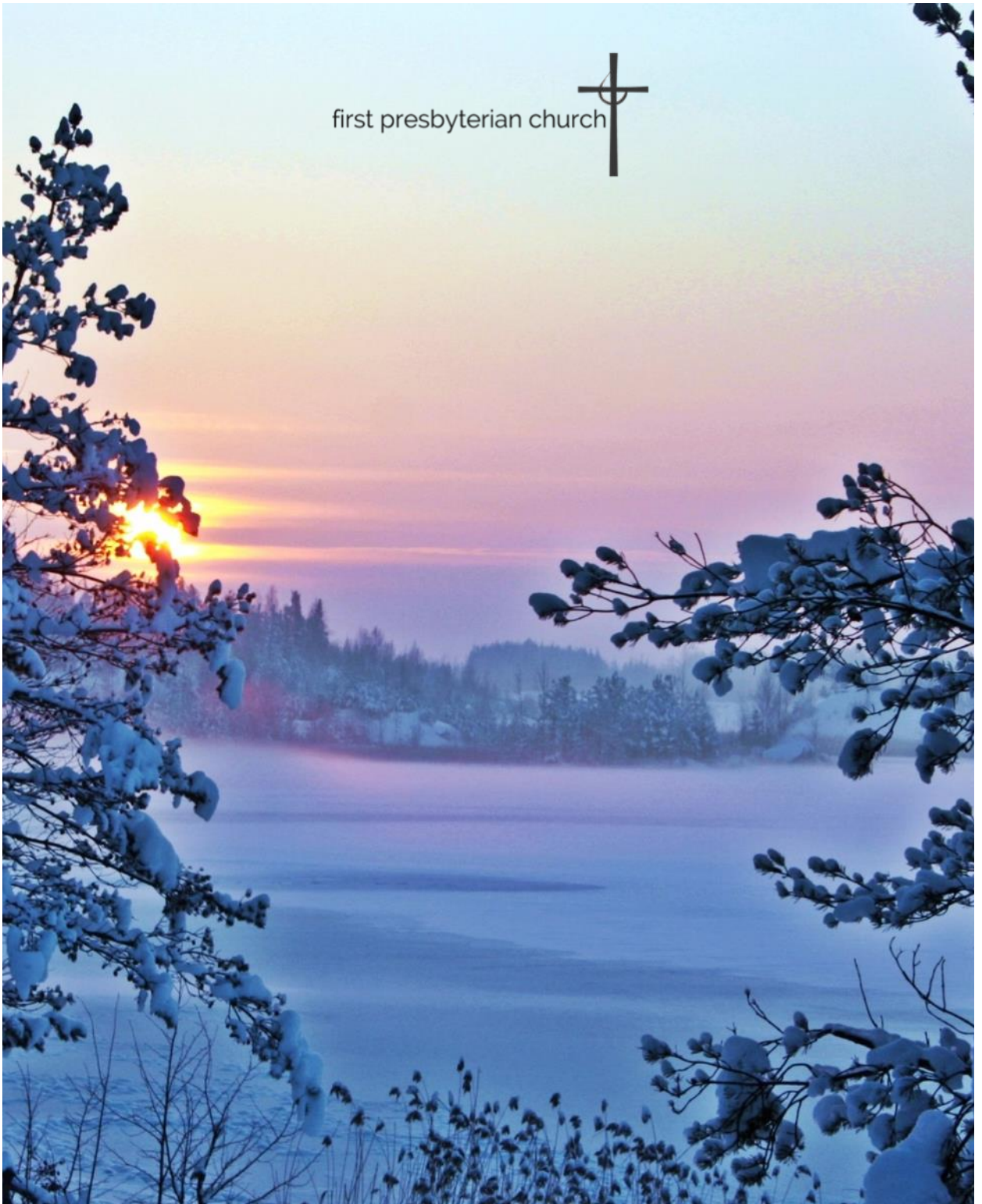
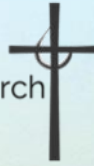


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ORDER OF WORSHIP
1st Sunday after Christmas Day
January 1, 2023 // 10:00 am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you.

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

arr. Jan Sanborn

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: A light shining in the darkness . . .

All: What could it be?

One: The sound of angels' wings . . .

All: What could it mean?

One: A baby born in a stable . . .

All: Who could it be?

One: Come to Bethlehem and see. . .

***CAROL** #142 *Twasi in the Moon of Wintertime*

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

In the midst of the seasonal busyness surrounding Christmas
we sometimes miss what it is all about—

you coming to earth—Emmanuel—God-with-us.

Help us hear anew your promises of hope and salvation and love.

Forgive us for focusing on ourselves instead of
on the miracle of Jesus' birth.

Rock us out of our complacency.

Let us hear angel voices, see shepherds responding,

feel the baby's soft breath on our cheeks, and ponder in our hearts
what all this means for the world, for us.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORDS

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king (x3)

Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:1-23

SERMON

Seeing Life through Water: Tears

Rev. Linda Male

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

All: God-with-us, you have shown us great favor and love. In your mercy we seek to show mercy. Because of your gracious deeds, we seek to be loving and gracious to others. May our gifts be used for your glory and for the spread of your reign here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

*CAROL #151 *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks for the One whose presence we celebrate today.

All: It is right to honor and thank Jesus Christ who invites us to this meal.

HYMN #347 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

**All: Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth
Our full homage to demand.**

One: We remember the promise made long ago—
that a king would be born from the line of David. . . .

We remember and believe the miracle of God-with-us.

**All: King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.**

One: We remember the upper room where Jesus gathered with friends. . . .

One: We remember and believe that he lived, died, and rose again
to give us the hope of his return in glory.

**All: Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the light of light descendeth**

**From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the shadows clear away.**

One: Light of the World, you have conquered death and freed us from sin...
We will shine your light that reveals love to the world.

**All: At His feet the six winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!**

One: Holy Spirit, unite us with all the saints in every time and place in
Jesus Christ...
God-with-us welcomes us to the feast laid before us on this Table of grace.
Alleluia!

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER

***CAROL** #150 *As with Gladness Men of Old*

BENEDICTION

***SENDING SONG** #136 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Linda Male, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Chuck Norris,
Beth Magennis, Emily Grabinski Conklin, Jan Brashler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Who are Presbyterians? // Classes for anyone inquiring about membership here at First Presbyterian Church will be held in January. Please add your name to a list by calling the church office or emailing office@fpcholland.org or pastor@fpcholland.org. We will respond with more information soon.

Hello Busy Parents! // We know you're busy, but we also know that you want to make time to become a better parent! Join us for a discussion group where we'll learn from Dr. Becky Kennedy's book, *Good Inside* (@drbeckyatgoodinside).

Discussion led by Shanna and Paul Van Kempen.
Childcare provided (it's almost like a date night!)
Thursdays from 6-7pm, Jan 26-Feb 23 at FPC

Questions? Email paul@fpcholland.org

Want to register? Watch the Wednesday eWeekly for a link to register or call the church office.

Summer Camp Scholarships // Thanks to a generous donor from First Presbyterian Church in Grand Haven, we have scholarship money available for all students in our church (no income restrictions) to go to any Christian summer camp. This is a great way to affordably have your child attend camp. Summer camp may seem far off in the future but many camps begin registration the first week of January. Contact Pastor Paul with your questions! paul@fpcholland.org



We want to thank the congregation of FPC for the many cards and outpouring of love we received after the passing of our son, Joshua. We are thankful for the help of Pastors Linda and Paul. We were thankful for the help of Diane Hayes, Chris Urbaniak, Lori Klinesteker and Tim Richardson during the memorial service.

~ Sincerely, Mike & Jane Oosterhouse

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence 347

Capo 3: (Bm) Dm (G) B \flat (D) F (Bm) Dm (C) E \flat

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with

(G) B \flat (F \sharp) A (G) B \flat (D) F (Em) Gm

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of light de -
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the

(Bm) Dm (C) E \flat (G) B \flat (D) F

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

(B) D (Em) Gm (Bm) Dm (A) C

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may van - ish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

(Bm) Dm (Em) Gm (F \sharp m) Am (Bm) Dm

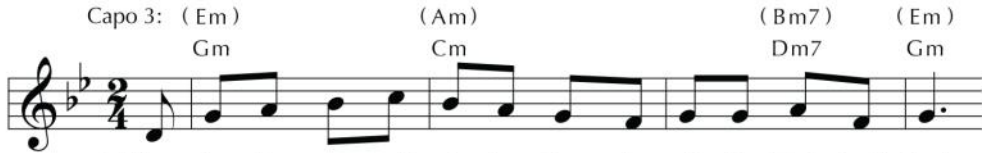
our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the shad - ows clear a - way.
 al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"



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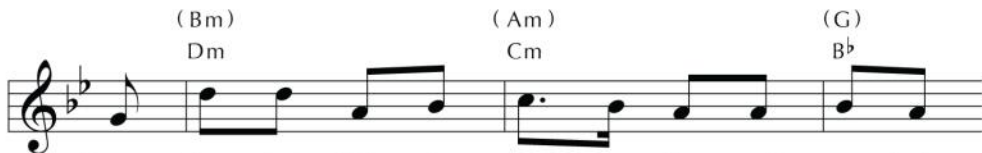
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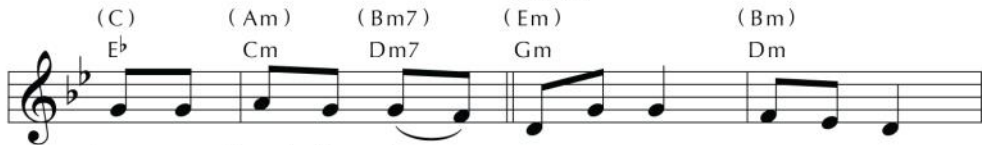
1 'Twas in the moon of win - ter - time, when all the birds had fled,
2 With - in a lodge of bro - ken bark the ten - der babe was found.
3 The ear - liest moon of win - ter - time is not so round and fair
4 O chil - dren of the for - est free, the an - gel song is true:



Great Spir - it, Lord of all the earth sent an - gel choirs in - stead.
A rag - ged robe of rab - bit skin en - wrapped his beau - ty round.
as was the ring of glo - ry on the help - less in - fant there.
the ho - ly child of earth and heaven is born to - day for you.



Be - fore their light the stars grew dim and wan - dering
But as the hunt - ers brave drew nigh the an - gel
The chiefs from far be - fore him knelt with gifts of
Come kneel be - fore the ra - diant boy who brings you

Refrain

hunt - ers heard the hymn:
song rang loud and high: Je - sus, your king, is born;
fox and bea - ver pelt.
beau - ty, peace, and joy.



Je - sus is born. In ex - cel - sis glo - ri - a.

151 We Three Kings of Orient Are



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far,
 2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a - gain,
 3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty nigh;
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing gloom;
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri - fice:



field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.
 prayer and prais - ing glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
 sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! sounds through the earth and skies.

*Refrain*

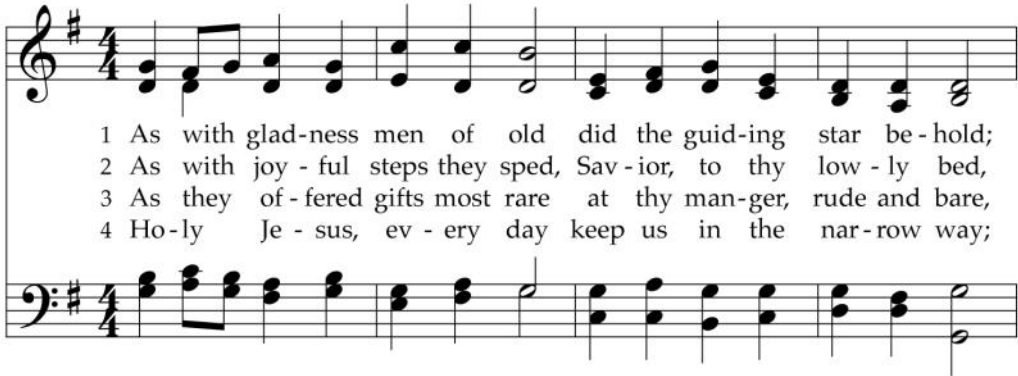
O star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



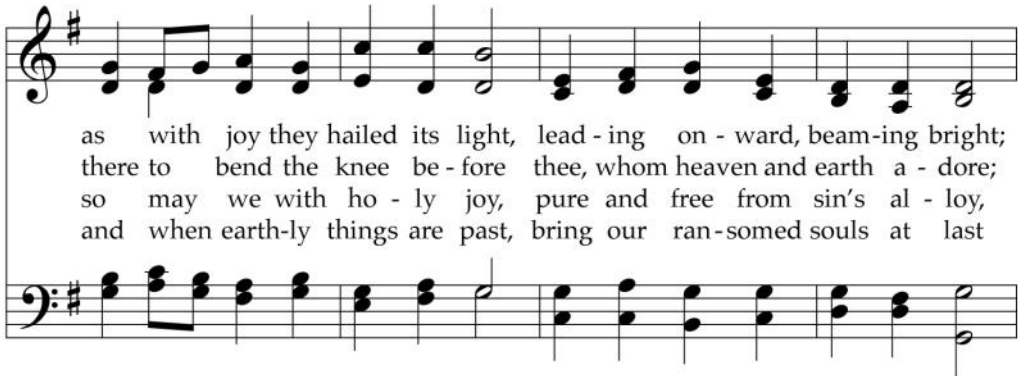
west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!



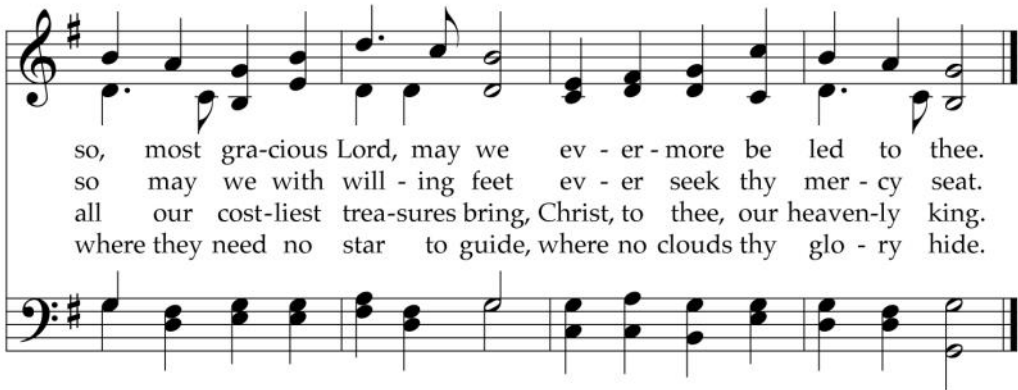
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1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-ery day keep us in the nar-row way;




as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heaven and earth a-dore;
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

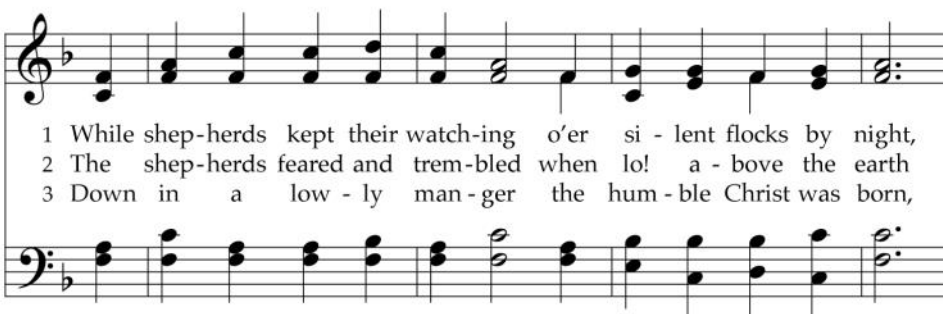
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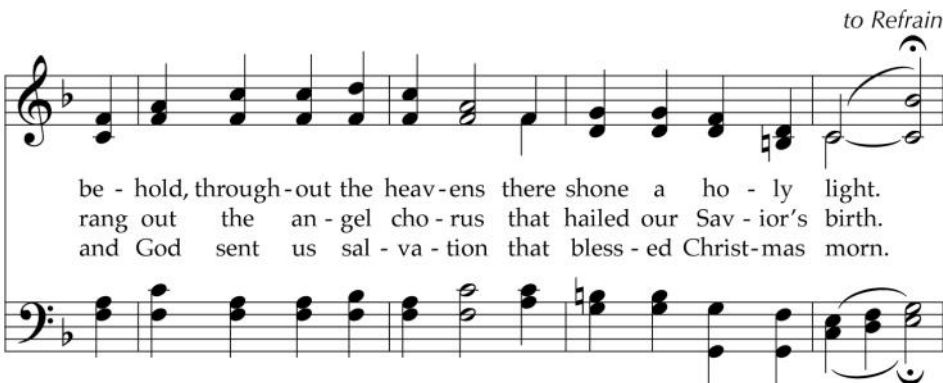

Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;



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



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,



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.