Christmas Eve Service Friday, December 24th **Prelude**

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Because Christ has been born in the world,
People: people who walked in darkness now live in great light.
Leader: Because Christ has been born in the world,
People: the power to oppress and kill will not stand.
Leader: Because Christ has been born in the world, we respond in wonder:
People: with angels, we sing glory to God; with shepherds, we share the good news; with Mary, we ponder the words of this night, and the Word that has come into the world: Immanuel.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Hymn # 133 – O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1, 3, & 4)

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! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Scripture: Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music: Gesu Bambino

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Hymn # 121 – O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary and, gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the king, and peace to all on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive him, still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

Jake Bushong

Scripture: Luke 2:8-14

Hymn # 113 – Angels We Have Heard on High

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

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heavenly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing; come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Scripture: Luke 2:15-20

Special Music: Mary, Did You Know?

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Special Music: O Holy Night

Prayers of the People

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 # 122 – Silent Night, Holy Night

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.

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!"

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.

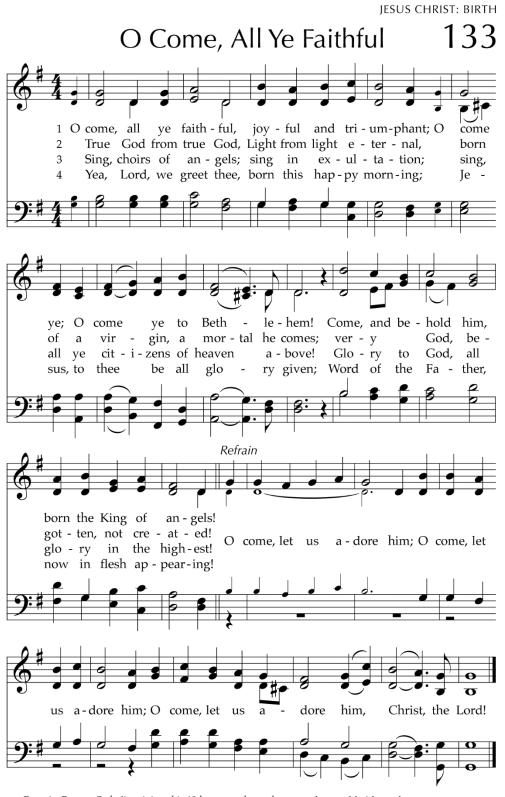
Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; with the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King: Christ the Savior is born; Christ the Savior is born.

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

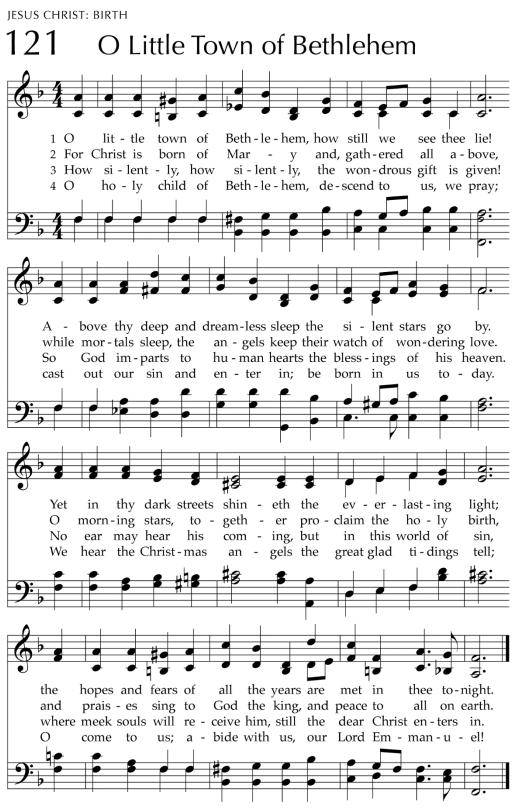
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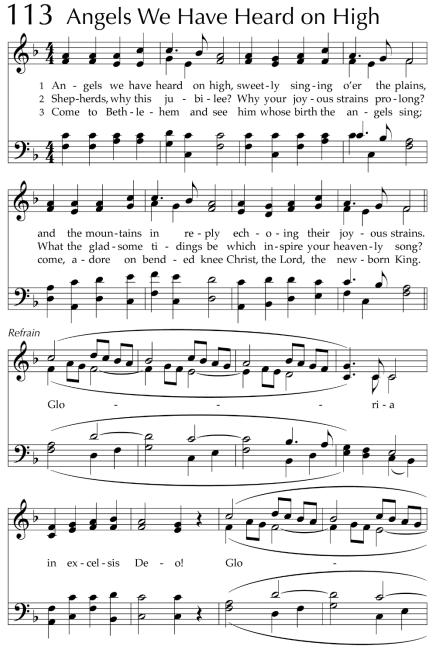
From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

TEXT: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, alt. MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906 ADESTE FIDELES Irregular



Though he was famed during his lifetime as a great preacher, no sermon Phillips Brooks ever preached has been heard or read by as many people as have sung this carol he wrote in December 1868 for the Sunday School children of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



This French carol probably dates from the 1700s, though it was not printed until the following century. Because it uses a vernacular language for the narrative stanzas and Latin for the refrain, it belongs to a special category called "macaronic" or mixed-language texts.

TEXT: French carol; trans. James Chadwick, 1860, alt.

MUSIC: French carol; art. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937 Music © 1937, ren. 1965 H. Augustine Smith Jr. (admin. Fleming H. Revell Company, a div. of Baker Publishing Group)

GLORIA 7.7.7.7 with refrain

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



IESUS CHRIST: BIRTH Silent Night, Holy Night! 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All calm, all is bright is 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake at the sight; 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son God, love's pure light of 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 glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, heaven-ly hosts sing "Al - le - lu ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face, with the dawn of re-deem - ing with the an - gels let us sing Al - le - lu ia to our ゚゚゚゚゚゚゚゚゚゚゙ mild, sleep in heav-en-ly in heav - en - ly peace. peace, sleep Christ the Sav-ior is Christ the Sav-ior is born!" born; ia: Je - sus, Lord, at thy sus, Lord, at thy birth. birth, grace, Je -King: Christ the Sav-ior is born; Christ the Sav-ior is born. **GERMAN** KOREAN 1 Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht! 고요한밤 거룩한밤 1 Alles schläft, einsam wacht 어둠에 묻힌밤 nur das traute, hochheilige Paar. 주의부모 앉아서 감사기도 드릴때 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar, schlaf in himmlischer Ruh, 아기잘도 잔다 schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! 아기잘도 잔다 **SPANISH** 1 ¡Noche de paz, noche de amor! Todo duerme en derredor, entre los astros que esparcen su luz, bella, anunciando al niñito Jesús, brilla la estrella de paz, brilla la estrella de paz.

The tradition that this carol's tune was created for guitar accompaniment at its first singing on Christmas Eve 1818 seems reliable, though a recent find shows that the text was about two years old. But there is no question that this is now a favorite Christmas carol worldwide.