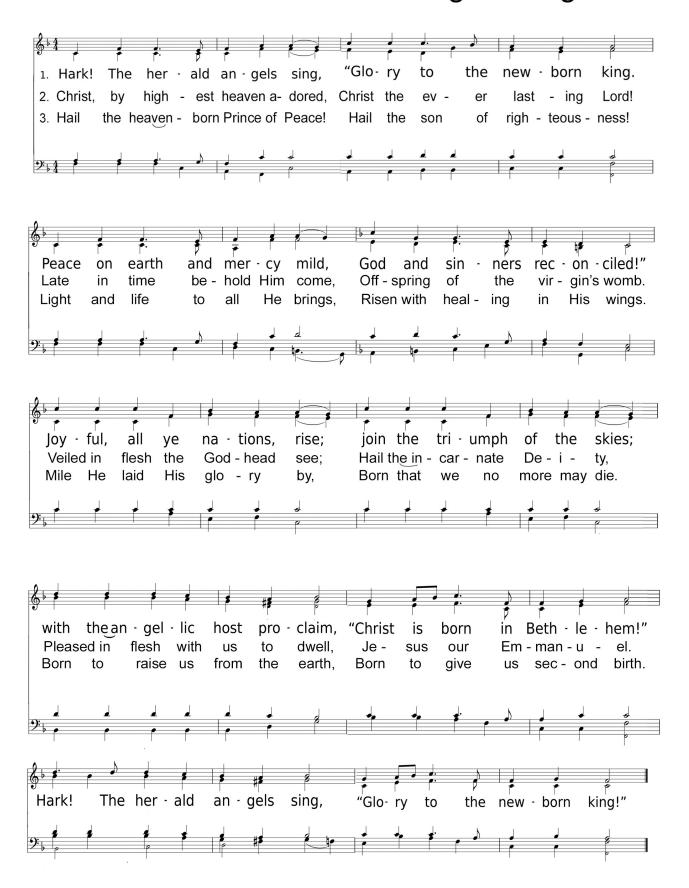
Colossians 3:12-17 The Message

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message—have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense. And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.

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## 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



## THE STORIES WE TELL

We invite you to think of your own Christmas stories & how they have shaped you over the years. We grow in our faith by sharing some of our meaningful moments and how they have created our daily journeys.

Christmas Reflection Rev. Sheri Fry

Hymn 649 Amazing Grace (next page)

Christmas Reflection Teddie McConnell

Anthem Go Tell it on the Mountain Sara Tyburczy

Prayer

Offering of our Selves and our Gifts

Hymn 134 Joy to the World (page after next)

**Benediction** 

Sung Benediction Gloria from Hark the Herald Angels Sing

**Good Shepherd Staff** 

Interim Pastor: Rev. Sheri Fry

Choir Director: Sara Tyburczy

Office Admin: Teddie McConnell
Accompanist: Dr. Jonathan Morris

## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound





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.