

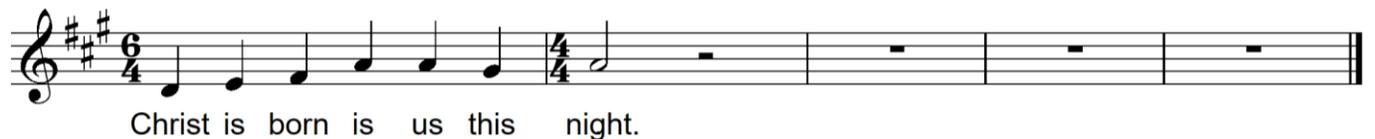
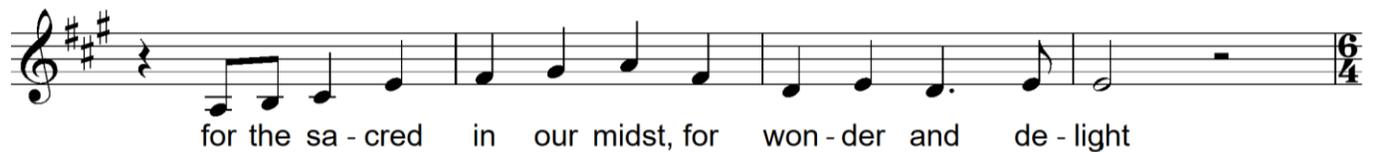


December 26, 2021  
Sunday after Christmas  
Dwelling

**Prelude** "Once In Royal David's City" arr. Lorie Line  
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**Welcome**

**Candle Lighting** "Love Comes to Us at Christmas" Amanda Udis-Kessler



## Opening Hymn "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

Refrain

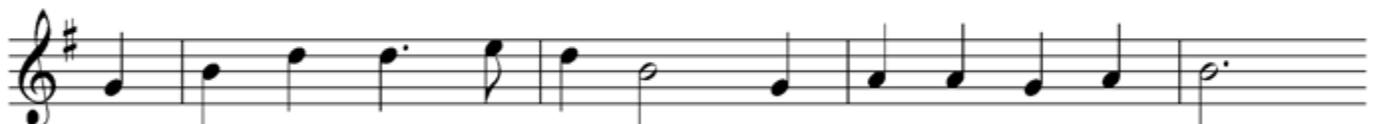


Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hill and ev - ery\_ where.

Last time, end



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



While shep - herds kept their watch - ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
The Shep - herds feared and trem - bled when lo! a - bove the earth  
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.\_\_\_\_

## Children's Time

### First reading:

Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSV)

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to [Abba God] through him.

**The Witness of Music** "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" Mark Miller  
Darcy Swanson

**Second Reading:**

Luke 2:21-40

After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to God), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Holy One, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.'

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Holy One's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Holy One, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.'

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Sermon Rev. Wendy Bruner**

## Hymn "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"



In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, for his bed a cat - tle stall;  
Flocks were sleep - ing: shep - herds keep - ing vig - il till the morn - ing new



ox - en low - ing, lit - tle know - ing Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
saw the glo - ry, heard the sto - ry, ti - dings of the Gos - pel true.



Swift are wing - ing an - gels sing - ing, no - els ring - ing, tid - ings bring - ing:  
Thus re - joic - ing, free from sor - row, prais - es voic - ing greet the mor - row:



Christ the babe is Lord of all. Christ the babe is Lord of all.  
Christ the babe was born for you. Christ the babe was born for you.

## Joys and Concerns

How shall we join God's work in the world?

## Benediction

**Postlude** "Joy to the World with Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) arr. Carol Tornquist  
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