

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

Traditional

English Carol

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Arr. by Sir John Stainer

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1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tie - men, Let noth - ing you dis -
2. In Beth - le - hem, in Jew - ry, This bless - ed Babe was
3. From God, our heav'n - ly Fa - ther, A bless - ed an - gel
4. The shep - herds at those ti - dings, Re - joic - ed much in

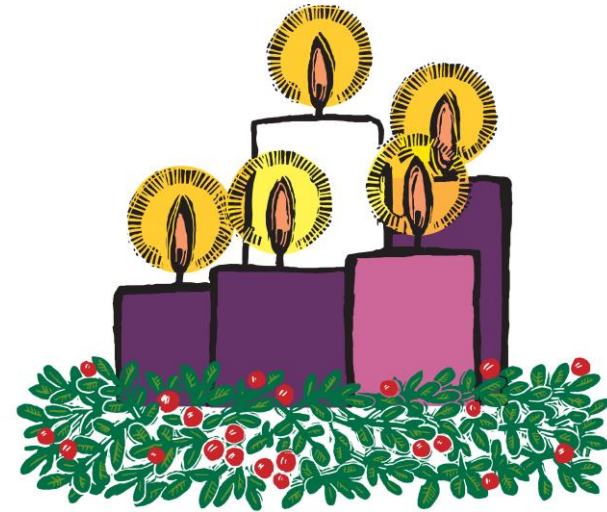
may, Re - mem - ber, Christ, our Sav - ior, Was born on Christ - mas
born, And laid with - in a man - ger Up - on this bless - ed
came, And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the
mind, And left their flocks a - feed - ing, In tem - pest, storm, and

day; To save us all from Sa - tan's pow'r, When we were gone a - stray.
morn; The which His moth - er Ma - ry Did noth - ing take in scorn.
same; How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
wind, And went to Beth - le - hem strait - way, The Son of God to find.

CHORUS

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and

joy, O ti - dings of com - fort and joy.



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2017

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Mount Joy, Pennsylvania 17552

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Welcome, one and all, to this Christmas Eve service. We gather to walk with the shepherds, to sing with the angels, to worship at the manger of the Child born as Savior of the world.

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**DECEMBER 24, 2017 - 3:00 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

(*Congregation standing, if able.)

PRELUDE "O Holy Night" Mark Hayes

GREETINGS

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord has done marvelous things! God's right hand and holy arm have gotten the victory.

People: The Lord has declared victory, and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

Leader: The Lord has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

*** HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High".....No. 238

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT AND CHRIST CANDLES

PRAYER (Unison): Epiphany

O God, you made of one blood all nations, and, by a star in the East, revealed to all peoples him whose name is Emmanuel. Enable us who know your presence with us so to proclaim his unsearchable riches that all may come to his light and bow before the brightness of his rising, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

*** HYMN** "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" (Back of bulletin)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-20

CHILDREN'S TIME

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY – Grace Dickinson, pianist "Carol of the Bells"

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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** "The First Noel" (verses 1 - 3).....No. 245

SCRIPTURE

John 1:1-14

MEDITATION - Matthew Davis

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*** SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING**

Matthew lights a candle from the Christ candle; the ushers light their candles from Matthew's candle; the ushers then light the candle of each person sitting near the end of the pew. To avoid wax dripping on the floor or pew, lighted candles should be held upright as the unlit candle is tipped when being lighted.

Lighted candles should always be held upright.

"Silent Night"- words are printed on the insert.....No. 239

"Joy to the World"- words are printed on the insert.....No. 246

*** THE BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE** "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Peggy Tolson

*(When extinguishing the individually held candles – **KEEP THEM UPRIGHT** – be careful of melted wax. There will be a box in the hallway to deposit your candles.)*



CHRISTMAS EVE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday – 10 AM to 2 PM

I will be taking a few days off this week. Please call (717-653-5683) before stopping in. If you have an emergency, please call my cell (717-413-5787). Jackie

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TO ACTIVATE GLOSSBRENNER'S PRAYER CHAIN
Please call Betty Robinson at: 717-366-4549

Greeting Card Ministry: Betty Robinson – 717-366-4549

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Kathy Binkley – 717-653-2791



Merry Christmas

WATCH NIGHT - NEW YEAR'S EVE

We will have a covered dish supper/game night on Sunday evening, December 31, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Fun for all ages...bring children, grandchildren, your favorite game and a dish to share.

January Worship – Please Join Us!

Epiphany Sunday with Communion is January 7, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2018 Offering Envelopes have been placed in the mailboxes in the narthex. If you are not on the rolls as a member, but would like to have envelopes so that you receive a statement at the end of the year that could be used for tax purposes, please see Jackie or call the church office 717-653-5683.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2018

The altar flower calendar for 2018 has been posted on the bulletin board in the Sunday school hallway. Please check the calendar for available dates and fill out a "Reservations for Altar Flowers" form and place it in the offering plate, "completed forms" envelope or call the church office at 717-653-5683. The flowers are \$50.00 for 2 vases; \$25.00 for one vase (if only one vase has been requested, the price is \$30.00 for 1 vase). If you decide to have the silk flowers arrangements instead of "real" cut flower arrangements, you may make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one which will go into the general fund.

2018 DIRECTORY

A form with the print-out of your name and address as it will appear in the 2018 Directory has been placed in your mailbox. Forms for family members who do not have a mailbox may also have been placed in your mailbox. Please LOOK OVER these carefully and list any changes and place in the yellow 2018 Directory box. Also, we are asking for cell phone numbers to keep on the church records in case the pastor needs to contact someone in an emergency or for an important issue. Cell numbers will NOT be published in the directory **unless you request it**. We include all church family in the directory – you do not have to be a member. If you were not listed in 2017 and would like to have your information in the 2018 directory, please fill out one of the forms located beside the 2018 Directory box on the mailbox counter.

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 a far,
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.

Joy to the World

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.