

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Just when everything is bearing down on us to such an extent that we can scarcely withstand it, the Christmas message comes to tell us all our ideas are wrong... Our eyes are at fault, that is all. God is in the manger, [and there is] wealth in poverty, succor in abandonment and light in darkness.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer
God Is in the Manger: Reflections on Advent and Christmas

Fourth Sunday of Advent | December 19, 2021 10 a.m.

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.

Our caring and active community welcomes you.

We extend the hospitality of Christ to all.

Regarding Masks for In-Person Worship.

Please know in light of the evolving situation regarding variant guidelines, we now strongly encourage all those who attend worship to wear a mask. In this fluid situation with changing national, state and local protocols, we will continue to monitor developments and discern how best to respond while keeping in mind the safety of church staff and those attending worship.

Please continue to maintain physical distance from other worshippers not in your household, as children under the age of 5 are not yet able to be vaccinated.

Deacons will provide offering plates at the sanctuary doors.

Our worship service is also livestreamed and can be accessed on the home page of our website (hohchurch.org) and on our Facebook page (The House of Hope Presbyterian Church.)

After the service, please join us for a time of fellowship in the Kirk Parlour.



We invite you to join the over 185 House of Hope members and friends who have already pledged with an overall average pledge increase of 12% .

Pledge cards can be found in the narthex information racks and in the front office.

"If" is one of the most significant words in the Bible. Jesus uses it repeatedly to deepen our understanding of what it looks like to follow him in our lives. Jesus said, for example, "if you listen..." "If you forgive..." "If you believe..."

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign that seeks to fund our Annual Budget focuses on how the word "if" has shaped the past, present, and future of The House of Hope.

If generations before us had not generously provided the means to build The House of Hope, we would not be able to enjoy our lovely sanctuary and building.

If members and friends had not given to The Houses of Hope Fund, we would not be able to make substantial grants to provide affordable housing in our community.

If members and friends had not contributed generously to our 2021 Stewardship Campaign, we could not have funded Mission Outreach giving from our annual operating budget for the first time in seventeen years.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on WACHET AUF
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

Choral Antiphon

Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle Evan Bergstrom, Nora Bolsoni, Christa Feldbrugge

Introit

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Stuttgart

+ Processional Hymn 12

People, Look East

Besançon

Invitation to Prayer

Julia A. Carlson

The poet Mary Oliver suggested prayer is an invitation to “enter into a silence in which another voice may speak.” Let us pray:

Prayer of Reflection

O Lord, as we pay attention to signs that point to your Son’s birth, we recognize how you invite us in the season of Advent to step into a threshold space and listen for your voice in the midst of the noise of our life. But we confess, O Lord, it is hard to do that at times. Often we fill this silence by replaying in our mind, regrets and grievances, preoccupations and obsessions, and soon the decibels of our thoughts drown out words you might speak to us like, “peace,” “love,” and “joy.” So we come before you in our silence and pray we might sense your presence in our midst.

Assurance of God's Grace

Leader: The prophet Isaiah declared, "Call on the Lord... and God will have mercy and freely pardon." Advent is a season where God says to us, "Old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Sung Response

Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

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Anthem

Sussex Carol

English Carol arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

St Nicholas Choir, Sofia Ardalán, director; Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, director

On Christmas Night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to man,
Now and for evermore. Amen.'

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Janice Dickinson

Micah 5:2.4 (OT, p. 865 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Personent Hodie

Piae Cantiones, arr. Gustav Holst

Personent hodie	<i>On this day the earth resounds</i>
Voces puerulae,	<i>With the songs children</i>
Laudantes, incunde	<i>Praising the Lord, Christ the King</i>
Qui nobis est natus,	<i>Born to us on earth;</i>
Summo Deo datus.	<i>Given by the Father.</i>
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!	<i>Therefore glory to God in the highest!</i>

Omnes clericuli,	<i>Let all the clergy</i>
Pariter pueri,	<i>And children</i>
Cantent ut angeli:	<i>Sing like angels</i>
'Advenisti mundo,	<i>'You have come to the world,</i>
Laudes tibi fundo.'	<i>I pour out praises to you.'</i>
Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo!	<i>Therefore glory to God in the highest!</i>

Time for Children

Dan Miglets-Nelson

All children and youth, Grades 8 and younger, are invited to walk down the center aisle to meet Kiera Stegall in the Narthex to be led to the Education Wing.

Second Lesson

Luke 2:1-6 (NT, p. 58 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

An Asemic Advent: New Signposts in a Strange Land - 4

Mark Barger Elliott

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 44

O Little Town of Bethlehem

St. Louis

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering - There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be provided by deacons at the sanctuary doors.
- **Website.** On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Make a Gift"
Members can also sign into MyHOH to give.
- **Mail.** Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105
- **QR Code.** Please see page 9.

Anthem

Lullay, My Liking

Gustav Holst

Refrain: Lullay my liking, my dear Son, my Sweeting;
Lullay my dear Heart, mine own dear Darling,

I saw a fair maiden sitten and sing:
She lulled a little child, a sweete Lording.

That Eternal Lord is He that made alle thing;
Of alle Lordes He is Lord, of every King He's King.

There was mickle melody at that childe's birth:
Though the songsters were heavenly they made mickle mirth.

Angels bright they sang that night and saiden to that Child
"Blessed be Thou and so be she that is so meek and mild."

Pray we now to that Child, as to His Mother dear,
God grant them all His blessing that now maken cheer.

+ Offertory Response

O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a-maz-ing that
songs can - not re - pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at
bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and
wait u-pon your word, we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Lynn Barger Elliott

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

+ Recessional Hymn 22

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

+ Benediction

Postlude

And the Glory of the Lord

G. F. Handel

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

Christmas Memorials

Christmas Tributes in memory or in honor of loved ones have been donated by friends and family of those named below. These gifts have been designated for the mission outreach of the church or for poinsettias used for decoration throughout the church.

James Patrick Adams
Teddy Altman
Marina Anderson
Dennis Anderson
Navonne Nicholls Andre
Pete and Diane Antonsen
Marian and Fred Bailey
Mary E. Bailey
G.U. and Marion Blomholm
Peter and Flora Borenz
Andy Boss
Clarence B. Boss
Del and Marge Bowers
Tom Bowers
John and Andrea Brainard
Herman W. and Anna L. Brooks
Marion Calph
Elizabeth Campbell
Jean Campbell
Christine Yaeger Campbell
Greg and Patty Cardinal
Margaret and Ray Charlton
Ray Lawrence Clark, Jr.
Miles and Olive Cooper
Mae and Mort Cravath
Glen and Gerry Dahl
Joy L. Davis
Gene and sara Engelbert
Catherine Falenzer
Jeanette and Wendell Fleming
Lee Fleming
Howard and Evelyn Floyd
Ruth S. Freeburg
Jim Freeburg
Terry E. Freyholtz
Bonnie Fuchs
Alfred M. and Lua B. Fulton
Donald B. and Sara A. Fulton
Martha J. Fulton
Ellen Goudzwaard
Francis and Beth Gruber
Bob and Marjorie Hennesy
Esther Hewitt
Phil, Helen and Ardis Hill

David Hopper
William and Mabel Jarvis
Norm Jensen
Alisandra Johnson
Sarah Kearney
Wolfgang and Henrietta Klein
Lindsay Jean Knutson
Herb Kueck
Ruth Kueck
Christian and Alta Larson
Norma Lewis
Wilbur Lewis
Jon E. Ljungkull
Gunnar Ljungkull
Loren L. Lundeen
Ann, Ruth and Robert Lyon
Lottie and Roscoe Lyon
Bob Mairs
George and Helen Maruyama
Harriet McCloskey
Thomas McHugh
George F. and Sara Mcl. Amend
Rev. Molly McMillan
Bill Mears
Virginia Mears
Bill Mears, Jr
Walter and Margaret Meyers
Capt. Willis C. Michler
Dagmar A. Michler
Libby Monson
Joyce and Harold Nicholls
Catherine and Roy Nienhauser
John I. Norton III
Mary Jacqueline O'Keefe
John Overbye
Priscella Overbye
Kayton and Marilyn Palmer
James R. and Lois Parkman
Justin Pearson
Leonard and Louise Pearson
Lisa Pearson
Molly Ann Pearson

Vern and Beatrice Pearson
Howard and Judith Peterson
Florence and Dr. Benjamin A. Pomeroy
June and Dr. James Pomeroy
Dr. Harold Pomeroy
Margaret L. and Dr. Benjamin S. Pomeroy
Benjamin A. Pomeroy
Annabel and Cal Randolph
Mary Reed
Clyde and Mary Reedy
Grandparents Reidel and Baughman
Albert A. Rosner
William F. Schubert
Gene and Ginny Smetana
Laura Smith
Lora Smith
Robert L. Smith Family
Manville D. Smith, Jr
Don and Loretta Smith
Edward and Mary Snyder
William and Marion Snyder
Peter Snyder
Rev. Darlene Stensby
Ken Stensby
Chuck and Mary Ellen Stewart
Irma and Harold Sunderland
Mai-Dinh-Thanh
Kari Lynn Thorsen
Hans Van Nood
Colleen Vaught
Martha and Arie Verhagen
Dinh-Quang-Vinh
Barbara Vorhes
John and Dorothy Warren
Wendy White
Edgar and Valerie White
William and Evelyn Widmann
J. Humphrey Wilkenson
Mary Snyder Wilson
Ann Yuska
In Honor of: Julia A. Carlson



Children and Family Ministry — Contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org

Infants – Toddlers | 9:45 a.m. | Room 8

Our youngest children will celebrate the Advent season and Christmas via stories and play.

Preschool – Grade 5 | 10:15 a.m. | Room 5

Celebrate the Advent season and Christmas with a Christmas Pageant viewing party, complete with games, ornament-making, and take-home treats.

Youth and Family Ministry — Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson at DanMN@hohchurch.org

Middle School Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. | Room 1

Sunday School for grades 6-8 will not occur on Communion Sundays. Students are invited to remain in worship to experience the Sacrament.” in the section about Middle School Sunday School.

The SUMMIT: Youth Group Christmas Party | Sunday, December 19 | 7:00 p.m.

Following a busy month of service and fellowship, students are invited to meet on Sunday evening, December 19 for our annual Christmas Party. There will be snacks, games, and lots of silliness. Stay tuned for more information.

House of Hope Choir School — Contact Sofia Ardan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org

Every child can sing! The Choir School offers outstanding music education for all children ages 4-18. Limited registration is open for Spring Session I beginning January 5.

This Week at House of Hope

Sunday, December 19, 2021

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Infants - Toddlers, Rm 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Preschool - Grade 5, Rm 5
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas Concert, Sanctuary

Monday, December 20, 2021

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. AA, Great Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Ministry N=Meeting, Zoom

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Zoom

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Library
- 6:45 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Youth Room
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, December 23, 2021

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group, Louisiana Cafe
- 9 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study, Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Group Coalition

Friday, December 24, 2021

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 3:30 p.m. Carillon Recital
- 4 p.m. Intergenerational Candlelight Service
- 7 p.m. Carillon Recital
- 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service
- 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recital
- 10 p.m. Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 26, 2021

- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour



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The Communion Table flowers are given
in loving memory of Lyle H. Fisher and Shirley
Fisher Harris and Anne Fisher Green.

The Pulpit Table flowers are given
in loving memory of Delmar E. Bowers



Festival of HOPE

“Hope is the last thing ever lost.” The words of this Italian proverb inspire us to scan our horizons to detect places of emerging hope, especially in challenging times. Festival of Hope, our online conference, invites us to find hope in the landscapes of the refugee crisis, faith and science, the writings of William James, racial injustice, the sacred within us, and the American identity.

These conversations will be available on our website, hohchurch.org



Becca Stevens, a “CNN Hero,” is a social entrepreneur, author, priest, and founder of Thistle Farms. Her new book *Practically Divine* is about experiencing the sacred in our lives.



Jess McHugh is a writer and researcher whose work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *TIME*. Her book, *Americanon*, was published this year.



Dr. John Kaag is an award-winning author and Chair of Philosophy at UMass Lowell. He will speak on his new book, *Sick Souls, Healthy Minds: How William James Can Save Your Life*.



Jessica Goudeau is author of *After the Last Border: Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America*, named a *New York Times* Editors’ Choice book. She has written for *The New York Times* and *The Atlantic*.



Greg Cootsona is a professor, author and noted speaker on the intersection between science and faith. He has written for *The Wall Street Journal* and has been interviewed by CNN and the BBC.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



Sunday, December 12 Children's Christmas Pageant

Enjoy a unique retelling of the nativity story, as you witness vignettes about Jesus' birth. Children at House of Hope wrote, performed, and created art to bring these stories to life. To view the pageant go to hohchurch.org.



Saturday, December 18 Traditional Christmas Tableaux

5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

A tradition at HOH for 100 years, this is the Christmas story as told through the Scriptures, through lovely carols and anthems, and in the adaptation in tableaux ("living pictures") of well-known paintings and familiar scenes of the nativity. Childcare available for ages 4 and under.



Sunday, December 19 Choir School Christmas Concert *Sing Noel!*

Sunday, December 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. This festive, 30-minute program features carols from around the world sung by our choristers PreK-Grade 12. Come celebrate with sounds of the season from the voices of our Choir School!



Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve Services in the Sanctuary

4 p.m. Family Candlelight Service *

3:30, 7, and 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals by David Johnson and Timothy Short

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service *

10 p.m. Candlelight Service

* Childcare available for PreK and younger

Special Music (7:30 and 10 p.m.): Johann Kuhnau's delightful Christmas cantata *Und ist ein Kind geboren* (To Us a Child is Born). The House of Hope Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra; Aaron David Miller, organ; Rachel Brandwein, harp; Matthew Culloton, conductor.

Candlelight Services include lessons, carols and anthems.
There is no service on Christmas Day.



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People, Look East

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Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)
As in *Oxford Book of Carols*, 1964

BESANÇON 8.7.9.8.8.7

French folk melody
Harm. Martin Shaw (1875–1958)



1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near Of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is plant-ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, Guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall



year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, Trim the
there: Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, That in
filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for
brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, Bright as



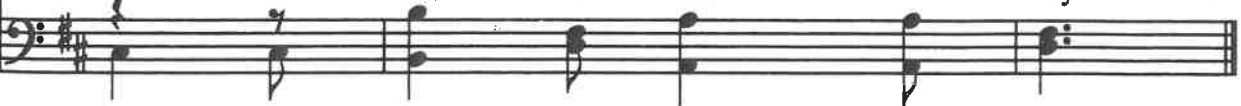
Peo-ple, look east and sing to - day:



hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo-ple, look east:
course the flower may flour - ish.
fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo-ple, look east:



Love the guest is on the way.
Love the rose is on the way.
Love the bird is on the way.
Love the star is on the way.
Love is on the way.



5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth With the word, the Lord is coming.
Christ who brings new life to earth. People, look east and sing today:
Set every peak and valley humming Love the Lord is on the way.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

44

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6

Phillips Brooks, 1868

Lewis Henry Redner, 1868

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; And gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heaven.
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

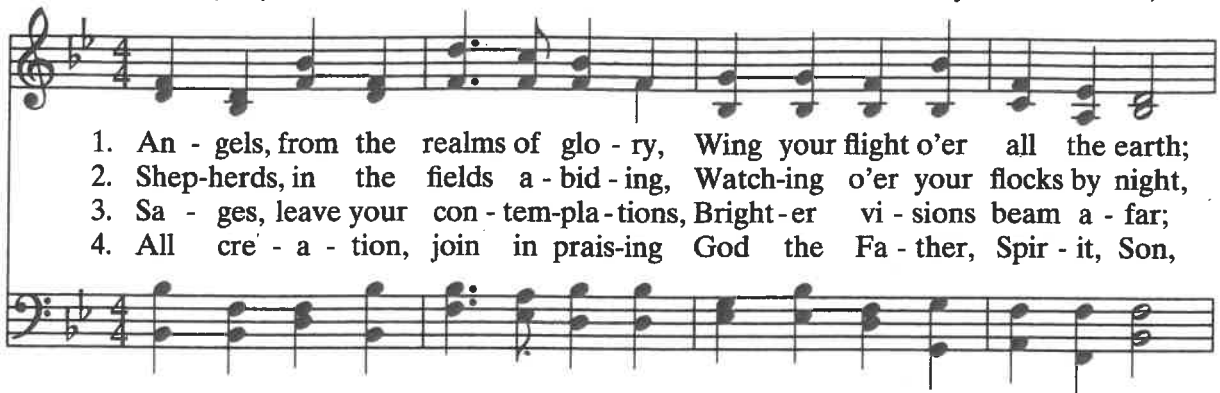
CHRISTMAS

22 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

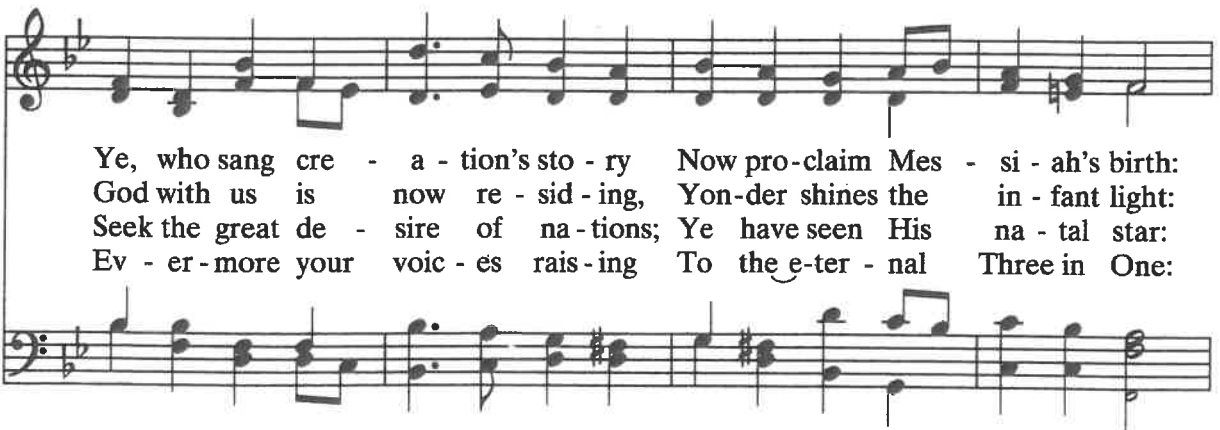
REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Stanzas 1-3, James Montgomery, 1816, 1825
Stanza 4, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857

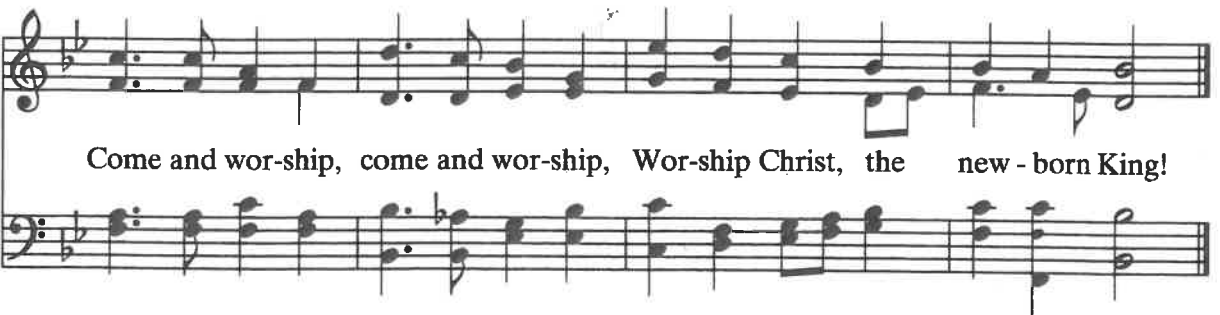
Henry Thomas Smart, 1867



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,



Ye, who 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; Ye have seen His na - tal star:
Ev - er-more your voic - es rais - ing To the e - ter - nal Three in One:



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