

Lexington Presbyterian Church
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11:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

SIGN IN AND FELLOWSHIP

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Christ, Our Lord, to the Jordan Came* Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

The light you have been waiting for is here!

Darkness has been banished!

God's light of hope floods the earth

God's light comes to us all.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

You speak, O God, and the oceans tremble; their waters crest in waves that dash upon the shore. You speak the heavens open; thunder signals the rain that freshens the earth. You breathe and the leaves shudder; the trees of the forest bow to your majesty. You speak and the Spirit descends on your people; we ascribe to you all glory as we worship your name.

OPENING HYMN 136

Go Tell It on the Mountain

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

We come as your baptized believers, O God, confessing our sins. You send forth your Spirit, yet do not respond to your presence. You set us apart as water is poured over us, yet our behavior in faith does not match our unique status. Christ calls us to follow; yet we disobey his commandment. Evidence of your goodness surrounds us, yet we ignore your gracious ways. Have mercy upon us, and in your love uphold us. Above all, teach us the meaning of repentance. Amen

Silent Confession
Assurance of Pardon
Hymn 150, v. 1 & 4

As with Gladness Men of Old

***As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.***

***Holy Jesus, every day keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide where no clouds thy glory hide.***

The Peace (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's amazing grace. Let us share this good news of God's love for us: The peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you...

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 606

The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 1:1-5

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 1:4-11

SERMON *Meaning Shapes Our Memory* Rev. Tom Groome

HYMN OF REFLECTION [tune: Passion Chorale] *Lord, When You Came to Jordan*

***Lord, when you came to Jordan and asked to be baptized,
what was your vow and vision of love and sacrifice?
Was there a sudden splendor of prophets, priests, and kings,
a wind that stirred the waters, a blur of mighty wings?***

***Was this God's crowning moment of all you had become,
the Spirit's power and blessing: "Go now, You are My Son?"
Did scripture join with scripture in words of sharp surprise,
"The Lord's Messiah shall conquer, rejected and despised?"***

Faith rests content with questions of when and why and how,

***but craves the gift of seeing what God is doing now.
Lord, bring us to our Jordan of newly opened eyes,
through love, immersed in living, as you were once baptized.***

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

adapted, Lisa Frenz

***We believe in one God, who is Creator,
maker of all we see and all we don't see.
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!***

***We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
He is one with the Creator;
the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!***

***We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,
Breath of God moving among us;
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;
our Comforter and our Guide: Our Hope.***

AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 583 (sung twice)

Gloria Gloria

***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!***

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

HYMN

Down to Earth, as a Dove

BLESSING IN WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE - Hymn 149, v. 4

All Hail to God's Anointed

***All rulers bow before you, and gold and incense bring.
All nations shall adore you, their praise all people sing.
To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend.
Your rule is still increasing; your rule is without end.***

FELLOWSHIP/BREAKOUT ROOMS

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God.

Thank you to Chuck Skoog for assisting with worship this morning. ***Thank you*** to our worship team – Ruth Floyd (moderator), Jan Hathorn (waiting room), and Eric Owsley (cameras).

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Hymn 150 As with Gladness Men of Old

Hymn 606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 149 All Hail to God's Anointed (Music – tune: *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*)

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Hymn 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

African-American Spiritual: Text and Tune; PUBLIC DOMAIN

Music harmonization: © 1989 Melva Wilson Costen

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Hymn Lord, When You Came to Jordan

Text: © 1983 Hope Publishing Company

Music [Tune: *Passion Chorale*]: PUBLIC DOMAIN

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Hymn 583 Gloria, Gloria

Text: Traditional liturgical text Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979

Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé(admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

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Hymn Down to Earth, as a Dove

Text: Fred Kaan, 1968; © 1968 Hope Publishing Company


Music: *Piae Cantiones*, 1582; arr. F. R. C. Clarke, 1970; © 1970 F. R. Clarke

Numbered hymns from *Glory to God* (Westminster/John Knox Press, 2013).

Hymn text: Lord, When You Came to Jordan – from *The Presbyterian Hymnal*
(Westminster/John Knox Press, 1990).

Hymn: Down to Earth, as a Dove – from *Voices United: the Hymn and Worship Book*
of the United Church of Canada (United Church Publishing House, 1996).

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Refrain 

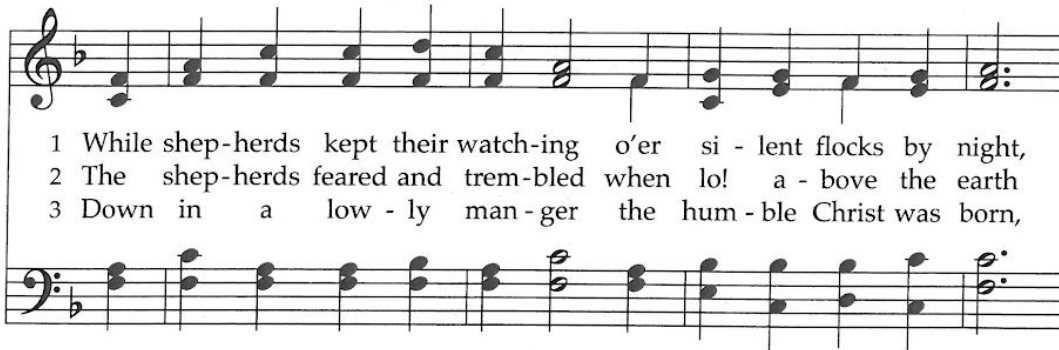


Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills and ev - ery - where;

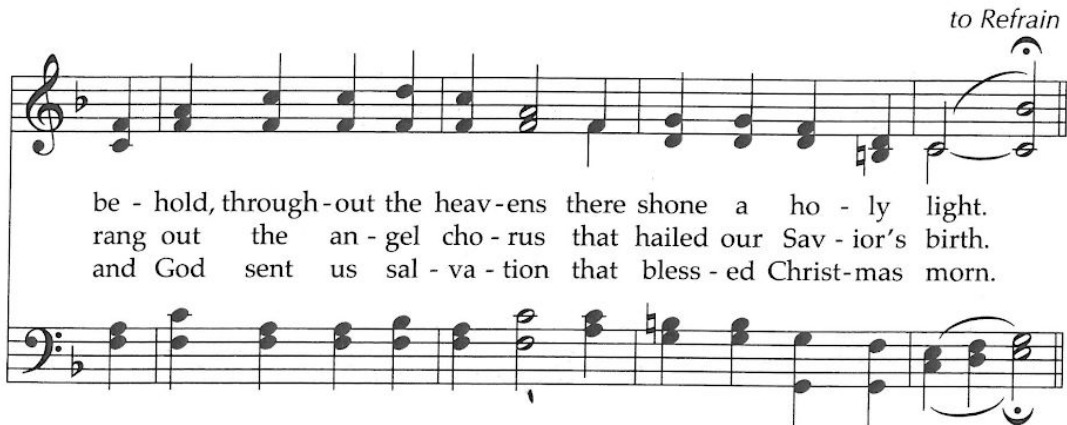


go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

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.

Down to Earth, as a Dove

1 Down to earth, as a dove, came to dwell ho - ly love:
 2 This is love come to light, now is fear put to flight.
 3 Christ the Lord comes to feed hun - gry souls in their need;

Je - sus Christ from a - bove bring - ing great sal - va - tion
 God de - feats dark - est night, giv - ing for our sor - rows
 in the house there is bread: Je - sus in a sta - ble,

Refrain

meant for ev - ery na - tion.
 hope of new to - mor - rows. Let us sing,
 in the church a ta - ble.

sing, sing, dance and spring, spring, spring;

Christ is here, ev - er near! Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis.

Words: Fred Kaan 1968

Music: melody from Piae Cantiones 1582, arr. F. R. C. Clarke 1970

THEODORIC (PERSONENT HODIE)

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