

# Advent



## **DESIGNED FOR DIGNITY – The Covenantal Design**

As the old world was ruined to be a monument of justice, so this world remains to this day, a monument of mercy, according to the oath of God, that the waters of Noah should no more return to cover the earth.

Matthew Henry

*Hearing support is available. Please, ask an usher, audio technician, or Deacon Norm Marks.*

Welcome

PASTOR EVANS

**WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude — Once in Royal David’s City (H. J. Gauntlett, 1858; C. F. Alexander, 1848; arr. by Richard Walters)

GARY SEYDELL,  
Tenor  
JULIA MARKS, Cello

Once in royal David’s city stood a lowly cattle shed, where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.  
He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, and His shelter was a stable, and His cradle was a stall: with the poor, and mean, and lowly lived on earth our Savior holy.  
Jesus is our childhood’s pattern, day by day like us He grew; He was little, weak, and helpless, tears and smiles like us He knew. And He feeleth for our sadness, and He shareth in our gladness.  
And our eyes at last shall see Him thro’ His own redeeming love; for that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav’n above. And He leads His children on to the place where He has gone.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

KIRK and CHERYL  
REED

**❖ GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**

PASTOR EVANS

Call to Worship — Psalm 111:1–4, 10 (Pew Bible, p. 646)

Pastor: Praise the LORD!

People: I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Pastor: Great are the works of the LORD,

People: Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Pastor: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

All: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; His praise endures forever!

- ❖ Hymn Medley (Trinity #218) — Angels, from the Realms of Glory (vs. 1, 2)
- (Trinity #214) — Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1, 3)
- (Trinity #203) — Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1, 2, 3)

Angels, from the Realms of Glory

James Montgomery

REGENT SQUARE

Henry Smart

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
2. Shep-herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn. It features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes.

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born King.

The third system of musical notation. It concludes the hymn with a double bar line and a repeat sign. The lyrics are written below the notes.

[continues next page]

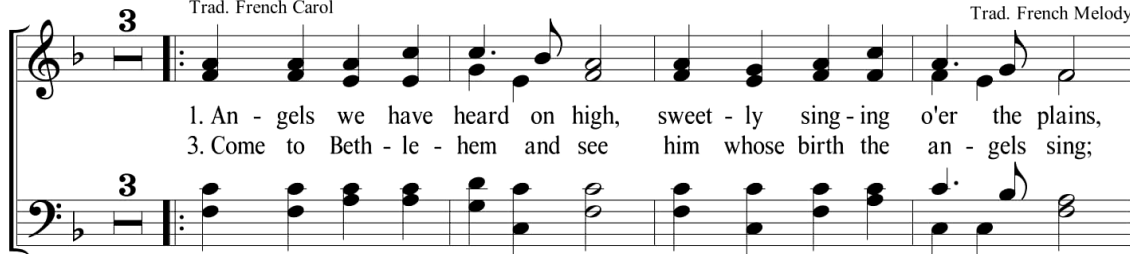
# Angels We Have Heard on High

Trad. French Carol

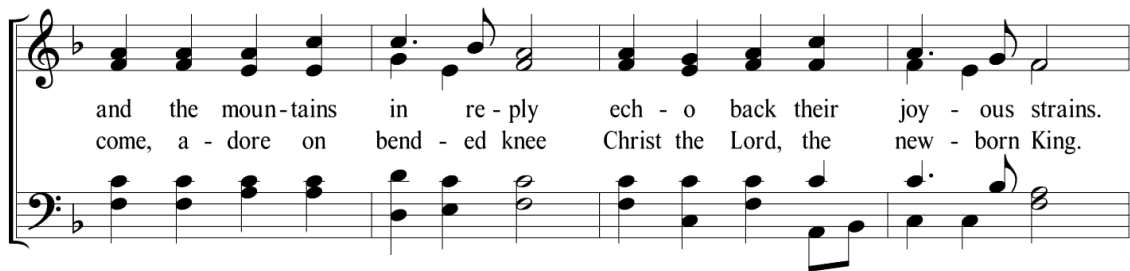
## GLORIA

Trad. French Melody

3



1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
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.  
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.



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

## MENDELSSOHN

F. Mendelssohn

arr. by William H. Cummings



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, — "Glo - ry to the new - born King;  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Right-teous-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, ris'n 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 th'in - car - nate De - i - ty, —  
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, — born that man no more may die, —

with th'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.

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

(repeat 3 times)

PASTOR BARBER

❖ **PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by the Lord’s Prayer)**

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

❖ **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

The Westminster Confession of Faith (ch. 7, God’s Covenant with Man)  
The distance between God and his creation is so great, that, although reasoning creatures owe him obedience as their creator, they nonetheless could never realize any blessedness or reward from him without his willingly condescending to them. And so it pleased God to provide for man by means of covenants.

❖ **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD**

Old Testament reading — Isaiah 54:1–10 (Pew Bible, p. 781)

“Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married,” says the LORD.  
<sup>2</sup>“Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes. <sup>3</sup>For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.  
<sup>4</sup>“Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. <sup>5</sup>For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

[continues next page]

ELDER  
DAVID HALLEY

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. <sup>7</sup> For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. <sup>8</sup> In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,” says the LORD, your Redeemer.

<sup>9</sup> “This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you. <sup>10</sup> For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you. Isaiah 54:1–10 (ESV)

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTOR BARBER

**CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN**  
**(followed by Private Confession of Sin)**

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truth I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole.

Assurance of Pardon

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. Psalm 32:1, 2 (Pew Bible, p. 587)

**WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER**

WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



You can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

Offertory Response — Gesù Bambino (Frederick H. Martens; Pietro A. Yon)

When blossoms flowered ‘mid the snows upon a winter night was born the Child, the Christmas Rose, the King of Love and Light. The angels sang, the shepherds sang, the grateful earth rejoiced, and at His blessed birth the stars their exultation voiced. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Again the heart with rapture glows to greet the holy night that gave the world its Christmas Rose, its King of Love and Light. Let ev’ry voice acclaim His name, the grateful chorus swell, from paradise to earth he came that we with Him might dwell. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

✦ Hymn (Trinity #201) — O Little Town of Bethlehem

*Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church.*

*Parents please pick up children after the service.*

GARY SEYDELL,  
Tenor  
JULIA MARKS, Cello

GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

The Covenantal Design — Genesis 9:8–17 (Pew Bible, p. 9)

<sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

[continues next page]

PASTOR EVANS



<sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Genesis 9:8–17 (ESV)

❖ Hymn Medley (Trinity #216) — Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (vs. 1, 2)  
(Trinity #215) — While by the Sheep We Watched at Night  
(vs. 1, 2)

❖ **GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING**

---

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM — 6PM (5:15PM, Ornament Making)





**OUR MISSION** We exist to change lives through sharing Christ.  
We carry out this mission in three ways:

**GATHER — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ**

**MORNING WORSHIP**—10:45<sup>AM</sup>

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**—Tonight - 5:15 Ornament Making/6pm Program

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**—6:00pm, Reception to immediately follow the service in Fellowship Hall

**DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES**—9:30<sup>AM</sup>

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00<sup>AM</sup> in Room B202 and online. New study: “Created For Worship” by Jason Helopoulos.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP** - Resumes January 17, 2024

**SEND — we are all Christ's ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally**

**MISSIONARIES**—TJ & KyongA Hayes—Navigators-Collegiate (see our Missionary Highlight in this week's online EPiC Newsletter)

---

**Attendance and Financial Information for December 10, 2023**

SS: 158 - AM: 291 - PM: 286

**General Fund**

Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 16,380.06
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 20,409.21
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$979,952.16
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$1,020,460.50
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$950,527.29



# Evangelical Presbyterian Church *of NEWARK DELAWARE*

## OUR MISSION IS TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST BY GATHERING, DISCIPLING AND SENDING

### CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Chad Barber, Senior Pastor (chad@epcnewark.org) • Rev. Don Post, Assistant Pastor (don@epcnewark.org)  
Rev. Rick Gray, Pastor of International Ministry (rick@epcnewark.org) • Rev. Caleb Evans, Pastor of Youth and Families (caleb@epcnewark.org)  
Dr. Higo Rodrigues, Music Director (higo@epcnewark.org) • Deborah Freer, Children's Ministry Director (deb@epcnewark.org)  
Micah Freer, Pastoral Intern (micah@epcnewark.org) • Dot Griffin, Administrative Staff (dot@epcnewark.org)  
Rev. LeRoy Greer, Custodian

### THE SESSION

Moderator - Rev. Chad Barber • Clerk - Bill Zinkand<sup>23</sup> • Alan Beattie<sup>25</sup> • Bernie Cohen<sup>24</sup>  
Dwight Derby<sup>25</sup> • Dennis Dietrich<sup>23</sup> • Chuck Heide<sup>25</sup> • David Rose<sup>23</sup> • Paul Veenema<sup>23</sup> • Bill Vinson<sup>25</sup>  
Brian Warshaw<sup>25</sup> • Guy Webster<sup>24</sup>

### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

Chairman - Jared Guckenberger<sup>23</sup> • Vice Chairman - Eric Hayden<sup>25</sup> • Secretary - Ben Mallary<sup>23</sup>  
Scott Cherry<sup>23</sup> • Kevin Botbyl<sup>23</sup> • Max Edamala<sup>24</sup> • Don Gray<sup>25</sup> • Roger Jamieson<sup>23</sup> • Don Jones<sup>24</sup>  
Norman Marks<sup>24</sup> • Dean Nairn<sup>24</sup> • David Visser<sup>23</sup>

### Missionaries and Benevolent Causes We Support

#### Mission to the World

Africa - Jim and Karen • World Relief/AIDS - Karl and Debbie Dortzbach  
Belgium/18.26 Network - Jud and Jan Lamos • Chile - Verne and Alina Marshall • Cuba - Richard and Robyn Crane  
England - Rob and Jenny Ilderton • France - James and Jacki Gildard  
French Speaking Haiti/Africa - Thomas and Lucy Wright • Global Training and Development - Jeff and Mischa Marlowe  
Japan - Andrew and Megan Nairn • New Zealand - Steve and Rita Williams  
Ukraine - David and Jill Martin; Dal and Beth Stanton • Serving in Sensitive Areas - Phil and Barb

#### Agencies of the PCA

Committee on Administration • Committee on Discipleship Ministries • Covenant College • Covenant Seminary  
Mission to the World • Mission to North America • Reformed University Fellowship • Ridge Haven

#### Other Christian Organizations

A Door of Hope • Greater Europe Mission - Mark and Marti Mylin (France)  
Harvest USA - Ellen Dykas • Heritage Presbytery Church Planting - Will Stern (Hope Presbyterian Church)  
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - Greg and Sandy Baker (UD) • Love, INC. (In the Name of Christ)  
Navigators - TJ and KyongA Hayes • Pioneers - Scott and Jessica Weber  
Reformed University Fellowship - Daryl Wattley (DSU)  
Reformed University Fellowship International - Graham and Emily Guo (UD)  
Serge (formerly World Harvest) - Josh and Kristi, Jason and Ai Keuh (Japan)  
Third Millennium - Gary and Phyllis Waldecker  
Wycliffe - John and Judy Williams (Mexico) • Young Life

**www.epcnewark.org**

308 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711

Office: (302) 737-2300

Office Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.