

Epiphany
Monday
January 6, 2025



Seek Him



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 ...

WELCOME & 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.

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.

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.

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.



WE ARE PART OF GOD'S CREATION

Lesson: Genesis 2:4-9

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

As we remember everything we know is from God, we give thanks for creation.

CAROL

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Prudentius/Public Domain

1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, when the vir - gin,
gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

FROM CREATION TO A LEADER

Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-6

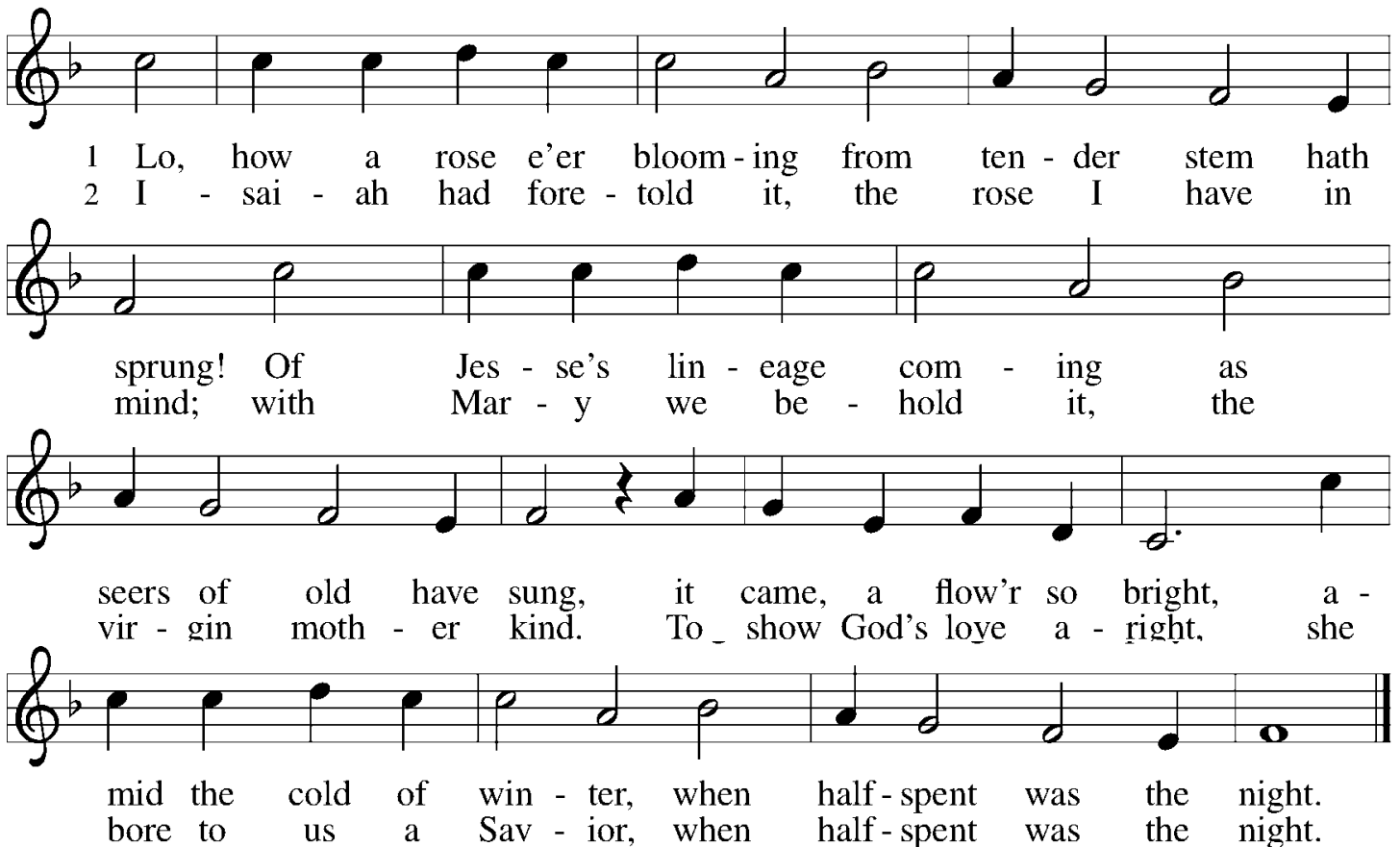
The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

Today we still pray for leaders with wisdom and compassion. Yet even as we pray, the garden of God's creation continues to bloom.

CAROL

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Baker/Public Domain



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom - ing from ten - der stem hath
2 I - sai - ah had fore - told it, the rose I have in
sprung! Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as
mind; with Mar - y we be - hold it, the
seers of old have sung, it came, a flow'r so bright, a -
vir - gin moth - er kind. To show God's love a - right, she
mid the cold of win - ter, when half - spent was the night.
bore to us a Sav - ior, when half - spent was the night.

THE HOPE OF NEWNESS

LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

In celebration of the blessing of God's new covenant with us,
flowing as far as the curse of sin is found,

CAROL

Joy to the World

Watts/OneLicense #84028

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound-ing joy, re - peat the sound-ing
sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.

HOPE IS NEAR

LESSON: Matthew 1:18-24

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

We rejoice with Joseph and Mary and all the angels.

CAROL

Angels We Have Heard on High

French Carol/Public Domain



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 - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - 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.

IT'S A BOY! JESUS!

Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

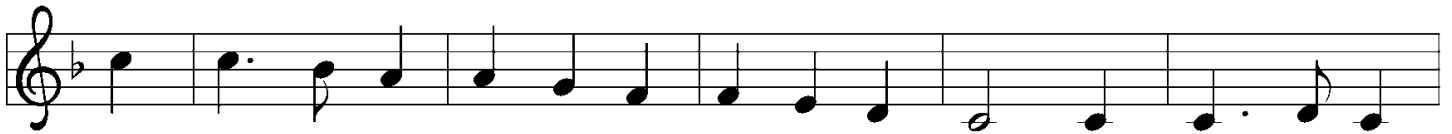
The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

With all of God's power and majesty, still, Jesus Christ came to us as one of us, a helpless infant in the humblest of surroundings, laid to rest in a manger.

CAROL

Away in a Manger

Murray/Public Domain



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
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay close by me for -



Je - sus laid down his sweet head; the stars in the bright sky looked
Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes. I love you, Lord Je - sus; look
ev - er and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear chil - dren in



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.
your ten - der care and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

NOW WE KNOW

LESSON: Matthew 2:1-11

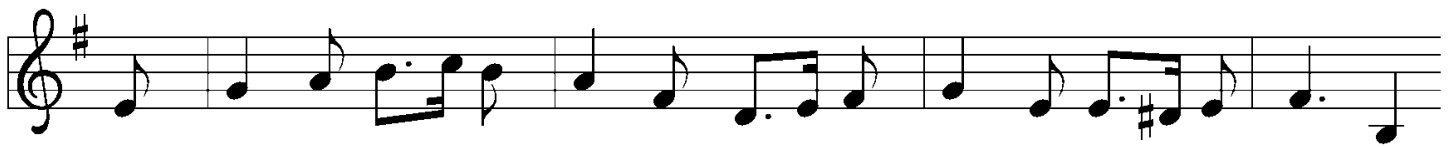
The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

We join the wise men in their wonder and astonishment.

CAROL

What Child is This

Dix/Public Domain



2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas - ant, king, to own him.



Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!

SO, WE GO AND TELL

Lesson: Luke 2:8-20

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

As we rejoice with the shepherds, we also take on their role, telling everyone we meet of God's presence with us.

CAROL

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Work, African American spiritual/Public Domain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless-ed Christ-mas morn.

WE HAVE SEEN THE LIGHT

Hear the good news of the psalmist's proclamation:

*If I say, "Surely the darkness will overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"*

Even the darkness is not dark to God,
and the night is as bright as the day.

*The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us
HAS come to us in Jesus Christ*

who binds up the brokenhearted.

heals all our infirmities,
and relieves our burden of sin.

So arise, shine; for your light has come,
And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Thanks be to God!



WeAreMtHermon

www.WeAreMtHermon.com

3011 Leaphart Road

West Columbia, SC 29169

803.794.6430 / 803.240.3143 cell/text

Rev. Gina D. Metze, *Pastor*

803.951.3784

PastorGina@WeAreMtHermon.com

Svetlana Royal, *Director of Music*

Music@WeAreMtHermon.com

Roberta Smith, *Administrative Asst*

803.240.3143 cell

Office@WeAreMtHermon.com

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Terry Swygert, *President*

Ronnie Fulmer, Vice President

Sheila Eargle, *Secretary*

Frank Bouknight, Treasurer

Annette Price/Karen Nicholson, *Financial Secretary*

Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, Sextons

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Monday, January 6th

7:00 pm Epiphany Service

Tuesday, January 7th

6:00 pm GR: Grief Group

Wednesday, January 8th

Meals on Wheels: Earl & Mary Frances

9:00 am Food Pantry (Ann Addy, Ann Bouknight, Sharon O'Keefe)

12:05 pm FH: OneBody Worship

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 11th

9:00 am Food Pantry (Koon Family)

6:00 pm HeBrews Supper Club

Sunday, January 12th

9:00 am Worship

10:15 am Children's Choir

10:30 am Sunday School