

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WINTER PARK



*God is still speaking,*

*"a traditional and nurturing church celebrating God's grace  
through reason, education,  
diversity, inclusion, and social justice"*

*We are an Open and Affirming Church*

DECEMBER 29, 2024

*Masking is welcomed, but not required.*

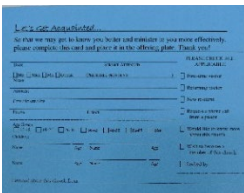
# WELCOME

*This is the day that the Lord has made!  
Let us rejoice because we are glad to be here!*



Sign the red attendance pad that is located in the pew seat near the center aisle and pass it to the next person.

We want to know that you were here!



Visitors may complete a “Let’s Get Acquainted” card, located in the pew racks, and place the card in the offering plate.

We are here to answer your questions!



SILENCE your technology but still “check-in” and use social media and share our website and portions of our worship that inspire you!



Continue to help us reduce our carbon footprint. If you are not receiving the bulletin via email, and would like to, please contact the church office – 407-647-2416. The bulletin can also be found on our website, [fccwp.org](http://fccwp.org). Go to the tab labeled “Bulletin” and locate the appropriate pdf file.



*Continue to open up your ‘What’s Happening’ newsletter emails to keep up-to-date on all of the weekly and monthly events. Or visit our website at [www.fccwp.org](http://www.fccwp.org). There is a lot happening in the life of this church and you do not want to miss a thing!*



If you have a **prayer need or a joy to share**, please fill out the white prayer request card located in the pew pockets and drop it in the collection plate. We will place your prayer need on our confidential prayer chain. If you wish to have a joy or a need announced in church, permission must be given by calling the church office.



Kindly silence all cell phones during worship

\* All who are able to do so comfortably, please stand

*Preparing to Hear God's Word*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

Dr. Phil Toal

**INTROIT**

"It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas" Soloist, Sebie Sanchez

*Meredith Willson*

*Please refrain from applauding*

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Dr. Toal

**People: "Salvation, redemption, and liberation come from above and dwell among us."**

\* **OPENING HYMN**

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Insert

\* **OPENING PRAYER**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*All children please come forward for Young Church.*

**YOUNG CHURCH**

Kerry Weisner

***"The Lord's Prayer or Prayer of Our Savior"***

*Age four years through kindergarten may leave for Sunday school in the LIBRARY.*

*Grades 1-5 and 6-12 may leave for Sunday school in the UPSTAIRS Fellowship Hall.*

*Childcare for infants through 3 years old is available in the PARLOR located at the back of Fellowship Hall.*

*Please check your child out with the teacher. Children are only released to the parent.*

\*\* **SONG OF SUPPORT**

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,*

*All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,*

*God made their glowing colors and made their tiny wings.*

**HEBREW**

Psalm 148

Dr. Toal

**Minister:** This is the Word of God.

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

Soloists, Sebie Sanchez  
and Kate Reilly

*arr. Kate Reilly*

*Please refrain from applauding*

GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52

Dr. Phil Toal

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Dr. Toal

**Carols**

Insert

- #116 Angels We Have Heard on High (verses 1 and 3)
- #120 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (verses 1 and 3)
- #122 God Rest You Merry, Gentleman (verses 1 and 4)
- #137 Away in a Manger (verses 1 and 2)
- #134 O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1-4)

*Responding to God's Word*

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Dr. Toal

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Love is Christmas"  
 Sara Bareilles  
 Please refrain from applauding

Soloist, Kate Reilly

\*Doxology (Old Hundredth)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
 Praise God all creatures here below,  
 Praise God for all that love has done,  
 Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dr. Toal

\*CLOSING HYMN

"The First Nowell" Verse 1

Insert

\*BENEDICTION

Dr. Toal

**NOTICE**

**TOWN HALL MEETING:** January 19, 2025  
 Immediately following worship  
 Introduction to the proposed 2024 budget  
 This is an informational meeting only. *No voting.*

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** January 26, 2025  
 Immediately following worship  
 Presentation of the budgets, capital expenditures, board nominations, etc.  
 This is a voting meeting. **Members only.**

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

Latin: John F. Wade, 1711-1786  
Tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, and others

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular  
John F. Wade's "Cantus Diversi," 1751

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.

# Angels We Have Heard on High

Traditional French Carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7. with Refrain  
French Carol Melody

1 An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
 Say what may the ti - dings be, Which in - spire your heaven - ly song.  
 Come a - dore on bend - ed knee, Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

**REFRAIN**

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.D. with Refrain  
Felix Mendelssohn, 1800-1847  
Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915

1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of right-eous-ness!

Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"  
Late in time be - hold him come, Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
Light and life to all he brings, Risen with heal - ing in his wings,

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,

With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"  
Pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.  
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.

## REFRAIN

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King!" A-men.

English Carol, 18th century

GOD REST YOU MERRY. Irregular with Refrain  
English Melody, 18th century

1 God rest you mer-ry, gen-tle-men, Let noth-ing you dis-may,  
2 From God, our heav-en-ly Fa-ther, A bless-ed an-gel came;  
3 "Fear not, then," said the an-gel, "Let noth-ing you af-fright;  
4 Now to the Lord sing prais-es, All you with-in this place,

Re-mem-ber Christ, our Sav-ior, Was born on Christ-mas Day,  
And un-to cer-tain shep-herds Brought ti-dings of the same:  
This day is born a Sav-ior, Of a pure vir-gin bright,  
And with true love and broth-er-hood Each oth-er now em-brace;

To save us all from Sa-tan's power When we were gone a-stray.  
How that in Beth-le-hem was born The Son of God by name.  
To free all those who trust in him From Sa-tan's power and might."  
This ho-ly tide of Christ-mas Doth bring re-deem-ing grace.

REFRAIN

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

O ti-dings of com-fort and joy!

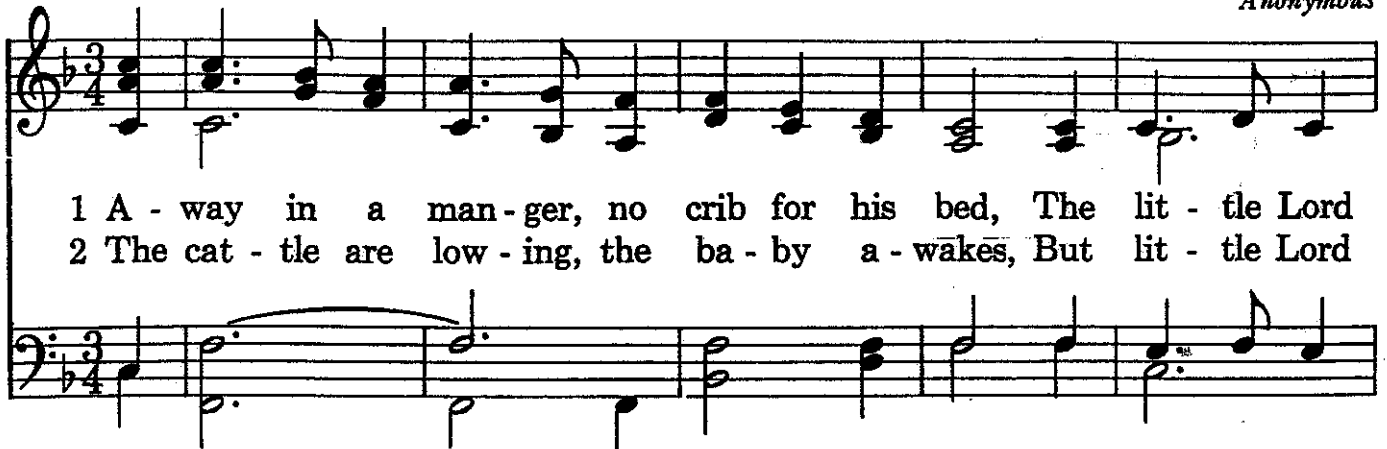


# Away in a Manger

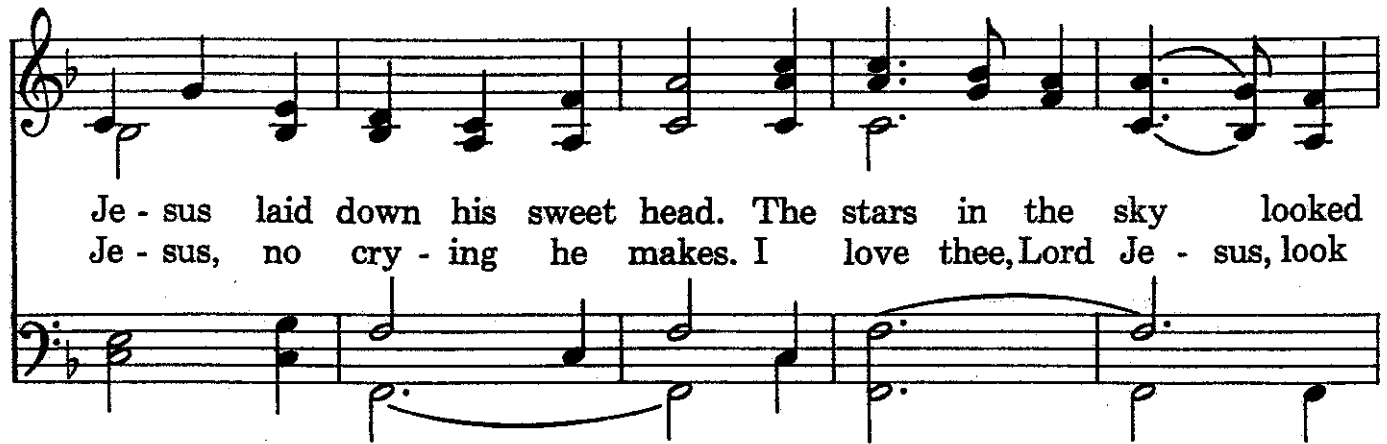
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AWAY IN A MANGER 11.11.11.11.

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.

*Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893*ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6.  
*Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908*


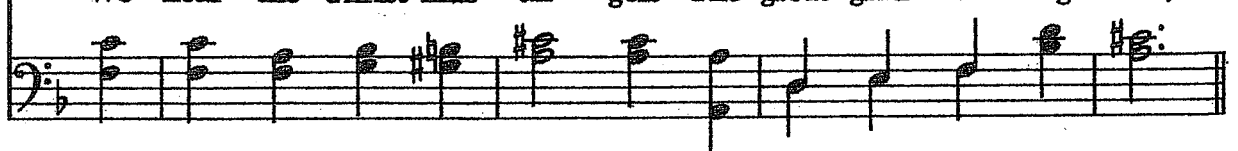

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, And gath - ered all a - bove,  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!  
4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray;

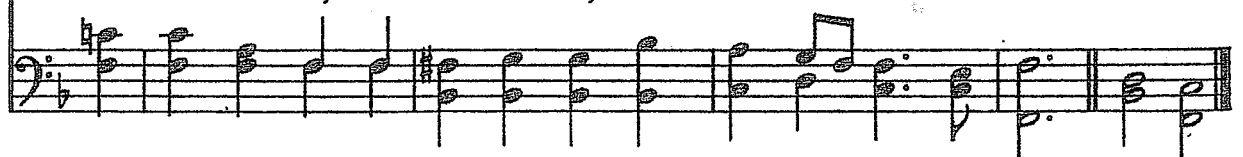
A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.  
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his heaven.  
Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.

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.



## The First Nowell

Traditional English Carol

THE FIRST NOWELL Irregular with Refrain  
Traditional English Melody

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

REFRAIN

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.

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## ☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

Wednesday December 24 through Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup>  
Church Office Closed

Sunday January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Decoration Take Down  
After Worship

Sunday January 19<sup>th</sup> after Worship  
Town Hall (Budget Review) Meeting

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