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WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF DETROIT



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Sunday, December 24, 2023
Christmas Eve

Prelude

Christmas Concerto
Bobbi Adams, Violin; Carol Tallieu, Flute

Arcangelo Corelli

Welcome to all – especially to our guests.

Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)

Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)

**Please stand as you are able*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

In a little town, known for nothing much,
God's holy child was born.

Welcome the Light!

By the faint light of the moon,
Mary and Joseph found their way.

Welcome the Light!

Shown by a courtyard fire,
the open stable door.

Welcome the Light!

There Mary gave birth to Jesus,
called God-with-us.

Welcome the Light!

Angels opened the doors of heaven,
sang, "Glory to God in the heights!"

Welcome the Light!

Shepherds saw the sky ablaze,
left their sheep and came to see.

Welcome the Light!

In the dark winter night,
God set a brilliant star.

Welcome the Light!

And on this Christmas night
with joy, we greet the Child.
Welcome the Light!

Lighting of the Christ Candle

***Carol GTG #133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Prayer of Invocation

Anthem

What Did You Say Was the Baby's Name?
Gospel Choir

William J. Gaither

Lesson One

Luke 2: 1-7

Anthem

Love Came Down at Christmas
Chancel Choir

Second Lesson

Luke 2:8-20

***Carol AAHH#206**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

Anthem

Pretty Little Baby Gospel Choir

Rev. James Cleveland

Meditation

***Carol AAHH#197**

Joy to the World

Offering of Our Gifts

Offertory

A Gift of Alleluia

Chancel Choir

Gilbert Martin

Litany for Christmas Eve

The grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation to all.

Glory to God in the highest!

The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

Glory to God in the highest!

For a child has been born for us,
A Son has been given to us.

Glory to God in the highest!

He is Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Glory to God in the highest!

To us is born in the city of David
A Savior, the Messiah, the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest!

And the Word became flesh
and lived among us.

Glory to God in the highest!

Christ is born! Give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

Christ is now on earth! Exalt him!

Glory to God in the highest!

O earth, sing to the Lord! Amen.

Candle Lighting

Choir members will move to the outside aisles to light the congregation's candles. Please pass the flame toward the center aisle, as a symbol of God's light being shared, and spreading through the world.

Closing Carol GTG#122

Silent Night
sung seated

Prayer of Adoration

*Benediction and Blessing

Postlude

Improvisation on 'God Rest You Merry'

Myron Roberts

Dalos Grobe, Organ

(The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.)

Worship Leaders:

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff

Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/ Organist

Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director

* Please stand as you are able.

Visit www.wcodetroit.org for the link to view our Sunday morning worship services on YouTube.

Today's Anthem

What Did You Say was the Baby's Name?

What did you say was the baby's name? His name is Jesus! King Jesus was that precious baby's name, His name...Who was the Baby born in Bethlehem?...King Jesus was that precious baby's name, His name...And who did the shepherds and the wise men seek? King Jesus was...His name. And who did they find lying beneath the star? King Jesus was that precious baby's name! Tell me, what did you say?...King of kings and Lord of lords!...Jesus is that baby's name, His name!

Love Came Down at Christmas

Love came down at Christmas, love all lovely, love divine; love was born at Christmas, star and angels gave the sign. Worship we the Godhead, love incarnate, love divine; worship we our Jesus: but wherewith for sacred sign? Love shall be our token, love be yours and love be mine; love to God and all men, love for plea, and gift and sign.

Pretty Little Baby

Oh, what a pretty little baby, born in a manger, Jesus is his name. And the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be wonderful, Oh, what a pretty little baby. Oh, come let us adore him...Jesus is his name. Hallelujah!

A Gift of Alleluia

Candle glow on scatter'd snow, alleluia! Cattle stall with cradle small...alleluia for the baby. Bring Alleluia! Joseph there with Mary fair...Shepherds see the family...alleluia for the Baby. Starry light breaks through the night...Angels sing and heavens ring...Come with joy to hail the boy...Blessed birth, now Christ on Earth. Alleluia!

Westminster Church of Detroit News

Thank you to all the Sewers!

This year at the Second Annual Mitten-a-thon, 320 pairs of mittens were made! 61 pairs went to the Mount Clemens Cairns Community Center and were distributed on December 9th along with their annual coat giveaway. The remaining 259 pairs of mittens will go to the children who are in Detroit Public Schools. We are so grateful to everyone who contributed their time and energy to make this happen including: Westminster Sewing Ministry Team Cindy Ruffino, Daryl Barton, Karole Sharpe, Kathy Kowalski, Tillie Taylor, Chris Gaither, Joanne White, Jan Calcaterra, Cathy Neall, Geri Kieley, Elizabeth Cooper, Angela Boone, Jayda Morton, Mary Robinson, and Laverne W. Greene. Mount Clemens Cairns Community Center Tuesday sewing class Cindy Ruffino, Karole Sharpe, Dorthy Sykes, Jean Dixon, Mary Kimbel, Marlon Ellis. Dearborn sewing Ladies, and Karen Stunkel.

2023 Donations End of Year Deadline

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, note that any final donations for 2023 should be received by the church no later than **07 January 2024** (and dated in 2023) to be recorded in 2023. Anything received after that deadline will be reflected in your 2024 statements.

Nametags for Sunday Mornings Are Back!

Before entering the sanctuary on Sunday morning, please remember to get your nametag, located in the narthex. Wearing a nametag is an invitation to have a

conversation with other people. It also helps guests and newcomers to feel welcome and a part of our church community. If you do not see one with your name on it, please add your name to the list next to the nametag board and one will be made for you. Please return your nametag to the board before leaving at the end of the morning.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study

The Rev. Beth Downs leads this weekly Adult Bible study. This group meets faithfully every Wednesday from noon to 1:00pm, studying and discerning God's word. All are welcome to come and participate, either in person or by Zoom. The Zoom link can be found on the WCOD website: wcodetroit.org.

Westminster Church of Detroit Sewing Ministry Team

In the coming year, we will be working on new throw pillows for Worthington Lodge at Camp Westminster, flannel blankets for preemie babies, lap blankets for the elderly and shut ins, and of course a big quilt to donate to the Linus project. All are welcome to join us no matter what your skill level. We have machines available to use or other helpful skills are needed such as sorting and cutting materials. Bring a sack lunch and join us for wonderful fellowship and lively discussions!
10:00am to 2:00 pm:

December 28, 2023, January 11th and 25th and February 8th& 22nd.

Pop Can Tabs for the Ronald MacDonald House of Detroit

As you enjoy cool drinks, please remember to pull the tabs and bring them to church. Removing the pull tab will not change any refund you are due. There is a large jar on the table by the church office where you can deposit them. Annette Trice, a member of our office staff, takes the tabs to the Ronald MacDonald House of Detroit, near the DMC. The donated tabs are used to purchase laundry supplies. Ronald MacDonald House provides residential space to families while their children recover from surgery.

POD Toilet Paper Drive

The Presbytery of Detroit is taking donations of single-wrapped toilet paper rolls. Their goal is 3 rolls per family for a total of 3900. If you would like to contribute, please bring them next time you come to WCOD. If you need further information, contact Unah at unah@detroitpresbytery.org or 313-345-6550 x207.

Christmas Poinsettias 2023

Dorothy Buchan

In memory of May and Alex Buchan.

Dorothy & Wallace Cole

In honor of Rodney, Katora, Imani, R.J. Giselle and Ellington and our 61st anniversary.

In memory of Israel and Willie Gist and our deceased siblings.

Patricia Palmer Dyles

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Palmer (parents).

Deborah Fair

In memory of Margaret and Walter Crump.

Brenda Fields

In memory of Orange H. Fields, Jordan J. Fields, Georgia Thompson and Catherine Esannson.

George & Kristen Getschman

In memory of George and Ann Getschman

Dalos Grobe

In memory of Dalos H. and Violette W. Grobe.

Irene Gough

In honor of Matthew Gough family.

In memory of Lois Riches (mother), Myra Woodhull (grandmother), Olive Manuel (aunt).

Julie Handel

In memory of Elinor and Clarence Harlan.

Dolly Johnson & Family

In memory of Bill Johnson.

Bennie Latimer

In memory of Vivian O. Phillips and Albert J. Latimer.

Roz McCreery

In memory of Paul and Violet McCreery and Julie Lynelle McCreery-Moon.

Eddie & Cynthia Norris

In memory of Paul & Willie Mae Norris, James Henry Norris, James & Rodgerine Cistrunk, James Bernard Cistrunk, Jacqueline Cistrunk-Barnes, Thomas Roynell Cistrunk, Lawrence Wade, Shirley Ludke, Rose Mary White-Wiggins, Clara Rice and Catherine Esannason.

Jann & Lewis Palmer and Family

In memory of John Harris and Jerry Palmer.

Tema Pefok

In honor of Billa Ndeh-Zama, Chi Ndeh-Zama and Angel Ndeh-Zama

In memory of Ba Jomia Pefok, Ma'aa Getrude Pefok and Mama Lucy Zama.

Dianne Phillips & Kathy Kowalski

In honor of Natalie Witmer and Doris Kowalski.

In memory of H. Richard Phillips, Marcia Maxwell, Paul Phillips, Peter Phillips, Dan Kowalski Sr., Ray Pace, Sharon DeWolfe and Dorothy Childers.

Charlyss Ray

In memory of Georgia M. Thompson and Suzann and Charlton Ray.

John Root

In honor of Lois (Pat) Root (Fisher) and Ed and Nancy Downs.

Glenn Sims & Denita Banks-Sims

In memory of Shari Banks-Gladney.

Carol & Leo Tallieu & Bobbi Adams

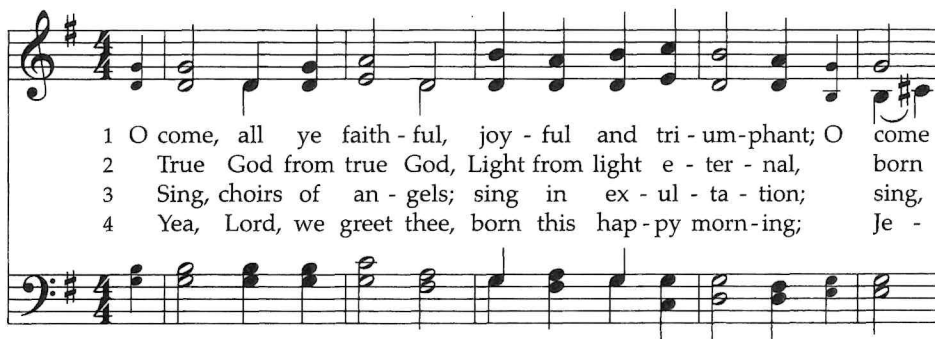
In memory of Ken & Ethel Adams and Leo and Marie Tallieu.

JoAnne White

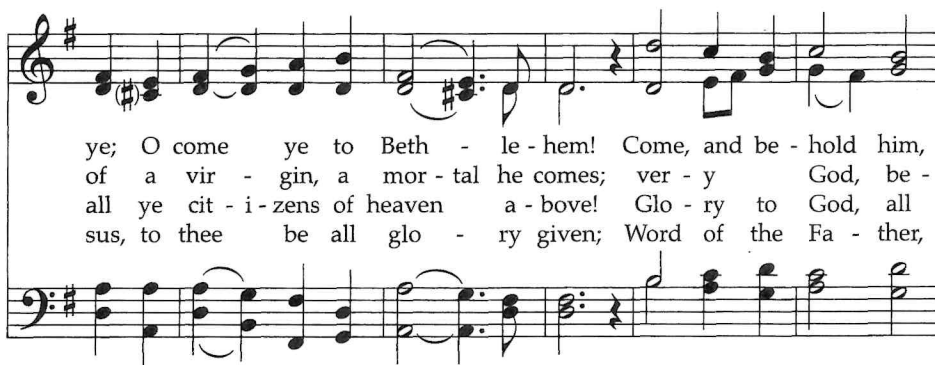
In honor of Louise Varley, Cynthia Norris, Tillie Taylor, Rev. Dakota Whitaker and family, Camp Westminster Alumni and Tom and Mary Louise McMillan.

In memory of Silas and Caroline Irving White, Bill Johnson and Dr. Dorothy Porter, MD.

O Come, All Ye Faithful 133

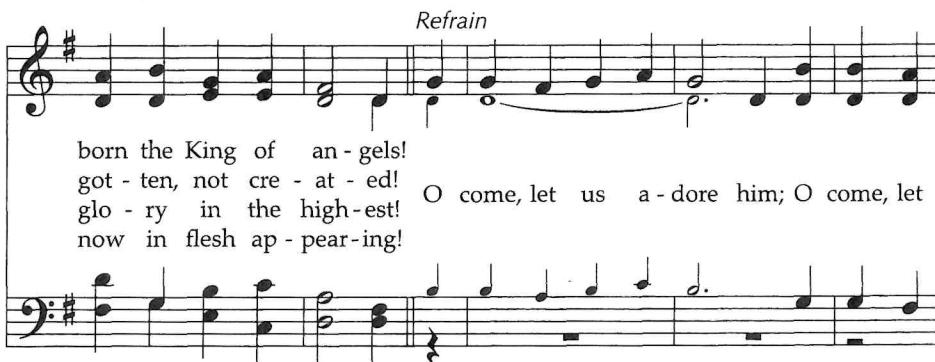


1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -



ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain



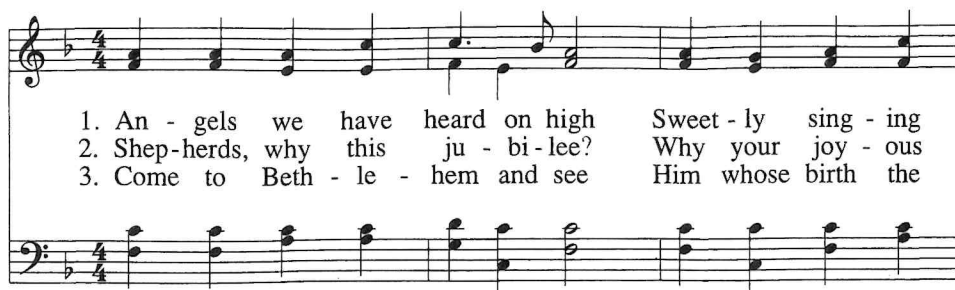
born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!



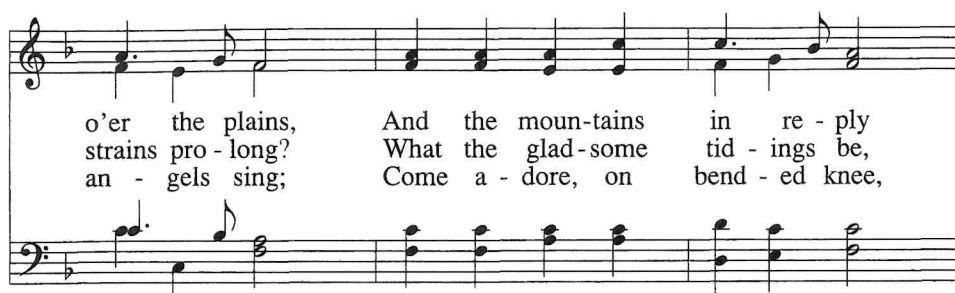
us a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

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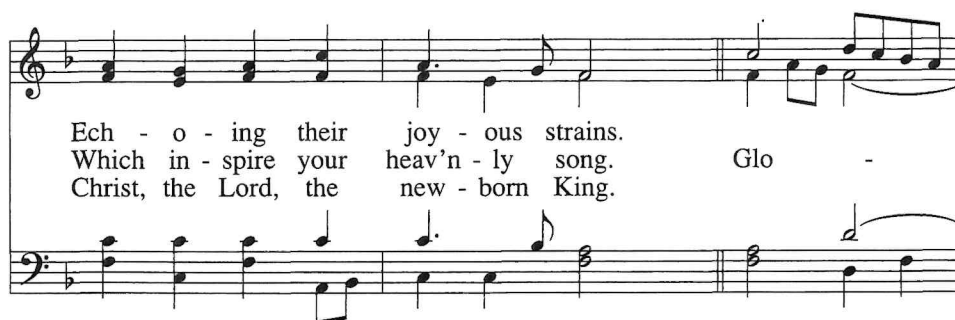
And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God...
Luke 2:14



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re - ply
 strains pro - long? What the glad - some tid - ings be,
 an - gels sing; Come a - dore, on bend - ed knee,



Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains. Glo -
 Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
 Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.



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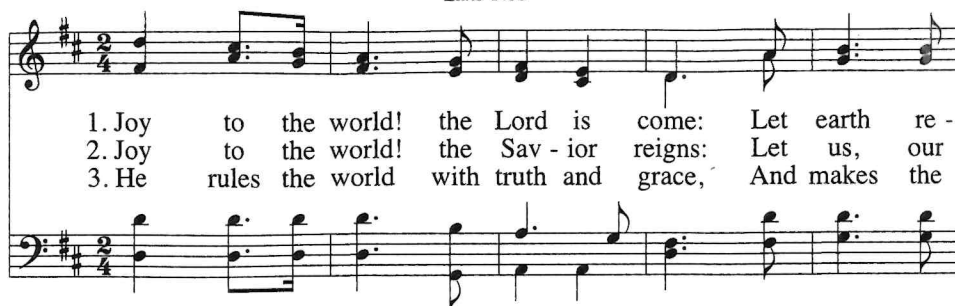
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He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Luke 1:33



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re -
 2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns: Let us, our
 3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre -
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks,
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of His



pare Him room, And heav'n and na - ture
 hills, and plains; Re - peat the sound - ing
 right - eous - ness, And won - ders of His

And
 Re -
 And

sing, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And
 joy, Re - peat the sound-ing joy, Re -
 love, And won - ders of His love, And

heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
 peat the sound-ing joy, Re - peat the sound-ing
 won - ders of His love, And won - ders of His

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 peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 won - ders, won - ders of His love.

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 joy, Re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 love, And won - ders of His love.

Silent Night, Holy Night! 122

1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight;
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light
 4 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won - drous star, lend thy light;

'round yon vir - gin moth - er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and
 glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far, heav - en - ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu -
 ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face, with the dawn of re - deem - ing
 with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu - ia to our

mild, sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 ia: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born!"
 grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 King: Christ the Sav - ior is born; Christ the Sav - ior is born.