

Sunday, December 25, 2022 10:00 A.M. **Christmas Day**

Prelude

Hymn Sing

*Call to Worship

Leader:

Christ is Born!

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Jesus is among us!

People: Alleluia!

Leader:

Shout with Joy, give thanks and Sing!

All:

Christ is born! Alleluia! Amen.

*Hymn 147 (vv. 1-2, 6)

The First Nowell

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

The Lord's Prayer "debts . . . debtors"

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Call to Confession

*Indicates that the congregation will please rise, in body or in spirit.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Holy Incarnate God, by the light of your goodness and mercy, our failing to see your true light is clear: we have not loved you, we have not loved our neighbors, we have not loved ourselves.

Our feet have not brought good news to the poor nor have our voices defended Earth and its creatures and plants. Forgive us, blind us with your holy honesty, so that we may more clearly see your will, and walk with sure steps into the way of wholeness and peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn 581

Glory Be to the Father GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Lesson from the Psalter: Psalm 98

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*Hymn 144 (vv. 1-2, 4)

In the Bleak Midwinter

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Lesson from the Gospels: John 1:1-14

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Sermon "The Word Made Flesh"

The Reverend Dr. Ellen Clark Clémot

*Hymn 145

What Child Is This

GREENSLEEVES

*Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again: he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Call to Offering

*Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

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.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 134

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

*Benediction

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Our worship assistant is Deacon Linda Barnes.

Our ushers are Joslin Ruffle and Carolyn Smith.

Thank you to our tabulators Carolyn Smith and Rob Meyers and our processor Ann Jadro.

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THIS WEEK AT PCCT: December 26 - 31, 2022

Monday – Friday
Church Office will be closed

NEXT SUNDAY, January 1, 2022The Sacrament of Communion

10:00 am Worship 6:30 pm AA, Theos Room



BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGIATE CHORALE Thursday, January 5, 7:00 pm

One of 5 curricular choirs from the BGSU College of Musical Arts, the Collegiate Chorale is the university's flag-ship choral ensemble. The ensemble's mission is to engage audiences with authentic and conscientious performances of sophisticated and challenging music and seek to connect with listeners and each other intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. Host Families needed! Contact Matt Zabiegala.

PCCT FIRST FRIDAY CELEBRATION!

Friday, January 20, 6:00 pm at Untied Brewing Company in New Providence
Start off the New Year spending a casual evening with PCCT friends. This will be a "drop-in" event - no RSVP required. BYOF (Bring Your Own Food. Outside alcohol not permitted.) Friends are invited! For questions, contact Doug Frank dbfrank50@aol.com. The brewing company is located at 140 Spring Street Unit C in New Providence.

ANNUAL MEETING AND WINTER BREAKFAST: Sunday, January 29, 2023

Save the Date! More details to follow.

USHER CAPTAINS AND USHERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few usher team captains and more ushers for 2023. Easy instructions are provided. Please contact Gloria Newson if you are interested and if you have any questions.

Save the Date! LYRICA CONCERT: Sunday, January 8, 3:00 pm

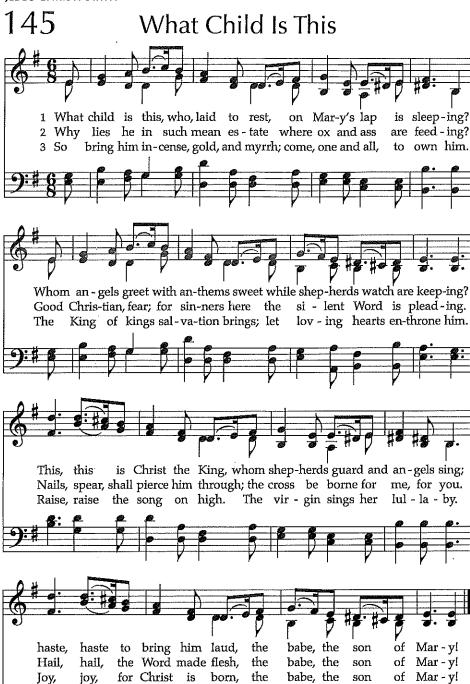


5 Then entered in those wise men three, 6 Then let us all with one accord full reverently upon their knee, and offered there in his presence their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

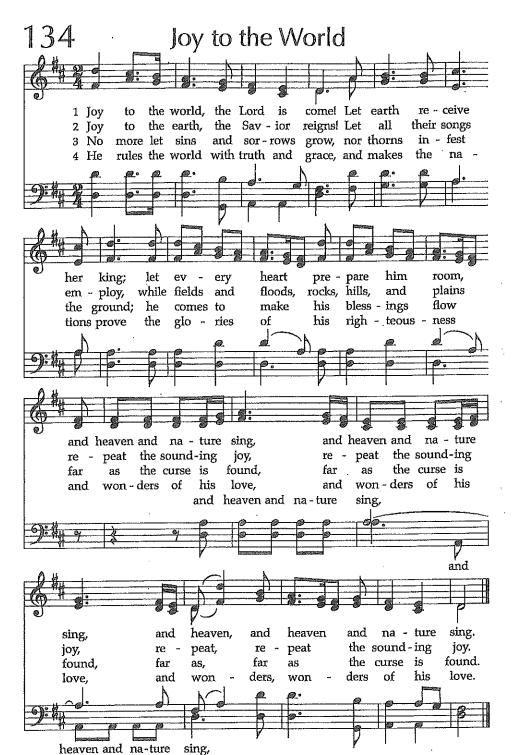
sing praises to our heavenly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought. Refrain



Though this text describes winter weather in England rather than in Palestine, the poet is using familiar surroundings as a means of making the Nativity more immediate and personal. The tune name honors a Gloucestershire village near the composer's birthplace in Cheltenham.



This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Maryl" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.



While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.