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*Christmas Eve*



**NORTH HAVEN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, December 24, 2023**

**7:00PM**

**Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols**

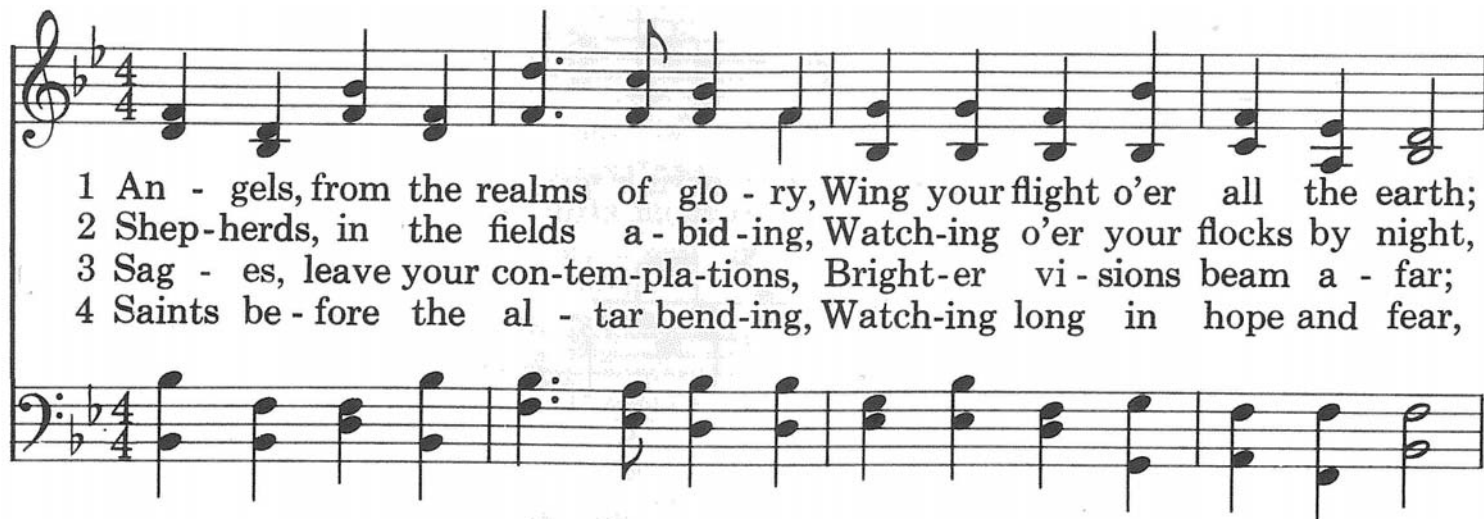
1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and ' tri - um - phant, O  
 2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
 3 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,  
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
 Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!  
 We would em - brace thee, with love and awe;  
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

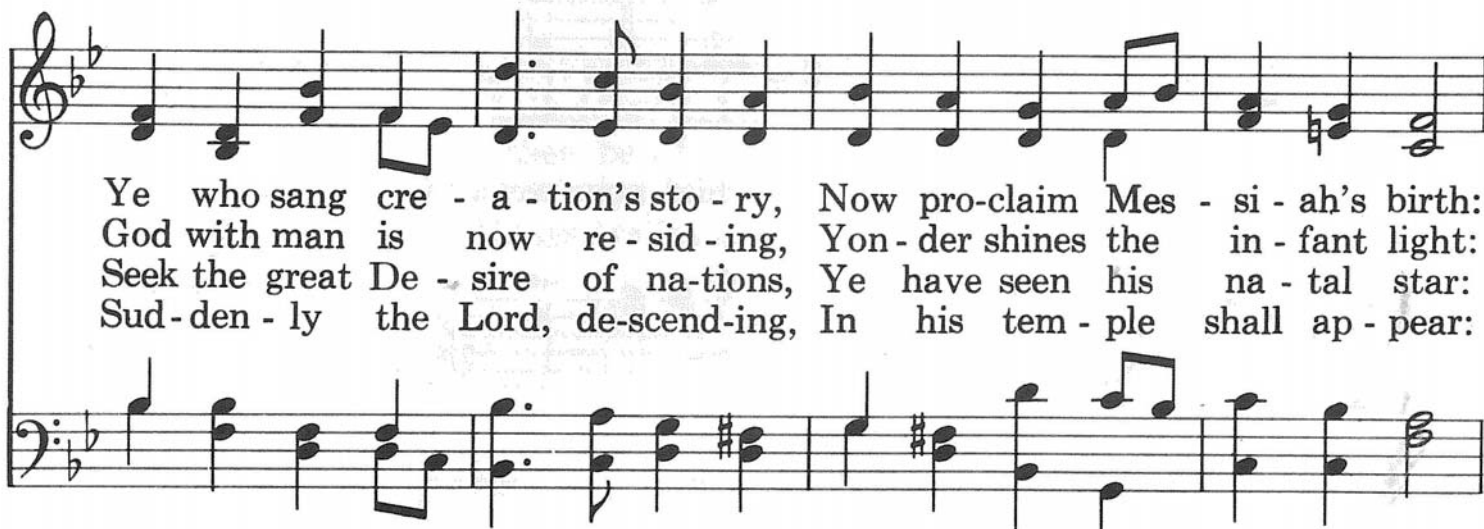
Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
 Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;  
 Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?  
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord! A-men.

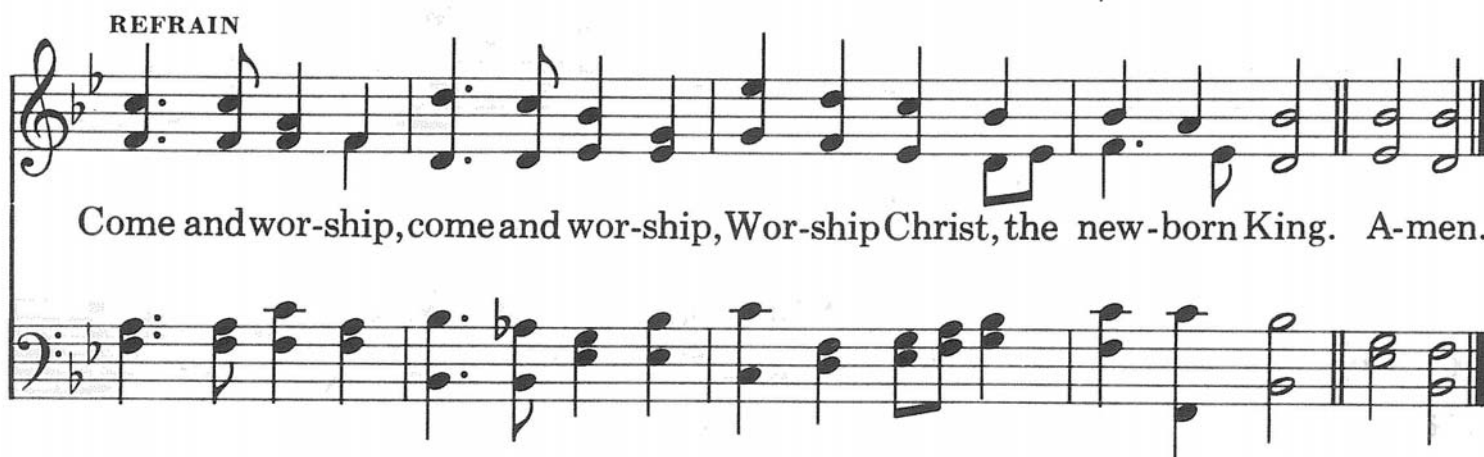


1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
 2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,  
 3 Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in hope and fear,



Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, Yon - der shines the in - fant light:  
 Seek the great De - sire of na - tions, Ye have seen his na - tal star:  
 Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, In his tem - ple shall ap - pear:

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Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King. A - men.

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY - LESSONS AND CAROLS**

**A GIFT OF MUSIC:** *Away in a Manger*

The NHCC Chime Choir

James R. Murray

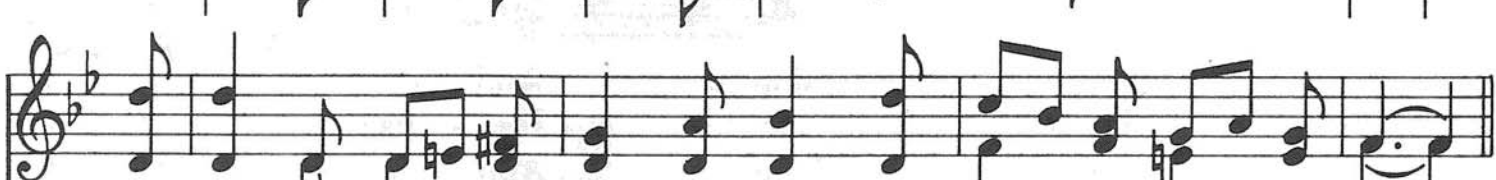
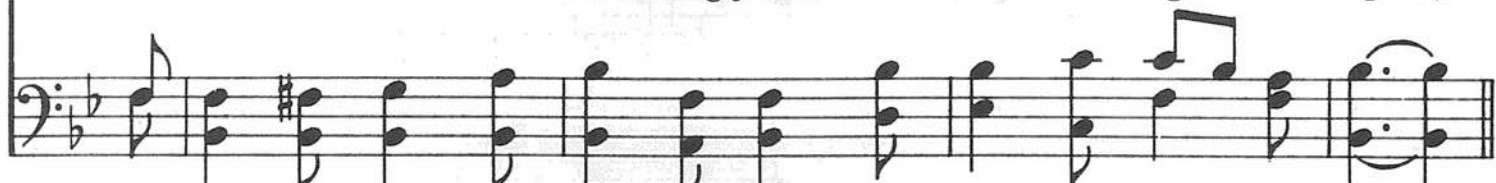
arr. Patricia Sanders



1 It came up - on the mid-night clear, That glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace-ful wings un - furled,  
 3 And ye, be - neath life's crush-ing load Whose forms are bend-ing low,  
 4 For lo, the days are hasten-ing on, By proph-et bards fore-told,



From an - gels bend-ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold;  
 And still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world;  
 Who toil a - long the climb-ing way, With pain - ful steps and slow,  
 When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Comes round the age of gold;



"Peace on the earth, good will to men, From heaven's all gra - cious King."  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hover-ing wing,  
 Look now, for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing;  
 When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol-emn still-ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.  
 And ev - er o'er its Ba - belsounds The bless-ed an - gels sing.  
 O rest be - side the wea - ry road, And hear the an - gels sing!  
 And the whole world send back the song Which now the an - gels sing. A men.



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
 2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And gath - ered all a - bove,  
 3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!  
 4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.  
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heaven.  
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;  
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
 No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,  
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad ti - dings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth.  
 Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el! A - men.

**A GIFT OF MUSIC:** *A Festive Noel*

Words and Music by Victor C. Johnson

Sung by the Chancel Choir

# Hymn: "Away in a Manger"

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*Anonymous*



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed, The lit - tle Lord  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But lit - tle Lord



Je - sus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the sky looked  
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love thee, Lord Je - sus, look



down where he lay, The lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.  
down from the sky, And stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.



1 The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say, Was to  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing  
 3 And by the light of that same star Three  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three, Full

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where  
 in the east, be - yond them far, And to the  
 wise men came from coun - try far; To seek for a  
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And there it  
 rev - erent - ly up - on their knee, And of - fered

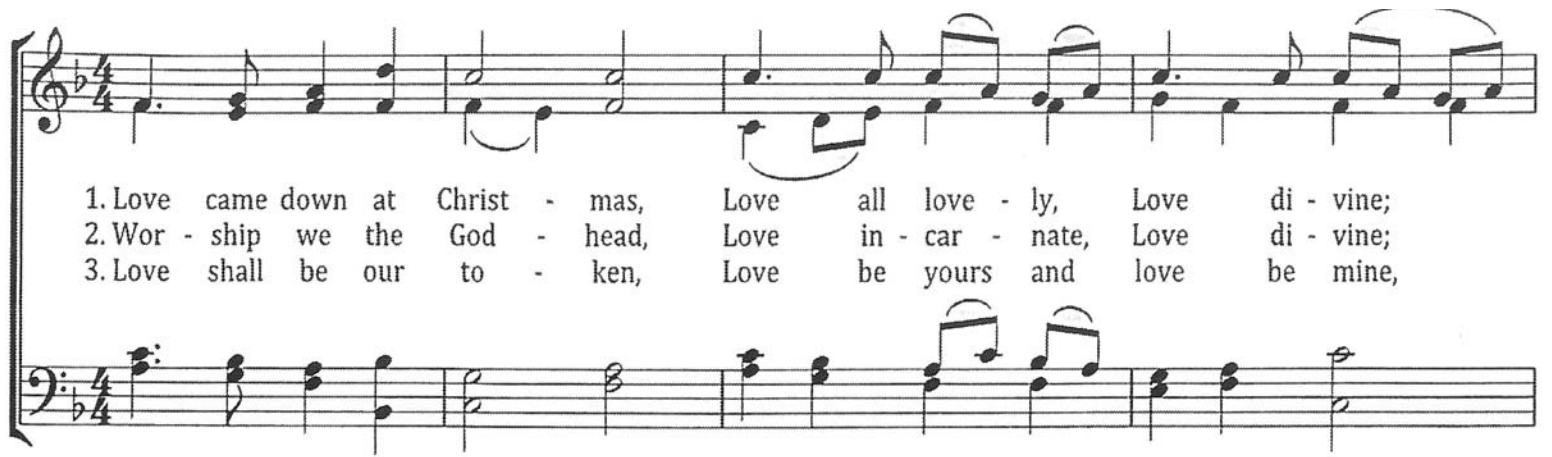
they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's  
 earth it gave great light, And so it con -  
 king was their in - tent, And to fol - low the  
 did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the  
 there, in his pres - ence, Their gold and

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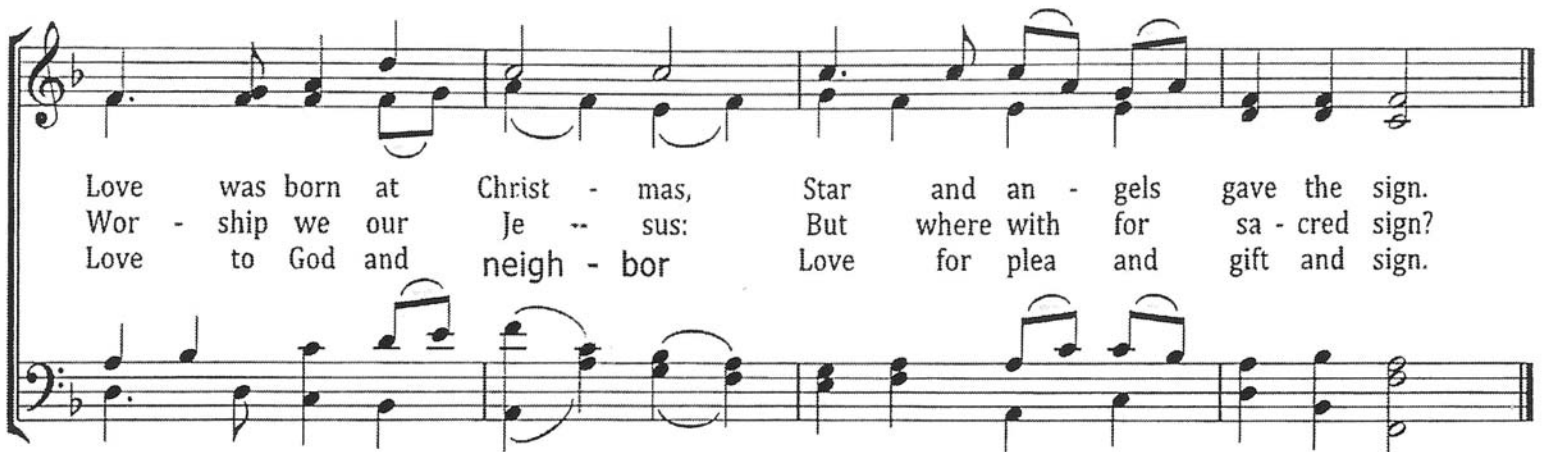
night that was so deep.  
 tin - ued both day and night.  
 star wher - ev - er it went. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now -  
 place where Je - sus lay.  
 myrrh and frank - in - cense.

ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

# Hymn: "Love Came Down at Christmas" insert



1. Love came down at Christ - mas, Love all love - ly, Love di - vine;  
2. Wor - ship we the God - head, Love in - car - nate, Love di - vine;  
3. Love shall be our to - ken, Love be yours and love be mine,



Love was born at Christ - mas, Star and an - gels gave the sign.  
Wor - ship we our Je - sus: But where with for sa - cred sign?  
Love to God and neigh - bor Love for plea and gift and sign.

**Anthem:** *Rocking Carol*  
Sung by the Chancel Choir

trad. Czeck nativity carol  
arr. Percy Dearmer



1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, All is calm, all is bright  
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Shep-herds quake at the sight,  
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God, love's pure light

Round yon vir - gin moth-er and child. Ho - ly in-fant so ten-der and mild,  
 Glo - ries stream from heav-en a - far, Heav-en-ly hosts sing al - le-lu - ia;  
 Ra - diant beams from thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace.  
 Christ, the Sav-ior, is born! Christ, the Sav-ior, is born!  
 Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: Let earth re-  
 2 Joy to the earth! the Sav - ior reigns: Let men their  
 3 He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the

ceive her King; Let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 na - tions prove The glo - ries of his right - eous - ness,

And heaven and na - ture sing, And heaven and na - ture  
 Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing  
 And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his

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 And won - ders of his love, And

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 love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love. A - men.

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