

December 30, 2018

First Sunday after Christmas



OUR LIFE TOGETHER

This is the time when we share announcements with one another.

*Prayer requests may be written on the yellow cards located in the pews;
these will be collected during the first hymn and read aloud by a deacon.*

Worship bags for children are available by the doors to Fellowship Hall.

*The nursery is located in Room K through Fellowship Hall.
Please sign in using the book provided by the nursery caregiver.*

* = Please stand as you are able.



PRELUDE

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Dallas Blair

Buffy Larson, trumpet

Mark Spitzack, organ

OPENING MEDITATION

Vanessa Bradby

*HYMN # 130

“Joy to the World, the Lord Is Come”

Antioch

*PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Iona Community

Shared in dialogue

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
To the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others
and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:
To the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others
and the life of the world.**

May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #488 **“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”** *Go Tell It*

*WORDS OF PREPARATION

Let us prepare ourselves to hear our Sacred Stories.

Our hearts and minds are open.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Vanessa Bradby

*Children are invited to come forward to the front pews for an age appropriate lesson.
Following the lesson, all children are welcome to remain in worship. Children kinder-
garten and younger may follow the adult leader to the nursery.*

SACRED STORIES

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Blue 228

PSALM

Psalm 148

Praise God! Praise God from the heavens;
praise God in the heights!
Praise God, all you angels of God;
praise God, all you host of heaven!
Praise God, you sun and moon;
praise God, all you shining stars!
Praise God, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
Let them praise the name of God,
for God commanded and they were created.
God established them forever and ever;
God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.
Praise God from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
Fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!
Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Beasts of the forest and all cattle,
crawling things and flying birds!
Rulers of the earth and all peoples,
nobles and all leaders of the earth!

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Young men and women alike,
old and young together!
Let them praise the name of the Sovereign,
Whose name alone is exalted;
whose glory is above earth and heaven.
God has raised up a horn for the people,
and praise for all the faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to God.
Praise be to God!

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12-17

Blue 178

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION # 111
"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

Divinum Mysterium

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Blue 51

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

MaryBeth Harman

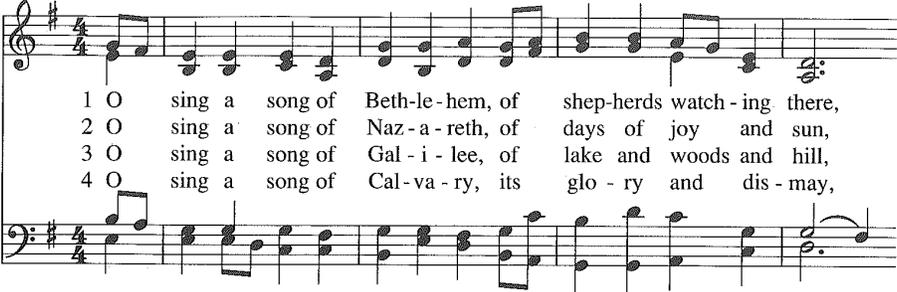
*HYMN

"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

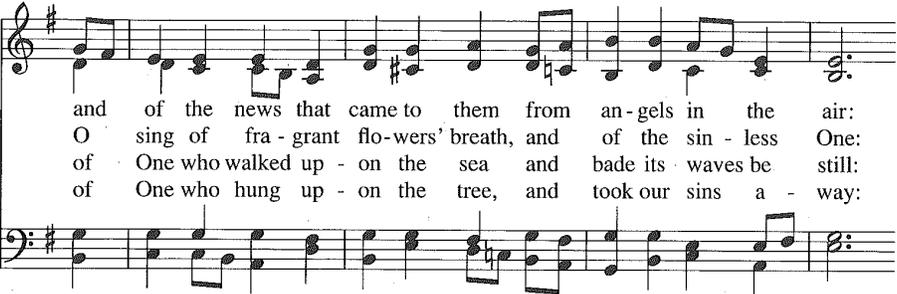
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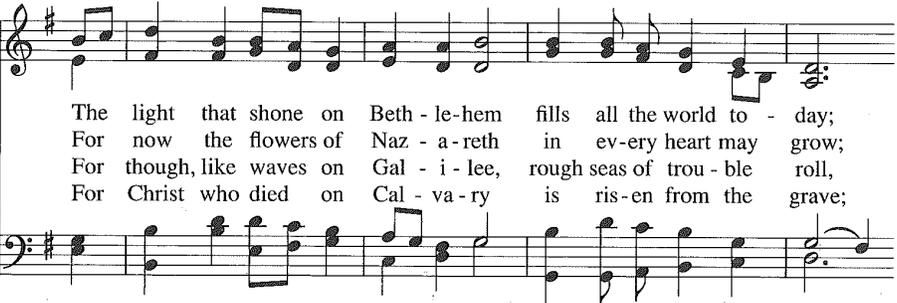
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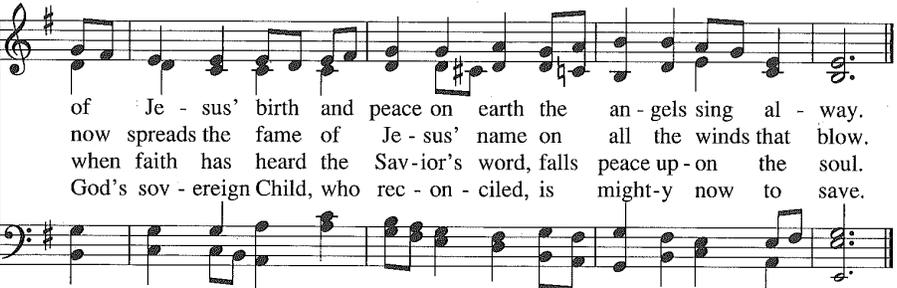
1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,
 2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of days of joy and sun,
 3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,
 4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,



and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air:
 O sing of fra-grant flo-wers' breath, and of the sin-less One:
 of One who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still:
 of One who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way:



The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day;
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow;
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, rough seas of trou-ble roll,
 For Christ who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave;



of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.
 now spreads the fame of Je-sus' name on all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the Sav-ior's word, falls peace up-on the soul.
 God's sov-ereign Child, who rec-on-ciled, is might-y now to save.

Using four biblical locations important to the story, the American hymnwriter Louis F. Benson has summarized the life of Jesus and related it to the present. Benson edited several Presbyterian hymnals and wrote a number of books on hymnody.

Tune: KINGSFOLD C.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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OFFERING OF GIFTS

VOLUNTARY **"The Only Son from Heaven"** *Ernst Pepping*

HYMN # 140 **"What Child is This"** *Greensleeves*

**Please stand for Stanza 3 as the gifts are brought forward.*

*PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS

Leah Stanek, Deacon

The Lord be with you;
And also with you.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN **"Amen, Amen"** *Amen*

(see next page)

"Amen, Amen"

Congregation/choir

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men,

Solo

1 O see the lit-tle ba - by	ly - ing in a man-ger
2 See Je - sus in the tem - ple	talk - ing to the el - ders;
3 See Je - sus at the sea - shore	preach-ing to the peo-ple,
4 See Je - sus on the cross	bear - ing all my sins
5 Yes, Je - sus died to save us,	rose on Eas-ter morn-ing,
6 We're sing-ing Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus is my Sav - ior,

(Congregation/choir)

a - men! A - men,

on Christ - mas morn-ing.	(2 See)
how they all mar - veled!	(3 See)
heal-ing all the sick ones!	(4 See)
in bit - ter ag - o-ny!	(5 Yes,)
and lives for - ev - er!	(6 We're)
who lives for - ev - er!	

a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men!

This is one of the many spirituals that found fame during the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Its pattern of call-and-response allowed the lead singer to create new verses while those gathered sang the response of "Amen." All rights reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense # A-726041

Tune: AMEN Irr.
African-American spiritual
Arr. Nelsie T. Johnson, 1988

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Go Tell it on the Mountain"

arr. William Bliem

Buffy Larson, trumpet

Mark Spitzack, organ



Please join us as we gather in Fellowship Hall.

Notice someone missing? Reach out.

Need some support? Let us know.

We are one body in Christ.



*“Welcome to Olivet Congregational Church.
As God loves us all, without reservation or exception,
God’s house is open to all. Each of us is important no matter
who we are,
what we look like,
where we come from,
how rich or poor we are,
what our abilities are,
who we love,
what is in our past,
where we are now in our faith journey,
and all are invited into the full life and ministry
of Olivet Congregational Church.*

*As an Open and Affirming church, Olivet wants specifically to reach out to the
lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender (LGBT) community. We are called to prac-
tice a ministry of reconciliation through worship, compassion, and justice for
all who have known the pain of exclusion or discrimination.”*



The Prayer List

We pray for those who live with grief, pain, or illness and those in need of courage, wisdom, or peace. We pray for Olivet's ministries and our neighbors—both near and far, both stranger and friend. And in particular, we pray for those who have asked to be named before God:

Naeem GOREE, grandson of Jackie Manning, recovering from a neck injury and asks for prayers of healing and good health.

Pat HART, in Decatur GA, with her daughter Becky.

Layla and all foster children.

Michael and Heinz OLK, friends of the Schultz family, as they recover from serious health issues.

Bennie REICH, at Chandler Place.

For the family of Jacob WETTERLING and the safety of all missing children.

In cancer treatment and care:

Art KAEMMER.

Susan ZWICKEY and her three children. Susan is in treatment for bladder cancer.

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