

JANUARY 6, 2022

WELCOME

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!
If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.
If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.
If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.
If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,
Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

Again welcome ...

PRE-SERVICE

Greensleeves

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The Holly and the Ivy

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Sing We Now of Christmas/God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen

Adams/One License/MR

O Holy Night

Arr. Hayes/ One License/MR

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin. Please note that all congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Carol of the Bells

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EPIPHANY DIALOGUE

We stand and face the baptismal font.

We give thanks on this holy day, adorned with epiphanies:
for the star that led the magi to the manger,
that the nations may see the light of Christ;

for the water turned to wine at Cana's wedding,
that the people taste the goodness of the Lord;

for the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Jordan,
that the Christ would save us all.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of goodness and loving kindness,
***we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors.***

***We have turned away from your invitation to new life.
We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.
In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,
those we know and those known only to you,
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.***

Hear the good news of peace and salvation!
 God forgives us all our sins,
 not through our own work,
 but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people.
 With all who come to the manger,
 rejoice in this amazing gift of grace. *Amen.*

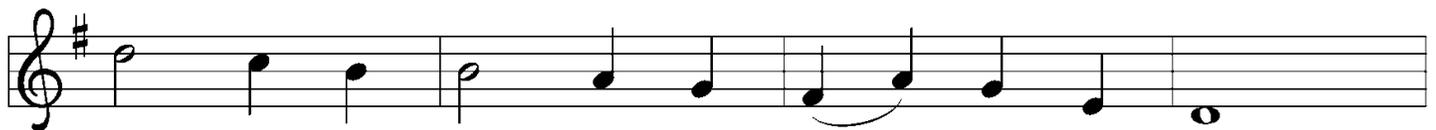
HYMN

Brightest and Best of the Stars

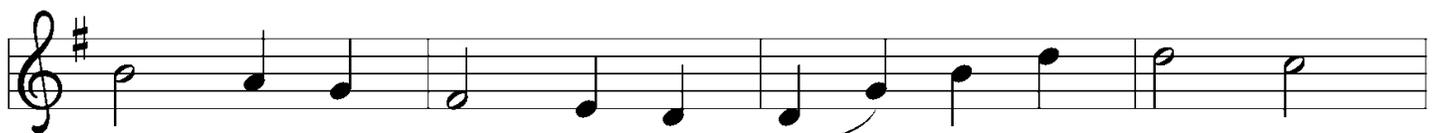
Herber, Harding/PUBLIC DOMAIN



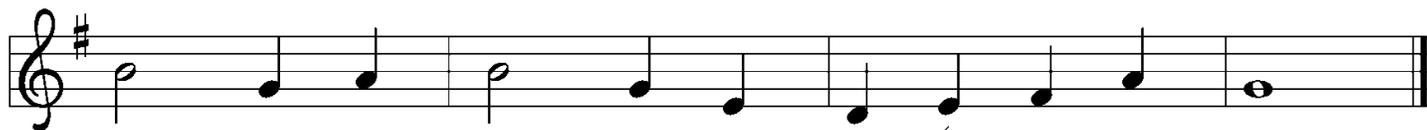
1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
 5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



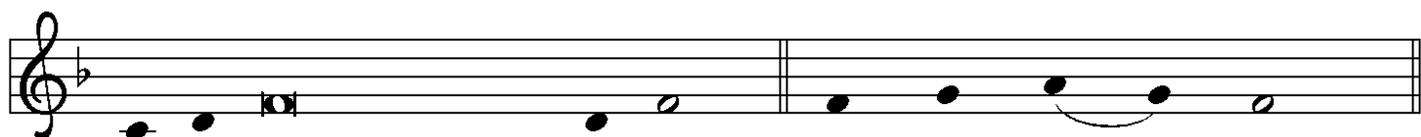
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

GREETING

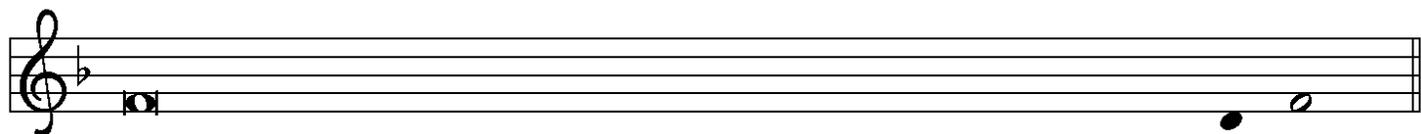
God who sent the Light into our world, God who shone in the Bethlehem manger, God who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all. *And also with you.*

KYRIE

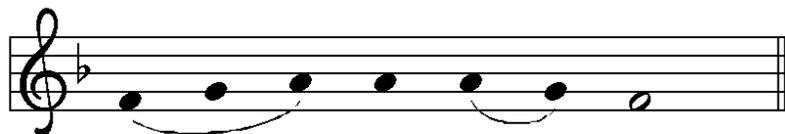
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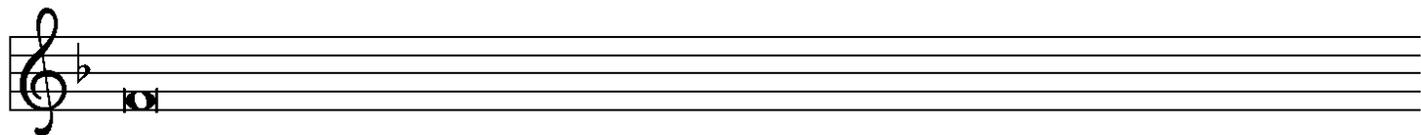
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



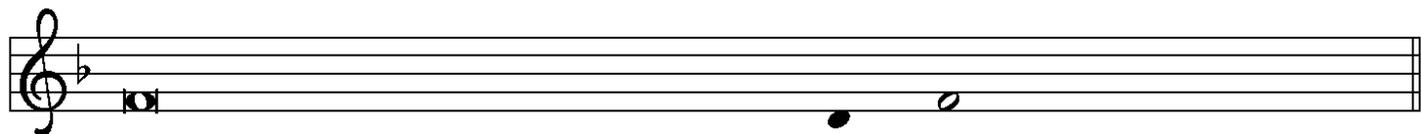
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



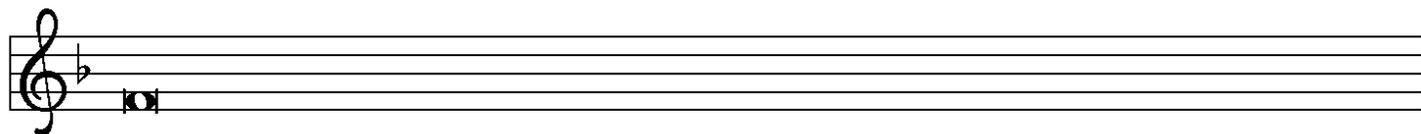
Lord, have mer - cy.



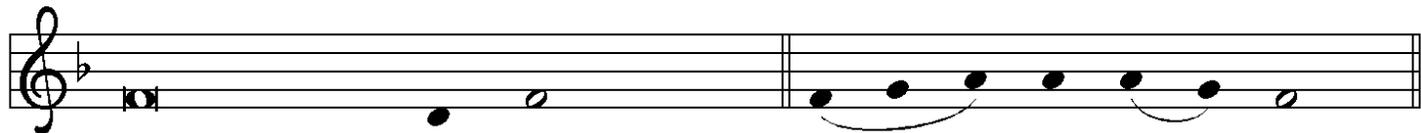
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



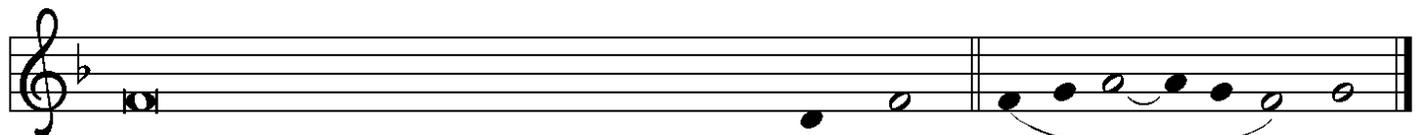
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

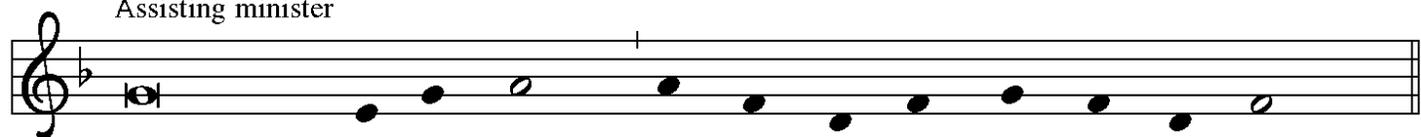


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

GLORIA

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Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried
on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

A reading from Ephesians.

¹This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by

revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 2nd chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.*

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then

he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

EPIPHANY MESSAGE

One Small Child

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Come Follow That Star

Besig/One License #32848

His Light Still Shines

McDonald/One License #1143013

Let Us Be Your Light

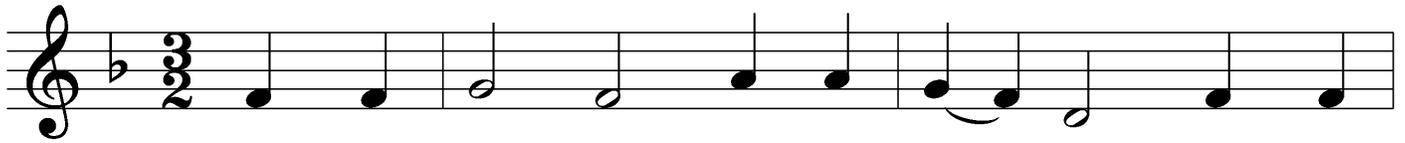
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HYMN

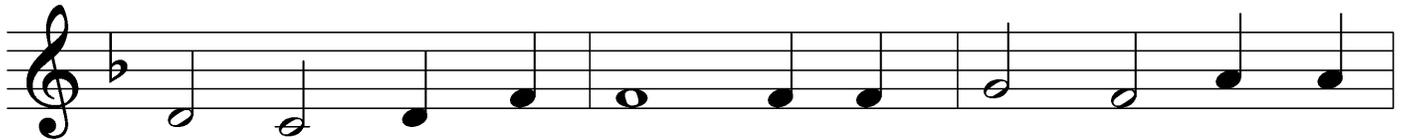
Epiphany Carol

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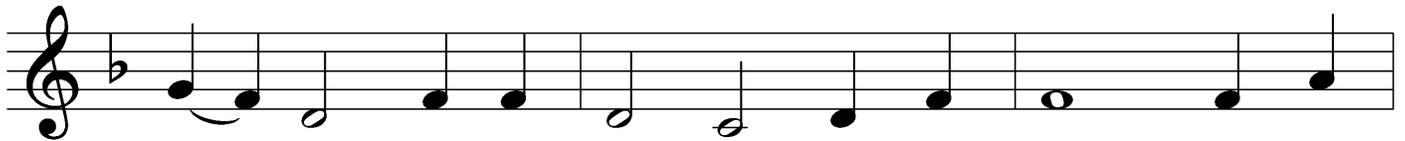
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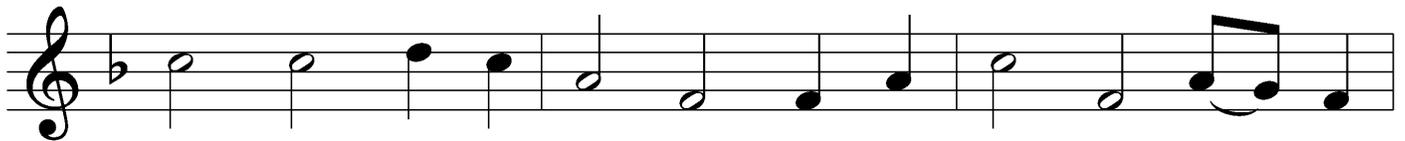
1. Ev - 'ry na - tion sees the glo - ry of a
2. Ev - 'ry tongue shall sing the prais - es of his
3. Once a - gain may we dis - cov - er Word made
4. Gath - er, God, the world to - geth - er in the



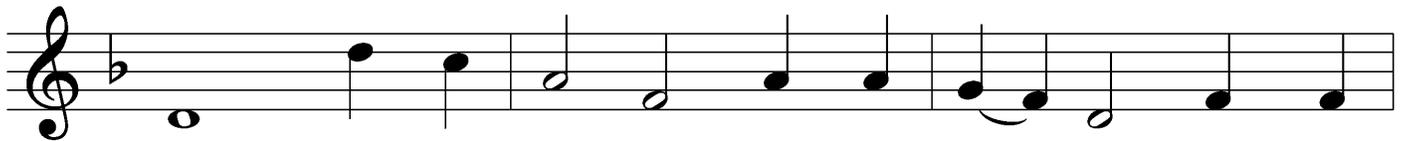
star that pierced the night. As we tell the won-drous
birth in deep - est night. He is heal - ing for the
flesh sent from a - bove In our neigh - bor, sis - ter,
bright-ness of your day. Fill our hearts with joy for -



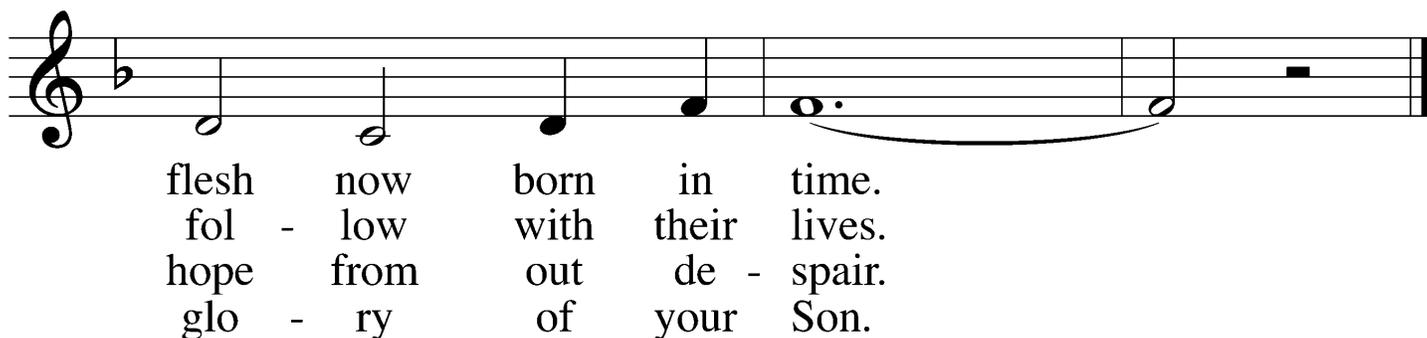
sto - ry we are bathed in ra - diant light. Star sent
a - ges; he is Christ, our God's de - light. He pro -
broth - er, in the lone - ly and un - loved. May we
ev - er; help us walk the ho - ly way. May your



forth from high-est heav - en, danc - ing light of God's de -
claims with - in his be - ing all our hopes, our great de -
touch him, may we hold him, may we cra - dle him with
jus - tice rule the na - tions; may all peo - ple live as



sign, Shine up - on the gift that's giv - en: Word made
sires. He shall die to rise re - deem - ing all who
care As we learn to love each oth - er, bring - ing
one. Now we see our true sal - va - tion in the



APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the 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.***

We sit.

THE MEAL

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.com and click on "On-line Giving." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

Christmas Hallelujah

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We stand.

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

Gracious God,

*you came to us as one unknown,
bringing joy and salvation to the earth.*

*Nourish us at your banquet table,
that with all who welcome your birth
we may proclaim your peace,
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

THE SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord's Prayer

Malotte/Reported to Hal Leonard

HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

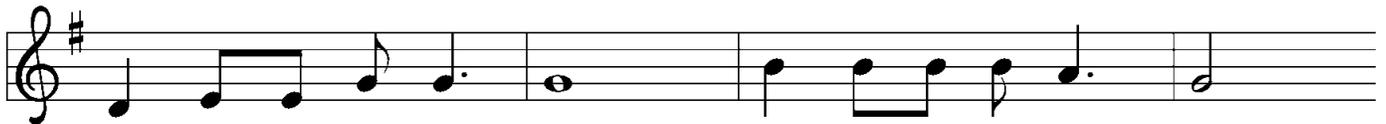
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1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

DISMISSAL

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

We have gathered and have been fed.

We are now sent to make a difference in the world. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of those who shine their lights for all to see and follow. Let your light shine! It's an honor to carry the light together with you, Pastor Gina.

#WeAreMtHermon

***Following the light of Christ
to make a difference in the world.***



Does it sometimes seem confusing?

What do Lutherans believe?

5 session class

Wednesday nights ~ Fellowship Hall

6:00 coffee and discussion

January 12 through February 9

**OneBody in Christ at
12:05**

Beginning January 12th on the second and fourth Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall. This 30-minute worship service will include Word and Holy Communion.

If someone would like to coordinate food (covered dish meals), please speak to Pastor Gina.

Worship Service:
2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 12:05 Fellowship Hall

One Body



in Christ

*so we, who are many, are one body in Christ,
and individually we are members one of another. Romans 12:05*

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Continual Prayers

Patricia Bachman, *Generations*

Alberta Berry, *home*

Hazel Bockus, *Springdale Home*

Lyle Bockus, *Springdale Home*

Nell Buff, *NHC*

Gennar Kiser, *home*

June Roof, *Rapha*

Tom Roof, *home*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Clifton Addy

James Hallman

Becky Ellisor

Angie Hydrick

Jean Shealy

Jimmy Maddox

Jerry Price III

Jane Sexton

Cyndi Thurman

Linda Waters-Hamilton

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Grayson Dykes, *friend of Angie Hydrick*

Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*

David Hydrick, *family of Angie Hydrick*

Charlotte & Paul Nelson, *friends of Herb Bucknam*

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*

Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*

Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

Gary & Linda Hodgins, *friends of Herb Bucknam*

Don Freeman, *friend of Marion & Cyndi Leaphart*

Jessica Drigger's mother, *friend of Denise Thurman*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Dr. Kay Moore, *friend and co-worker of Cyndi Leaphart*

Thomas McDonald, *son-in-law of Joel and Cindy Price*

Cindy Maples, *mother of Jennifer Miller*

Carter Miller, *great-grandson of Mary and Wynne Price*

Lewis Turner, *friend of Jo Leach*

Emma Hunt, *grandmother of Laura Carroll*

Beth Ellsworth, *friend of Kenny Bouknight*

Charlie & Henry King, *grandsons of Francis & Joanne Eargle*

David Gosnell, *friend of Allison Swygert*

Michelle Gross, *friend of Regan Anthony*

Shirley Duenka, *friend of Sheila Starkey*

Grayson Crout, *friend of Sheila Starkey*



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Annette Price, <i>Financial Secretary</i>	Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, <i>Sextons</i>

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Saturday, January 8th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Frankie & Melanie Jackson)

Sunday, January 9th

9:00 am Sunday Worship
10:15 am Cherub Tonechimes
10:30 am Sunday School