



FROM
GENERATION
TO GENERATION...
We keep seeking



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Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Celebrating Epiphany

January 1, 2023

We keep seeking

*God of all generations,
though signs and seasons change,
your promise is faithful
and your word will never pass away.
Give us courage and strength
as we watch and wait
for Jesus Christ, our redeemer,
who is coming in glory to reign. Amen*

GATHERING

Silent Night, Holy Night

arr. Carol Tornquist

MESSAGE We Keep Seeking Tracy L. Evans

*SONG OF FAITH Always Seeking Bulletin, page 6

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that faith is active,
found on long walks,
and in long talks,
in future days,
and down memory lane.
We believe that those who seek
will find, although it may not be what they expected.
We believe that God finds us first.
We believe that God drops breadcrumbs along our way
in the shape of people,
invitations,
and even starlight.
We believe that being a seeker—
of God, of justice, of community—
is a holy thing.
So we strive to live with an open spirit,
with soft hearts,
and with room to grow.
May it be so.
This we believe. Amen.**

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

arr. Carol Tornquist

*DOXOLOGY

Doxology (Verse 4)

Hymnal, No. 143

All creation join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING SONG

Go Tell it

Hymnal, No. 136

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

As you leave this place, may you go knowing that
from generation to generation,
we have been claimed and loved.
From generation to generation,
God has been by our side.
From generation to generation,
we are not alone.

The God of yesterday and the God of tomorrow
knows you by name, loves you, and calls you forth,
saying, "Go be the person you are called to be,
love wildly, do justice, and come back soon."
May it be so. **Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

Joy to the World

arr. Carol Tornquist

*Please rise in body or spirit.

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for January 8 : Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17.

The Food & Shelter items of the month for **December are winter hats, gloves, and warm blankets. Please place your donations in the box by the church information table. Hearing-assistance devices and large print hymnals are available from the head usher.**

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1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;
 3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joi - ce with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
 now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
 He has o - pened heav - en's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!



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Always Seeking

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: Henry Thomas Smart (1866)

As the wise men scanned the hea - vens There they saw Christ's
When they reached King Her - od's pal - ace Ask - ing where to
Flee - ing from the wrath of Her - od Jos - eph led his
Seek - ing signs or seek - ing pow - er Seek - ing safe - ty,

na - tal star Then be - gan the long pro - ces - sion Seek - ing him in
find the child Her - od schemed in all his mal - ice This new king him -
fam - i - ly Seek - ing in the des - ert a - rid Safe - ty there as
seek - ing home Day by day and hour by ho - ur We press on toward

coun - try far Al - ways seek - ing, mov - ing on - ward Fol - low - ing where God may lead
self to find
ref - u - gees
the un - known

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Refrain 

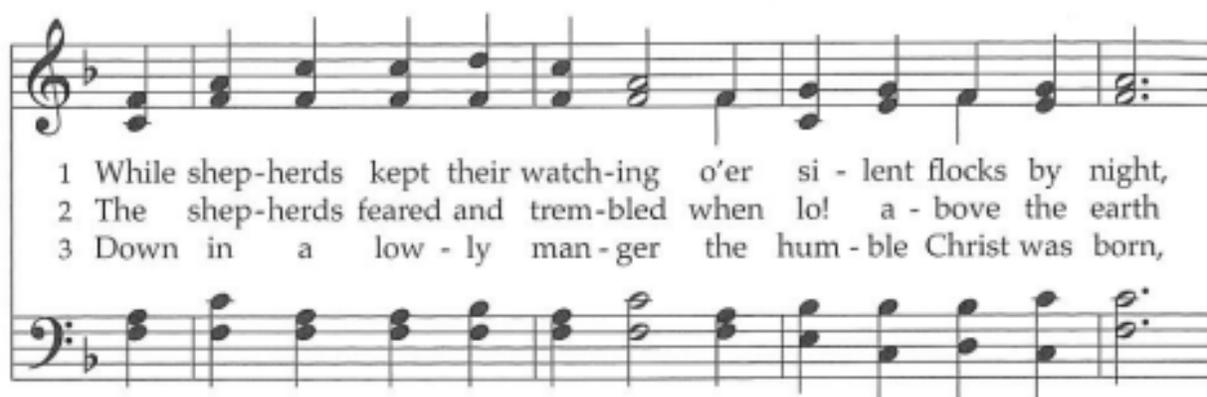


Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

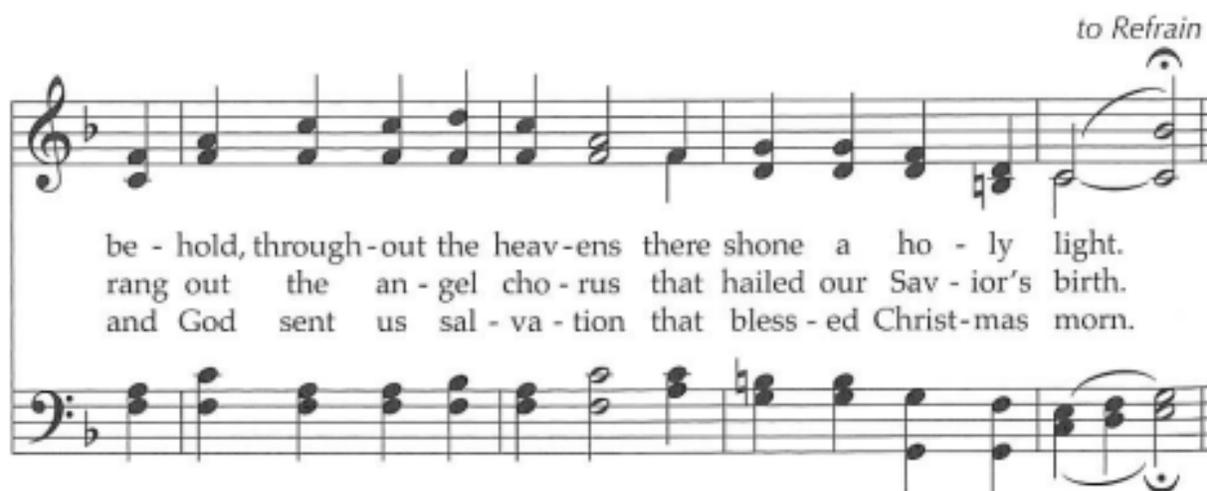


go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

Fine



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



to Refrain

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