

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 28, 2025

*Masking is welcomed but not required.*

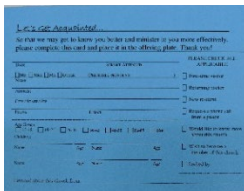
# WELCOME

***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. Phillip Toal

INTROIT

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"  
*Arr. Matthew Walker*

✱ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Toal

**People: "Praise God all people, all nations, all generations! Praise the Holy  
One who forms and shapes us!"**

✱ OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

✱ 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"***

*Children and Youth will stay in church today*

*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

Isaiah 63:7-9

Dr. Toal

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Dr. Toal

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Responding to God's Word*

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Dr. Toal

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"  
*arr. Matthew Walker and Ashle Duve*

✧ 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

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

✧ BENEDICTION

Dr. Toal



**In Celebration:** The flowers are given with love by Debbie Graves in honor of Linda Peters as we celebrate her birthday today with family.

**NOTICE****TOWN HALL MEETING:** January 18, 2025

Immediately following worship

Introduction to the proposed 2026 budget

This is an informational meeting only. *No voting.***ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** January 25, 2025

Immediately following worship

Presentation of the budgets, capital expenditures, board nominations, etc.

This is a voting meeting. **Members only.**

## Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

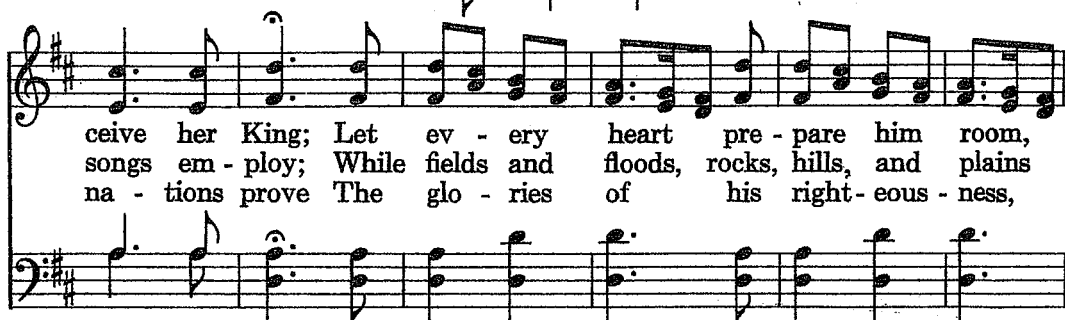
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Attr. to Georg F. Handel, 1685-1759

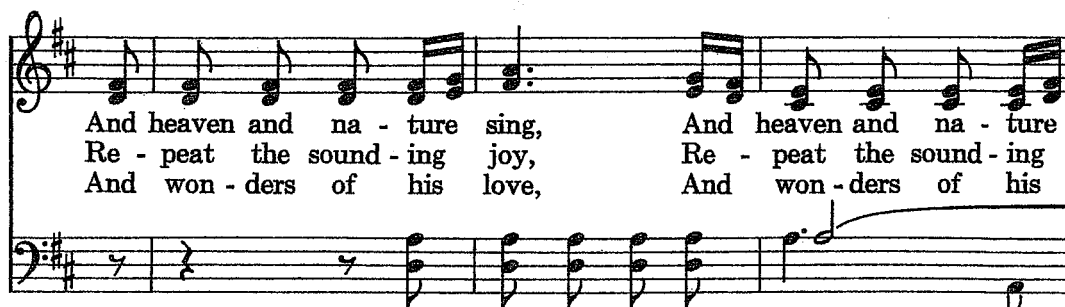
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872



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

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



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

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

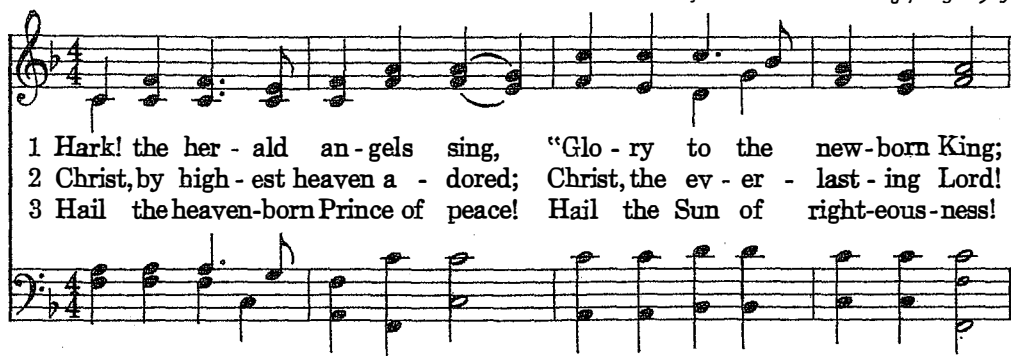
## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

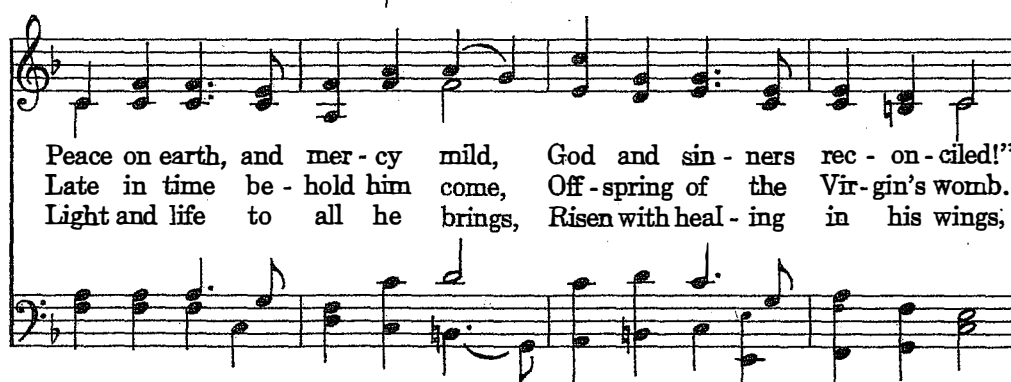
MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7.D. with Refrain

Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847

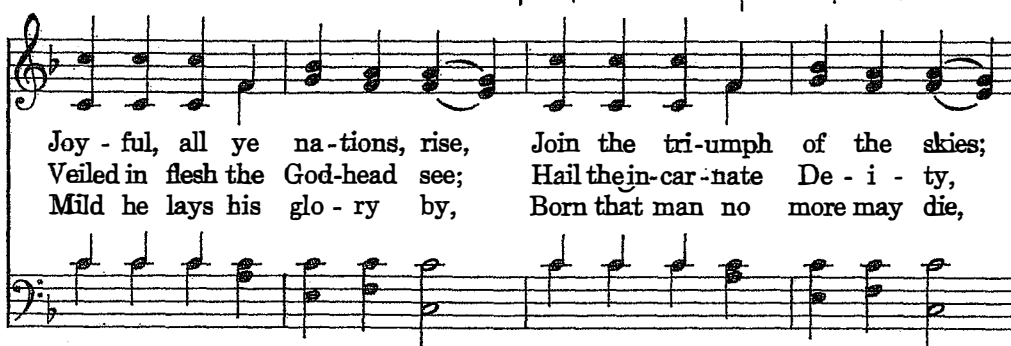
Arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915



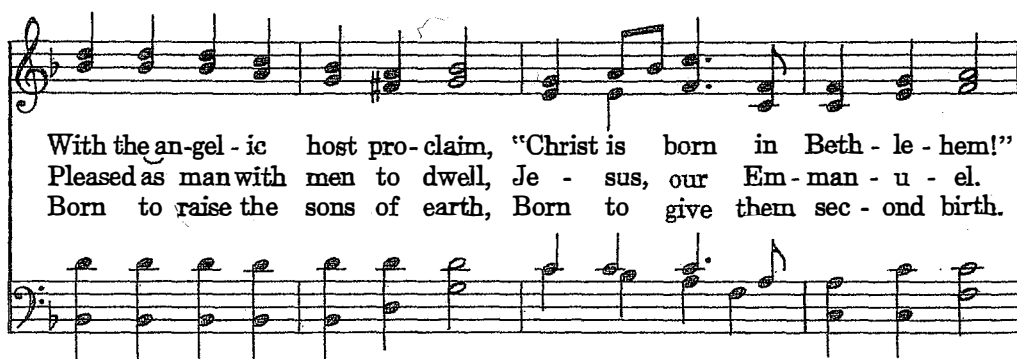
1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born King;  
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of right-eous-ness!



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.

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## ❧LOOKING AHEAD❧

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Thursday December 25 through Thursday January 1

Church Office is Closed

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Thursday January 1

Kindness Challenge Luncheon

Fellowship Hall 11:00AM-1:00PM

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Sunday January 11

Christmas Decoration Take Down

After Worship

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Sunday January 18

Town Hall Meeting

Sanctuary after Worship

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Sunday January 25

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sanctuary after Worship

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