

**Morning Worship**  
**December 27, 2009**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas**  
**Lessons & Carols**

**Coming Together in Christ**

10:55 AM: MEDITATION: (Please pause in quiet preparation for worship.)

11:00 AM: CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Greensleeves"* Richard Purvis

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 63:5, 8

Leader: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

**People: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(The children are invited to come forward for worship bags.)

\* THE HYMN OF PRAISE 49 *Once in Royal David's City* "Irby"

THE PRAYER OF APPROACH

SILENCE

AMEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(together)*

**Choosing God. Choosing to let your child be born into poverty and of doubtful parentage. Choosing an occupied country with unstable rulers. Choosing the risk of him dying in a dirty stable and a long journey by a pregnant teenager. Choosing to let him grow up poor, and in danger, and misunderstood by those who love him. Choosing God, we doubt the wisdom of your choices then, and we doubt them now, while the rich are still full and it is the poor who get sent empty away. Help us, lest we, in our anger and ignorance, choose to walk another way.** *—Ruth Burgess*

THE DECLARATION OF PARDON

ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Hearing God's Word

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15

\* HYMN #5 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* "Picardy"

SECOND LESSON: Genesis 22:15-18

\* HYMN #25 *Away in a Manger* "Mueller"

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

\* Hymn #36 *In the Bleak Midwinter* "Cranham"

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

\* HYMN #30 *Born in the Night, Mary's Child* "Mary's Child"

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 1:26-35, 38

\* HYMN #38 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* "Carol"

SIXTH LESSON: Matthew 1:18-23

\* HYMN *In a byre (barn) near Bethlehem* (see insert)

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-16

\* HYMN #23 *Angels We Have Heard On High* "Gloria"

EIGHTH LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11

\* HYMN #31

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

“Mendelssohn

## **Our Response to God’s Love**

WORSHIPPING THE LORD THROUGH OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

*In Dulci Jubilo*

arr. Johann Michael Bach

\* THE DOXOLOGY

vs. 6, The First Nowell

**Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord.  
That hath made heaven and earth of nought. And with His blood our life hath bought.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.**

\* OFFERTORY PRAYER

NINTH LESSON:

John 1:1-14

\* THE HYMN OF PARTING #40

*Joy to the World*

“Antioch”

\* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

(Please greet one another in the peace of Christ.)

\* SUNG BENEDICTION

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

“Veni Emmanuel”

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.** (repeat)

\* POSTLUDE

*Postlude on “Antioch”*

G. S. Handel

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\* Those who wish to do so are invited to stand



## What's Happening This Week:

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER (27)

11:00 AM      Worship Service, 1<sup>ST</sup> Sunday After Christmas  
On the Air WCBC

### MONDAY, DECEMBER (28)

Church Office Closed  
NO Learning Tree Preschool

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER (29)

Church Office Closed  
NO Learning Tree Preschool

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER (30)

Church Office Closed  
NO Learning Tree Preschool

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER (31)

#### End of Year Accounting

Church Office Closed  
NO Learning Tree Preschool

### FRIDAY, JANUARY (1)

#### New Year's Day

Church Office Closed  
NO Learning Tree Preschool

### SUNDAY, JANUARY (3)

11:00 AM      Worship Service, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas  
Cents-Ability Collected, On the Air WCBC

### SUNDAY, JANUARY (10)

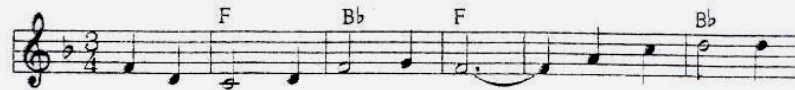
9:00 AM      Children's Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 AM      Sunday School for All Ages  
10:15 AM      Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal  
11:00 AM      Worship Service, Baptism of the Lord Sunday  
On the Air WCBC

**THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day.** It will reopen on **Monday, January 4.** In case of emergency, you may reach John Dillon at 240-362-6108.

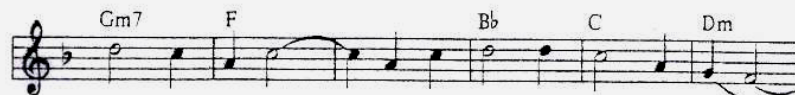
# IN A BYRE NEAR BETHLEHEM

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

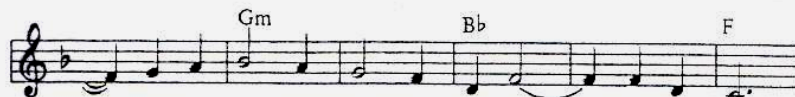
Irish traditional melody



1. In a byre near Beth - le - hem, — passed by ma - ny a



wan - dering stran - ger, — the most pre - cious Word of Life —



— was heard gurg - ling in a man - ger — for the good



of us all. — And he's here when we call him, —



— bring - ing health, love and laugh - ter — to life now and



ev - er af - ter — for the good of us all. —

2. By the Galilean Lake  
where the people flocked for teaching  
the most precious Word of Life  
fed their mouths as well as preaching  
for the good of us all. REFRAIN

4. In a byre near Bethlehem  
passed by many a wandering stranger,  
the most precious Word of Life  
was heard gurgling in a manger  
for the good of us all. REFRAIN

3. Quiet was Gethsemane,  
camouflaging priest and soldier;  
the most precious Word of Life  
took the world's weight on his shoulder  
for the good of us all. REFRAIN