

CHRISTMAS EVE



Bausman Memorial United Church of Christ

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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December 24, 2025

6:30pm Worship

WELCOME TO BAUSMAN!

MERRY CHRISTMAS: May this service be a blessing to you and may this season bring you closer to the gift of God's love, as we celebrate the hope, peace, joy, love, and light God has, and continues, to birth into this world.

1ST TIME GUESTS: Most everything you need is found in this bulletin. Plus, those around you are glad to help and an usher is always available at the main rear entrance. If there are ways we can better extend God's hospitality, leave us a note on the Welcome Card. Your insights are essential as we continue to grow into the community God is calling us to be. Thank you!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Congregational readings are in bold with an *All*, *People*, or *Unison* designation. Songs are in the bulletin or pew hymnal. Times for standing and sitting are listed, with it always being okay to remain seated.

“BUSY BAGS”: Coloring books and crayons are available in the north narthex (lobby) for use during worship. Please return all items following the service for others to use the following week. See an usher for assistance.

NURSERY SPACE: A nursery attendant is not available today, but the space is available for use with parental/guardian supervision. Live audio of the worship is broadcast to the nursery. See an usher for assistance.

RESTROOMS: Ladies and a unisex/accessible bathroom (with wall mounted baby changing table) are available through the doors at the front of the sanctuary. Follow the signs to the office. Bathrooms are on the left.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Contain printed scripture and music, in addition to being in a larger font. Ask an usher for a copy.

HEARING ASSISTANCE: Ask an usher at the rear entrance to the sanctuary who will provide you with a device directly tied into the sanctuary sound system. Please return the device to an usher at the conclusion of worship.

GET CONNECTED: Use the pew holder Welcome Card to register your attendance, share prayer requests, update contact information, and more. Once completed, place it in the offering plates during the offering time.

WIFI & DEVICES: Thank you for silencing all your devices during worship. Bausman's guest wifi is accessible with the passcode: “gladurhere!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WE GATHER TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE

Centering Thoughts: We know the story of Jesus' birth so well that we often fail to see the darkness into which Jesus was born. He was born the savior of an oppressed people, overpowered by a mighty empire, burdened under crushing taxes, disease and death were daily occurrences, and the word of God had long since been silent. There was hope – passionate and yearning – but fragile and constantly threatened. It is into this darkness that Jesus came to shine the light of God's presence, for all the world to see. Come Lord Jesus, we pray!

Preservice Recital

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”..... Douglas E. Wagner - Bausman Bells
“Twas in the Moon of Wintertime” arr. by Douglas E. Wagner - Bausman Bells
“Away in a Manger” Sue and Paige Wentzel, piano duet
“The Little Drummer Boy” Everett Epting, piano solo
“Breath of Heaven” Michael W. Smith - Lori Moser, vocal solo
“Joy to the World” Children’s Choir
A Tapestry of Angels” arr. by Lani Smith - Sandra Mengle, piano and Sharon Luyben, organ
“O Holy Night” Adolph Adam - Susan Derr, vocal solo and Sharon Luyben , piano
accompaniment

Welcome & Announcements

Sharing of Christ's Peace

(Rise in body or spirit to share Christ's peace using customary forms of greeting or by using a peace sign. Please be seated once the prelude begins.)

(Please be seated)

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Tonight, we celebrate the coming of Christ's light into the world.
Already we have proclaimed the hope, peace, joy, and love of God

that has touched upon the earth.

**People: Here we gather to wait and watch with expectant hearts
for God's promises to be fulfilled.**

Liturgist: In the bleakness of night, we look for God's Light to come,
we look for the promise of Emmanuel, God with us,
the very one who redeems our souls
and serves as a light to all the nations.

**People: God's Light is for all people and for the fullness of creation.
It shatters the darkness, overcomes our despair,
bringing our lips to rejoicing.**

Liturgist: For God's Light births of life, it proclaims of joy,
it reveals the truth of abundance,
it sets us free to follow in the way of God,
as the darkness cannot help but flee from its dawning.

**People: O come, O come Emmanuel!
From the depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

Liturgist: On this eve of Christmas, we light the Christ candle,
praying that its light fills this room, and each of us,
with the light of Christ –
the light of the One who has come and who will come again,
bringing fulfillment to the promises of God,
restoring all creation to true and everlasting life.

(Lighting of the Candle of Light)

Liturgist: Together, let us pray.

All: Saving God,
**renew the light of your Son within us,
that we may see beyond the darkness
as you call us, here and now, to live by your Light –
the Light of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love –
the Light that has come through Jesus Christ,
and continues to shine through the abiding presence of your Spirit.
Awaken us from our slumber, that we may live anew in your Light.
Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Processional Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (p. #18 Red Supplemental)

(The acolytes carry the light from the Christ Candle to the altar, calling us to worship)

WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR HEALING & GRACE

Call to Confession

Corporate Confessional

All: Loving God, as we stand on this Christmas Eve,
we confess our need of you within this world and within our lives.
You proclaim of great hope, while we are bound in fear.
You come bearing the promise of peace,
while conflict and division tear us and this world apart.
You invite us to share in your joy,
while anxiety and worry cloud our minds.
You freely give the fullness of your love,
while we struggle to keep our hearts open to you and to others.

Merciful God, shine your Light anew in our lives this night
that we may be born anew, through Christ,
our Lord, our Savior, our God. Amen.

Personal Silent Confession

(Personal prayers for God's healing and redeeming peace)

Assurance of Grace

Pastor: ...Through the gift of Jesus Christ,
you are set free to live in the joy filled light of God's love.
People: By God's grace we are saved and healed.
Glory to God in the highest! Amen.

Praise Response (Unison) English only



Glo-ria, glo-ria, glo-ria en las al-tu-ras a Dios!
Glo-ry, glo-ry, glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est,

Y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra-a-que-llos que a - ma Dios. . . .
 And on earth be peace to all peo-ple with whom God is pleased.

(Please be seated)

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S LIVING WORD

Message for the Young & Young at Heart

(All youth are invited to come forward to the front steps.)

Lessons & Carols

First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7 (p. #638)

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

Carol: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" (p. #20 Red Supplement) verses 1&2

Second Lesson: Luke 1:26-38 (p. #56)

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words

and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

Carol: “The First Nowell” (p. #19 Red Supplement) verses 1&2

Third Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9 (p. #670)

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

This is what God the Lord says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

“I am the Lord; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

Carol: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (p. #131) verses 1&4

Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:1-20 (p. #58)

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, “Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!”

When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” And they went with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child; and all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Carol: “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (p. #133) verses 1&3

Christmas Message & Prayer

Chancel Choir Anthem: “Were You There on That Christmas Night?” -
Natalie Sleeth

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

*(Electronic & physical giving options are available through the pew envelope.
Register your attendance with a Welcome Card or using Realm's mobile check-in.)*

Offertory: “A Winter Night” - David Waggoner
Robert Showalter, tenor and Susan Showalter, piano

(Please rise in body or spirit)

Offering Response (Unison)

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be-low; Praise God a-bove, you heaven-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost."

Prayer of Dedication

All: Saving God, we give ourselves in service to you
as we seek for the fulfillment of Christ's hope, peace, joy, and love.
Bless all that we offer
that your church may shine the light of Christ
throughout this world, as it provides refuge of your care,
witness to your good news, and mercy of your reign.
Come Lord Jesus, multiplying these gifts to your service. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Communion Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord God Most High.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: ...Therefore we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to proclaim the glory of your name.

Seraphic Hymn (*Sung in Unison*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Pastor: ...until the coming fulfillment of your reign.

All: Come Holy Spirit. Come! Unite us in the hope, peace, joy, love, and light of our savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

All: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Sharing of Elements – Pew Communion

(All who seek to unite their lives in discipleship to Christ are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will serve the bread – gluten free option in the center. Then the trays of red wine and white grape juice. Hold each element until invited to consume that we may be united as one body in our receiving. Place empty cups in the pew holders.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**All: Holy God, we praise you for the gift of life given through your Son.
As we have received of his presence through this sacrament,
let our lives now fully respond to you.
So that we may shine of the glory that has come to all,
through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

Fifth Lesson: John 1:1-14 (p. #91)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God; all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light but came to bear witness to the light. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

Pastor: The Light of Christ!

People: Praise be to God!

(Please rise in body or spirit)

(To share the light of Christ, Tip only unlit candles toward upright lit candles. Keep lit candles upright at all times. After extinguished keep upright until wax hardens.)

Candle Lighting Carol: “Silent Night” (p. #134)

Silent night, holy night; All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child; Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace; Sleep in heavenly peace

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born; Christ, the Savior is born**

**Silent night, holy night; Child of God, loves pure light
Radiant beams from your holy face; Bring the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Christ, at your birth; Jesus, Christ, at your birth**

Christmas Blessing

Pastor: ...the Light of hope, peace, joy, and love freely given for all the world.

People: **Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors. Amen!**

WE GO WITH GOD'S CALLING

(Extinguish candle and keep upright until the wax has hardened.)

Recessional Hymn: “Joy to the World” (p. #24 Red Supplemental)

(The acolyte carries the light of Christ into the world, as the choir leads us in the way.)

Commissioning & Benediction

Pastor: God has come to us, setting us and all creation free.
Therefore go in the grace and the peace of God,
celebrating in the joy of Christmas.

People: **Halleluiah! Christ is born!**

Pastor: Praise be the Lord our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
One God forever and ever, world without end.

People: **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Chimes

Postlude: “Joy to the World” – arr. by Luyben

(As the postlude concludes, go in peace to love and serve at the calling of God.)

THIS WEEK AT BAUSMAN

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve, Worship & Communion, Carols & Lessons

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Christmas Eve Pre-Recital
6:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship, Communion, Carols & Lessons

Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:30 AM Women's Recovery Group, Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 26

11:30 AM Turning Point Group, AA – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, December 27

10:00 AM Sat Morning Women's Meeting – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, December 28 – First Sunday after Christmas, Carolfest

9:30AM Worship, Nursery
8:00 PM Wyo Cub Scout Pack 413 – Committee Meeting

PRAYERS & CARES

Prayer Requests

Thank you for joining in the joy and care of others by including the following prayers in your prayer times. Submit your prayer requests by using a Welcome Card, contacting the church office, or the prayer chain coordinator (Mary Moll). Prayer requests are maintained for up to four weeks and can be resubmitted an unlimited number of times. When possible, please check with the person before submitting their name.

Praise & Celebrations: St. John's Gernanats UCC and Pastor Frances Merkel; Children's Pageant Participants and Teachers

Healing & Strengthening: Virginia Buser; Jan Heist; Andrew Wolfe (National Guardsman); Lorraine Yahner

Care & Support: Virginia Buser; Jan Heist; Andrew Wolfe (National Guardsman); Lorraine Yahner

Comfort In Time of Loss: The Family of Sarah Beckstrom (National Guardsman)

Worship Information

Sponsorships

Bulletins: In loving memory of my parents, Libba & Bob Richardson, by Bibba McKemy

Today's Worship Leaders

Ministers: All Members

Head Usher: Tom Wentzel

Ushers: Nevin Hollinger, Tom Wentzel, Anne Anders, Shelby Brunner, Jodi Reardon, Patti Shuttlesworth, Jim Payne, Cindra Payne

Acolyte: Avery Reardon and Sully Rutherford

Reader: Kim Rank

Advent Liturgist: Chris, Melissa, and Evan Blickley

Welcome: Bob Showalter

Minister of Music: Sharon Luyben

Preacher: Rev. Joseph Motz

Altar Guild: Margie Baer

Elders: *Nevin Hollinger, *Tom Wentzel, Anne Anders, Shelby Brunner, Jodi Reardon, Patti Shuttlesworth, Jim Payne, Cindra Payne, Michele Wolfskill (choir) (*These Elders uncover and cover the elements.)

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**"LOOK AND SEE"
WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BAUSMAN!
DECEMBER 24, 2025**

(Visit bausmanucc.org and sign up for the weekly e-blasts as well)

Christmas Eve Offering - This year's Christmas Eve offering, unless designated otherwise, will go to the SOAR General Mission Fund. The SOAR (Service Outreach and Renewal) committee is Bausman's mission committee, reflecting our faith through compassionate action. SOAR helps support several local nonprofits and provides opportunities for members to become involved in demonstrating Christ's love through service to the community. Bausman currently supports 14 local ministries who in turn provide services to over 163,000 needy residents of Berks and surrounding counties and has never had a general designated offering. For those of you with giving envelopes, you will have a designated Christmas Eve offering envelope. For those wishing to donate online, there will be an option for SOAR: General Mission. All other undesignated offering collected at this service will go to the SOAR General Mission Fund.

2026 Offering Envelopes - Envelopes for 2026 are available in the East Narthex for pickup. Please pick yours up by the end of December to minimize the number of offering envelopes that need to be mailed. You are also welcome to assist friends, family members and neighbors by picking up and delivering their envelopes to them. If you can't find your offering envelopes, please contact the church office.

End of Year Giving - For tax purposes, offerings postmarked in 2025, or received in 2025, will be included on your 2025 giving statement. All offerings postmarked 2026, or received in the offering plate in 2026, will be recorded on your 2026 giving statement.

The one exception is if you used a 2026 offering envelope. All 2026 offering envelope contributions are held and counted as 2026 offerings. If you would like to make a contribution in 2025 towards your 2026 pledge, please contact the Financial Secretary, Cece Wagner, to ensure your contribution is accounted for accurately.

The Church Office will be closed December 25, 2025 through January 4, 2026. During this week, Pastor Joe will have access to the church voicemails. If you have a Pastoral Emergency, you can call the church office and leave a message, or you may contact him directly.



Bausman Annual Soup Sale - The Fundraising Committee will hold their annual Soup Sale January 27-31, 2026. Soup options will be Chicken Noodle, Chicken Corn Noodle, Vegetable Beef, Italian Wedding Soups and Turkey Chili and will be \$11/quart. We recommend that if you are interested in purchasing soup, don't put off placing an order. There will be limited quantities available after orders are filled. Use the QR code to the left, or pick up an order form on the table in the sanctuary. Thank you for your support with this event.

Question? Contact Lori Moser 610-678-7395.

Ways to Support the Annual Soup Sale - As you know, this is one of our major fundraisers for the year. Many volunteers are needed for this event. In January, and you can sign up for various days and hours during the week of the sale. Please join us, even if you are available for only an hour or two.

Also, help get the word out! Handouts with a QR code to the order form, as well as hard copies of the order form, are available on the table in the sanctuary. Please share them with family, friends, and neighbors.

Redner's Receipts - A few reminders for submitting your Redner's receipts:

- You must scan your Redner's Rewards Card with each purchase for the receipt to count
- Submit receipts to the office, the office door drop box, the east narthex collection box, or offering plate
- Redner's gas receipts do not earn the church rewards
- Please don't staple or tape receipts together (it makes it harder to process them)

Clothing Collection for Hope Rescue and Lighthouse - In January, Bausman will collect all season clothing for both HOPE RESCUE and LIGHTHOUSE. Please bring items to church where drop boxes will be set up in the East Narthex. Items are coats, hats, scarves, gloves, shoes, towels, belts, purses and new men's underwear sizes to XXXL

In Case of Worship Cancellation Due to Inclement Weather - In the case there is a need to cancel worship due to poor weather conditions, cancellation information will be posted on the following platforms:

- The church answering machine message
- Email sent out through Realm and Posted on the Newsfeed
- Facebook - Bausman's Facebook page
- WFMZ.com - Under Business and School Closings

Poinsettia Dedication

In Memory of Loved Ones by Anita Matz
In Memory of My Husband, Tom Freymoyer by Gail Freymoyer
In Memory of Pete Ehrgood, by Debbi Ehrgood
In Memory of Bill Bob "Mac" McIntyre by Debbi Ehrgood
In Memory of our Pa – Pavlik and Keira Nikitine
In Memory of My Husband, William N. Luyben, by Sharon Luyben
In Memory of my Family, Wilbur, Gloria and Darren Love and Rochelle Graeff by
Sharon Luyben
In Memory of Myrus and WillaDean Stokes, by Shuttlesworth Family Members
In Memory of Michael J. Stokes by Shuttlesworth Family Members
In Memory of Edna and Robert F. Shuttlesworth by Shuttlesworth Family Members
In Memory of Evelyn and Keith Freeman by Bonnie and Rick Shiner
In Memory of Mary Wentink by Sue Wentink
In Memory of Hendrik Wentink by Sue Wentink
In Memory of Elsie Fetter by Sue Wentink
In Memory of Jeanne Guinter by Sue Wentink
In Memory of George's Parents by Lori and George Moser
In Memory of Evelyn and Keith Freeman by Lori and George Moser
In Memory of Shelly Graeff by Stan Graeff
In Memory of Brendon Field by Stan Graeff
In Memory of Loved Ones by Debbie Weinhold
In Memory of Loved Ones by Barry Weinhold
In Memory of Loved Ones by Mary J. Motz
In Memory of Loved Ones by Adina Robertson
In Memory of Pat's Nana by Ron and Pat Hatt
In Memory of Loved Ones by Mary and Les Moll
In Memory of Loved Ones by Kent and Mary Hollinger
In Memory of Joseph and Julie Miller by Eric J. Miller
In Memory of David Motz (Grandpop) by Rev. Joseph Motz
In Memory of Roger Warner by Chris Warner
In Memory of Bertha and Nevin Nollinger by Nevin and Diane Hollinger
In Memory of Jenny and William Stephen by Nevin and Diane Hollinger

In Honor of the Chancel Choir and Bausman Bells by Sharon Luyben
In Honor of Mary Moll by Sharon Luyben
In Honor of Archer Coquoz by Patti and Bob Shuttlesworth
In Honor of Bonnie and Rick Shiner by Lori and Skeet Moser
In Honor of Sherry and Nik Brannan by Lori and Skeet Moser
In Honor of Marcia Hassler by Lori and Skeet Moser
In Honor of our Nieces, Nephews, Great Nieces and Great Nephews by Lori and Skeet
Moser
In Honor of Pastor Joe and Jessica Motz and Family by Lori and Skeet Moser
In Honor of Matt, Tynna, Wyatt and Evelynn Shiner by Bonnie and Rick Shiner
In Honor of Nate, Emily, Nordi, Sky and MJ Shiner by Bonnie and Rick Shiner
In Honor of Lori and Skeet Moser by Bonnie and Rick Shiner
In Honor of Skerry and Nik Brannan by Bonnie and Rick Shiner
In Honor of Our Family by Kent and Mary Hollinger
In Honor of Christine Cambell by Chris Warner

*O Come, All Ye Faithful

Latin: John F. Wade, 1751
Tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, and others

ADESTE FIDELES *Irregular*
John F. Wade's Cantus Diversi, 1751

1. O come, all ye faithful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,
come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;
Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.D. with Refrain.

Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1856

Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high- est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in-car - nate De - i - ty,
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth

*The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL *Irregular with Refrain*

Traditional English Melody

Harm. by John Stainer, 1871

Traditional English Carol

1. The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to
 2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shining
 3. And by the light of that same star Three
 4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er
 5. Then let us all with the one ac - cord Sing

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
 in the east, be - yond them far, And to seek for a
 wise men came from coun - try far; To there it
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And hath made
 prais - es to our heav'n - ly Lord, That

they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave great light, And so it con -
 king was their in tent, fol - low the
 did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the
 heav'n and earth of naught, And with his

Refrain

night that was so deep. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -

tin - ued both day and night. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -

star wher - ev - er it went. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -

place where Je - sus lay. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -

blood man - kind hath bought. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -

ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Luke 2:8-14

Edmund H. Sears, 1849; alt.

1 It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
 2 Still through the clo-ven skies they come, with peace-ful wings un-furled,
 3 And you, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
 4 For lo, the days are hasten-ing on, by proph-et bards fore-told,

from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold;
 and still their heaven-ly mu-sic floats o'er all the wea-ry world;
 who toil a-long the climb-ing way, with pain-ful steps and slow,
 when with the ev-er-cir-cling years comes round the age of gold;

"Peace on the earth, good will to all, great news of joy we bring."
 A-bove its sad and low-ly plains they bend on hover-ing wing,
 Look now, for glad and gold-en hours come swift-ly on the wing;
 When peace shall o-ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,

The world in sol-emn still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.
 and ev-er o'er its Ba-bel sounds the bless-ed an-gels sing.
 O rest be-side the wea-ry road, and hear the an-gels sing!
 and all the world send back the song which now the an-gels sing.

Edmund Sears, a Unitarian minister who served a number of congregations in the Boston area, wrote this Christmas hymn emphasizing the social implications of the Gospel for his congregation at Wayland, Massachusetts.

Tune: CAROL C.M.D.
 Richard S. Willis, 1850

Mic. 5:2; Luke 2:4-7

Phillips Brooks, 1868; alt.

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see you lie!
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, 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 your 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 glo - rious love of heaven.
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

Yet in your dark streets shines forth the ev - er - last - ing light,
 O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No one dis - cerns God's 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 you to - night.
 And prais - es sing, and voices ring with peace to all on earth.
 Where yearn-ing souls long to be whole, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Inspired by a visit to Bethlehem, Phillips Brooks, minister of Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, wrote this hymn for the Sunday School's Christmas service. The tune was hastily sketched by the church organist in time for the service.

Tune: ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6.
 Lewis H. Redner, 1868
 Alternate tune: FOREST GREEN

*Joy to the World

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Ps. 98:5-9
Isaac Watts, 1719

ANTIOCH C.M.

Attr. to Georg F. Handel, 1742
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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

ceive her king; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him room,
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness,

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

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

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

heav'n and na - ture sing.
 peat the sound-ing joy,
 won - ders of his love,