

Christmas Eve – December 24, 2025
4:00 pm, and 11:00 pm
Pine Island United Methodist Church
Love, Hope, A Place to Belong

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* - You are invited to stand at these times.

Hymns numbered 2000 are from "The Faith We Sing" (black), hymns numbered 3000 are from "Worship and Song" (green)

Hymns marked "MVPC" are from the Mil Voces Para Celebrar hymnal

Welcome

A Word of Prophecy

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

We Light the Advent Candles of *Hope, Peace, Joy, Love* and The Christ Candle

On this night of nights, the Promised One appears, full of grace and truth.

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given!

We light the Candle of Christ – as a witness to the Savior who is Christ the Lord.

Christmas Proclamation

Leader: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!

People: A light no darkness can extinguish.

Centering Christmas Hymn

"A Star Shone Bright"

3051

* Call to Worship

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you – wonderful, joyous news for all people.

People: Our Savior has been born in David's city – Bethlehem. He is Christ the Lord!

* Opening Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

234 (verses 1-3, 6)

Venid, fieles todos

MVPC # 106

Opening Prayer (in unison)

We thank you, God, for your gift of Jesus Christ to the entire world. We thank you that Christ's coming makes hope, peace, joy and love possible for every person in every nation.

Encourage us to do our part to bring goodwill and peace to our families, our churches, our neighborhoods, and the world.

Now let your Spirit put us in touch with you, the living God, through the words and music we hear tonight. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

For All of God's Children

Pastor Tony

Scripture Reading

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may hear and rejoice in the gospel of our Savior's birth,
told in story and song tonight. Amen**

The Christmas Story in Lessons, Songs and Hymns

Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Hymn

"Away in a Manger"

217 (verses 1 & 2)

Venid, pastorcillos

MVPC # 93

Lesson	Luke 2:8-14	
Hymn	"Angels We Have Heard on High"	# 238 (verses 1 & 3)
	<i>Angeles cantando están</i>	<i>MVPC # 98</i>
Lesson	Luke 2:15-16	
Hymn	"What Child is This"	# 219
	<i>¿Qué niño es éste?</i>	<i>MVPC # 112</i>
Lesson	Luke 2:16-20	
	<i>This is the Word of the Lord.</i>	
	Thanks be to God!	
* Hymn	"Joy to the World"	# 246
	<i>Dichosa tierra, proclamad</i>	<i>MVPC # 100</i>

Our Christmas Message "The Innkeeper's Predicament"

Joys and Concerns / Pastoral Prayer

Giving of Ourselves, Our Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory *Our Christmas Eve Special Offering will be given to
our local Sharing Shelves Food Shelf*

* Doxology "In the Bleak Midwinter" (verse 4)

4. What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

* Offertory Prayer

* Lord's Prayer

221



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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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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.

Candlelight Hymn

"Silent Night"

Noche de paz

239

MVPC # 103

(Please wait to join in singing until your candle is lit...)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 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. 2 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! | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
radiant beams from thy holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. 4 Silent night, holy night,
wondrous star, lend thy light;
with the angels let us sing,
Alleluia to our King;
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born! |
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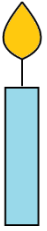
* Dismissal with Blessing

Leader: With the angels let us sing, "Alleluia" to our King!

People: Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

* Postlude

Tonight we will be singing a candlelight hymn as our final hymn.



In the interest of safety we ask that as you light your candle, you keep the **lit candle upright** and **tilt the unlit candle** over it to light it. This will help you avoid getting burned by the hot wax.

The Minnesota State Fire Marshal has recommended that lighted candles should not be used by persons under the age of 15. We encourage parents to be aware of this recommendation from the State of Minnesota

Merry Christmas!

We joyfully greet our members and their loved ones and all our guests this Christmas Eve!

We remember together, with awe and gratitude how God shone his light into our darkness on that first Christmas. We pray that we may be bearers of his light to all who languish in the darkness of poverty, illness and fear. May we share with the world the light that shines from the face of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. ²This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. ³Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. ⁴Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. ⁵He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. ⁶While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. ⁷She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

⁸Nearby shepherds were living in the fields, guarding their sheep at night. ⁹The Lord's angel stood before them, the Lord's glory shone around them, and they were terrified.

¹⁰The angel said, "Don't be afraid! Look! I bring good news to you—wonderful, joyous news for all people.

¹¹Your savior is born today in David's city. He is Christ the Lord. ¹²This is a sign for you: you will find a newborn baby wrapped snugly and lying in a manger." ¹³Suddenly a great assembly of the heavenly forces was with the angel praising God. They said, ¹⁴"Glory to God in heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

¹⁵When the angels returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go right now to Bethlehem and see what's happened. Let's confirm what the Lord has revealed to us." ¹⁶They went quickly and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they reported what they had been told about this child. ¹⁸Everyone who heard it was amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹Mary committed these things to memory and considered them carefully. ²⁰The shepherds returned home, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Everything happened just as they had been told.



Our mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our vision: We are a place of Love... Hope... and A Place to Belong!

If you are with us for the first time, we are delighted you are here! Here are some things that might be helpful to know...

- A **Children's Area** with coloring books, activity bags and a rocking chair is in the rear of the Sanctuary.
- **Restrooms** are in the Office and Education Wing, and an **accessible restroom** with a **changing table** is next to the Fellowship Hall Kitchen in the basement beneath the Sanctuary.
- **Sermon texts** are available on the table in back if you would like to follow along or if you get distracted during the service.
- All are invited by Jesus and welcomed when we have **Holy Communion**. **Gluten Free** wafers are available if needed. It is the tradition of the United Methodist Church to use grape juice.
- Please join us for **Coffee Fellowship** this morning. You are also welcome and invited to be a part of all our **church activities**. A weekly schedule is included in this worship bulletin.
- **Any Questions?** Please ask someone sitting near you or an usher.

Thanks for being here as we celebrate Christmas together!

Prayer Joys & Concerns for December 21, 2025

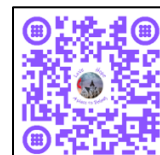
- Michala Sinning, Stewartville High School, Brown University, MIT students and staff, Bondi Beach, Australia families, Susan Moffitt, Hilde, Edwin Shanahan, Tyler Anderson, Chaplain Pat Olafson, Jo Canniff, Bruce Robinson, Jayson Scherin, Michael Mancilman, Penny Sievers, Lois and LaMoyne Bruce, Alicemay Clark
- The families who have an empty chair this holiday season
- All those with cancer
- Families who are going through difficult times and emotional turmoil
- Victims of violence and warfare, and wisdom for those in leadership
- President Donald Trump, his advisors, our governmental leaders, and our military personnel
- Our worldwide United Methodist Church in our new era of ministry to all whom Jesus loves
- Peace for the people of Ukraine, the Middle East, and Sudan
- For new people who will hear about us and connect with our congregation
- Baiwalla UMC & school in Sierra Leone
- Thanks to God for all our blessings

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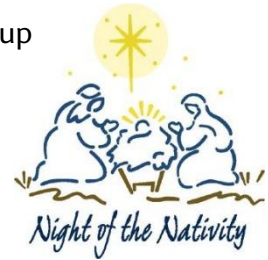
Visit our website at <https://piumc.org/giving/> or use the QR code to the right.

If you wish to use your bank's **electronic funds transfer option**, contact our Church Treasurer, Jodie Shannahan at jodie@piumc.org.



Church Calendar for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday Worship (Live stream at www.facebook.com/piumc)
	10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	International Fellowship of Chaplains Grief Group
Monday	10:00 am	Pine Island Small Group
	1:00 pm	Pine Haven Small Group
	5:15 pm	TOPS
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
	11:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Thursday		Christmas Day
Friday	6:30 am	Speaking 101 Club
	10:00 am	Pine Island Small Group
	7:00 pm	Al-Alon
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday Worship (Live stream at www.facebook.com/piumc)
	10:00 am	Coffee Fellowship
	10:00 am	Sunday School
	6:00 pm	International Fellowship of Chaplains Grief Group



December 21, 2025, Attendance information: In person **71**; Online views **145**



Pine Island United Methodist Church

Sharing the love of Jesus,
offering hope to those looking for more,
and creating a place where everyone
can feel like they belong.



Pine Island Baby Closet

Baby Closet
"Helping families with children ages up to 15 months with diapers and other needs."



L.O.V.E. Project
Serving area children and families who are in need by providing gifts and assistance at Christmas time and throughout the year.



SHARING SHELVES

Sharing Shelves Food Shelf
We founded our local food shelf, which has now grown to be their own organization.



Harvest Home Dinner
An annual dinner to raise fund for local groups and ministry.

We offer:

- Small groups and fellowship activities - sharing connections and laughter
- Sunday School and Vacation Bible School
- Meeting space for groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, TOPS, Al Alton, and Grief and Support Groups
- Baiwala Mission - a school and community ministry in rural Sierra Leone

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Join us for worship
9:00 am Worship
10:00 am Sunday School



Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Poinsettia Flower Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated flowers!

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Naomi & Dean Murray--	--Our Families
Scott & Renee Ritcher--	--Family
Dawn & Bruce Rohl--	--All our loved ones that have gone before us.
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"A Star Shone Bright" #3051

1. A star shone bright
across the plain
and calmed the earth
so Love could reign.
'Twas in a child
that hope was born,
a dream fulfilled!
O happy morn!
2. O Son of God,
Incarnate Word,
O Wisdom's Light,
whom angels heard,
come forth again,
our hearts console.
O heal our hurts
and make us whole.
3. From Bethlehem
come to our day;
reveal to us
your holy way.
Be born again,
Eternal Fire.
O Spirit come,
our souls inspire.
4. A star shine forth
once more this night
and flood our streets
with heavenly Light
till every heart
in Christ shall see
the glory of eternity!

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" # 234 (verses 1-3, 6)

1. O come all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
born the King of angels;
Refrain
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.
2. True God of true God,
Light from Light Eternal,
lo, he shuns not the Virgin's womb
Son of the Father Begotten, not created;
Refrain
3. Sing, choirs of angels,
sing in exultation;
O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest
Refrain
6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory given.
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing:
Refrain

"Away in a Manger" # 217 (verses 1 & 2)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky look down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

"Angels We Have Heard on High" # 238 (verses 1 & 3)

1. Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain

Glo - - - - ri - a, in excelsis Deo!

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"What Child Is This" #219

1. What child is this who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

"Joy to the World" # 246

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven,
and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods,
rocks, hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Refrain

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

Refrain

3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him;
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of
his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love'
and wonders, wonders of his love

3051

A Star Shone Bright

1. A star shone bright a - cross the plain and calmed the
 2. O Son of God, In - car - nate Word, O Wis - dom's
 3. From Beth - le - hem come to our day; re - veal to
 4. O star shine forth once more this night and flood our

earth so Love could reign. 'Twas in a child that hope was
 Light, whom an - gels heard, come forth a - gain, our hearts con -
 us your ho - ly way. Be born a - gain, E - ter - nal
 streets with heaven - ly Light till ev - ery heart in Christ shall

born, a dream ful - filled! O hap - py morn!
 sole. O heal our hurts and make us whole.
 Fire. O Spir - it come, our souls in - spire.
 see the glo - ry of e - ter - ni - ty!

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O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faith-ful, joy-ful and tri-um-phant, O
 1. A-des-te, fi-de-les, lae-ti tri-um-phan-tes; ve-
 2. True God of true God, Light from Light E-ter-nal,
 3. Sing, choirs of an-gels, sing in ex-ul-ta-tion; O
 * 4. See how the shep-herds, sum-moned to his cra-dle,

come ye, O come ye, to Beth-le-hem.
 ni-te, ve-ni-te in Beth-le-hem.
 lo, he shuns not the Vir-gin's womb;
 sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heaven a-bove!
 leav-ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

Come and be-hold him, born the King of an-gels;
 Na-tum vi-de-te Re-gem an-ge-lor-um.
 Son of the Fa-ther, be-got-ten, not cre-at-ed;
 Glo-ry to God, all glo-ry in the high-est;
 we too will thith-er bend our joy-ful foot-steps;

Refrain
 O come, let us a-dore him, O come, let us a-dore him,
 Ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus, ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus,

O come, let us a-dore him, Christ the Lord.
 ve-ni-te a-do-re-mus, Do-mi-num.

* 5. Child, for us sinners
 poor and in the manger,
 we would embrace thee
 with love and awe.
 Who would not love thee,
 loving us so dearly?
Refrain

** 6. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
 born this happy morning,
 Jesus, to thee be
 all glory given.
 Word of the Father,
 now in flesh appearing:
Refrain

*May be omitted.

**For Christmas Eve/Day

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Away in a Manger

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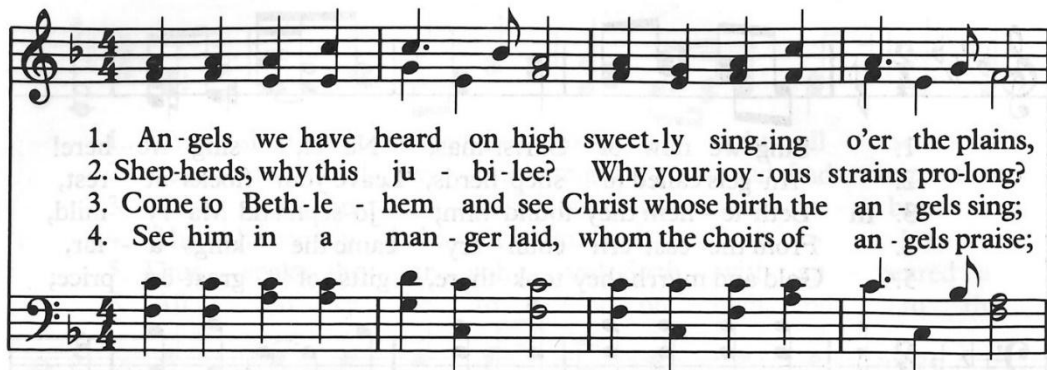
1. A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,
 2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,
 3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes;
 close by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray;

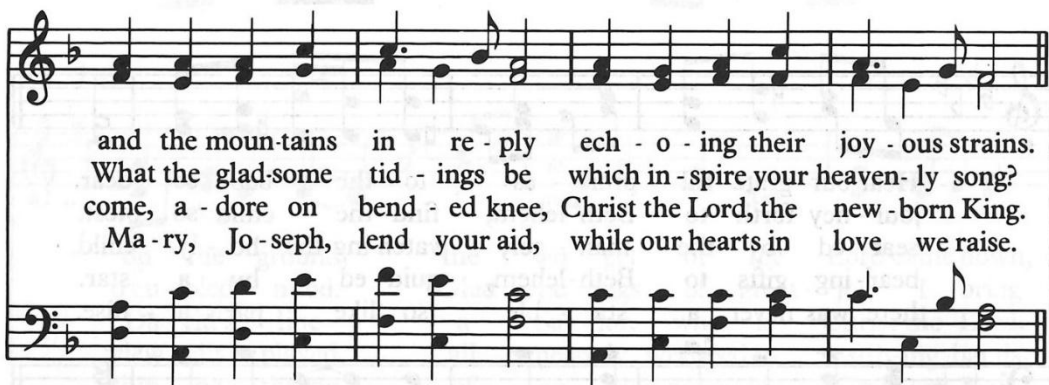
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look down from the sky
 bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

238 Angels We Have Heard on High



1. An-gels we have heard on high sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju-bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth-le-hem and see Christ whose birth the an-gels sing;
 4. See him in a man-ger laid, whom the choirs of an-gels praise;



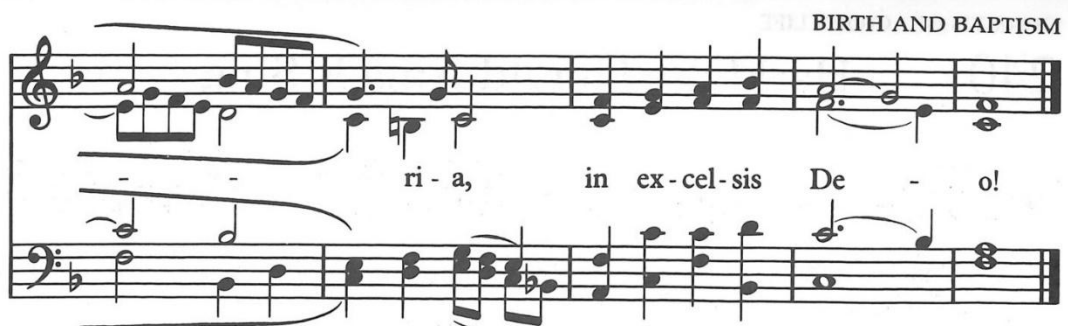
and the moun-tains in re-ply ech-o-ing their joy-ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid-ings be which in-spire your heaven-ly song?
 come, a-dore on bend-ed knee, Christ the Lord, the new-born King.
 Ma-ry, Jo-seph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.



Refrain
 Glo - - - - - ri - a,



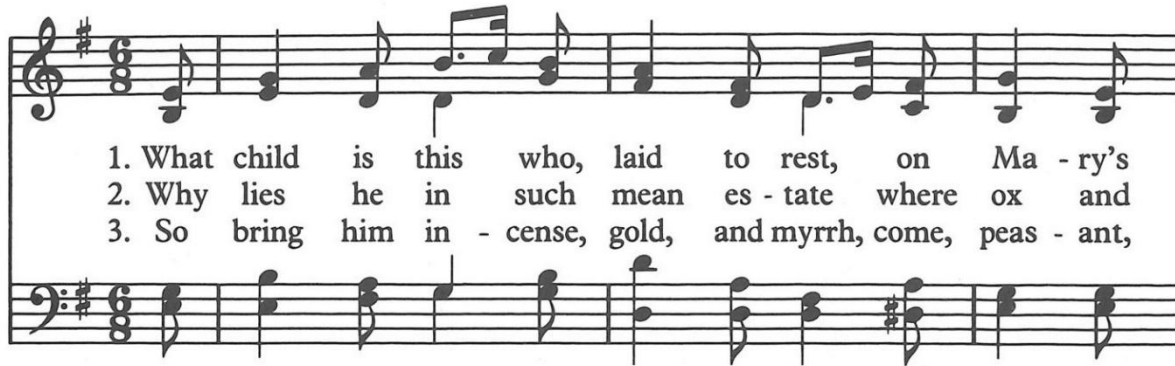
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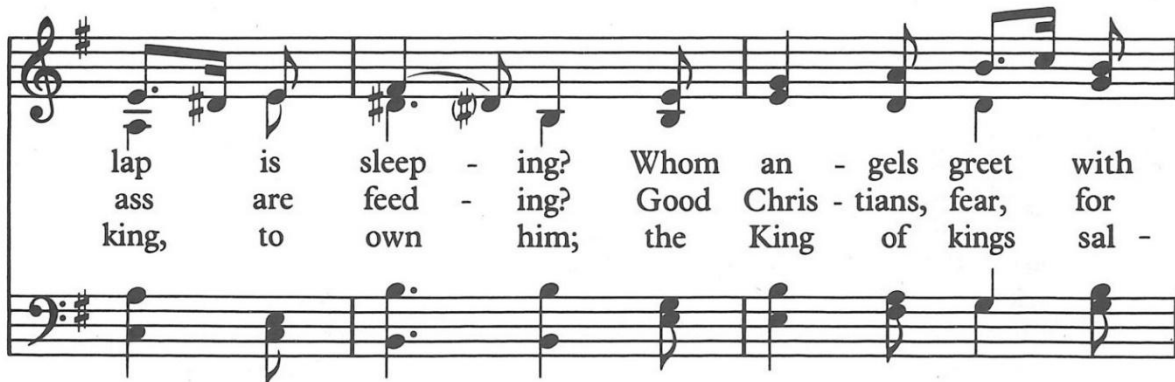
BIRTH AND BAPTISM
 - - - ri - a, in ex-cel-sis De - o!

What Child Is This

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1. What child is this who, laid to rest, on Ma - ry's
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas - ant,

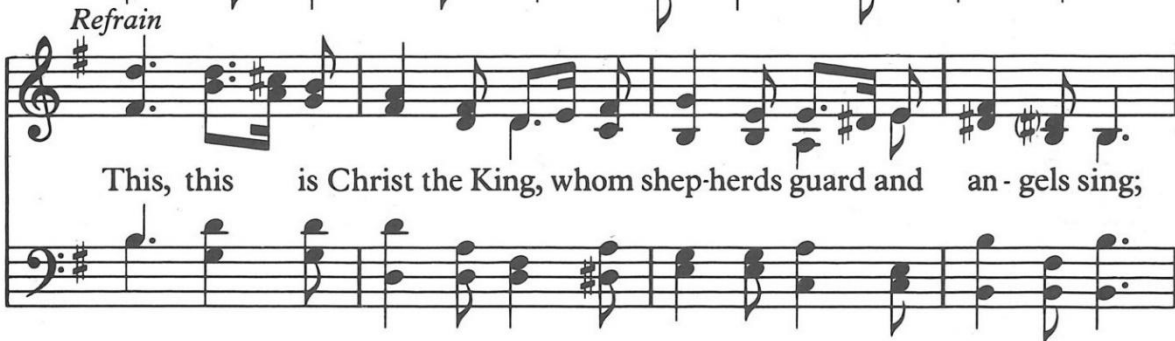


lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tians, fear, for
 king, to own him; the King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

and re and
sing, joy, found, love, heaven
na - ture sound - ing is his and re far and
the sound curse of his and re far and
heaven and the the sound - ing his
peat as won - ders and re far and
and re and

heaven and peat won - ders sing, joy, found, love, na - ture ing is his and re far and na - ture ing is his heaven and the peat won - ders and re far and na - ture ing is his

sing.
 joy.
 found.
 love.

na - ture ing is his

and heaven, re - peat and the sound - ing curse of his

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Silent Night, Holy Night

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1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm, all is bright
 1. *Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft, ein - sam wacht*
 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 mild,
nur das trau-te hoch - hei - li - ge Paar, Hold-er Kna-be mit lock - i - gem Haar,
 glo-ries stream from heav-en a-far, heav-en-ly hosts sing Al - le - lu - ia!
 ra-diant beams from thy ho - ly face with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 with the an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;



sleep in heav - en - ly peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh, schlaf im himm - li - scher Ruh.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born!



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