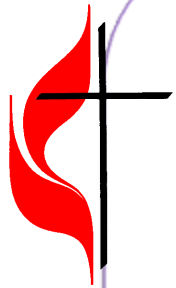


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Christmas Eve Worship

6:45 pm

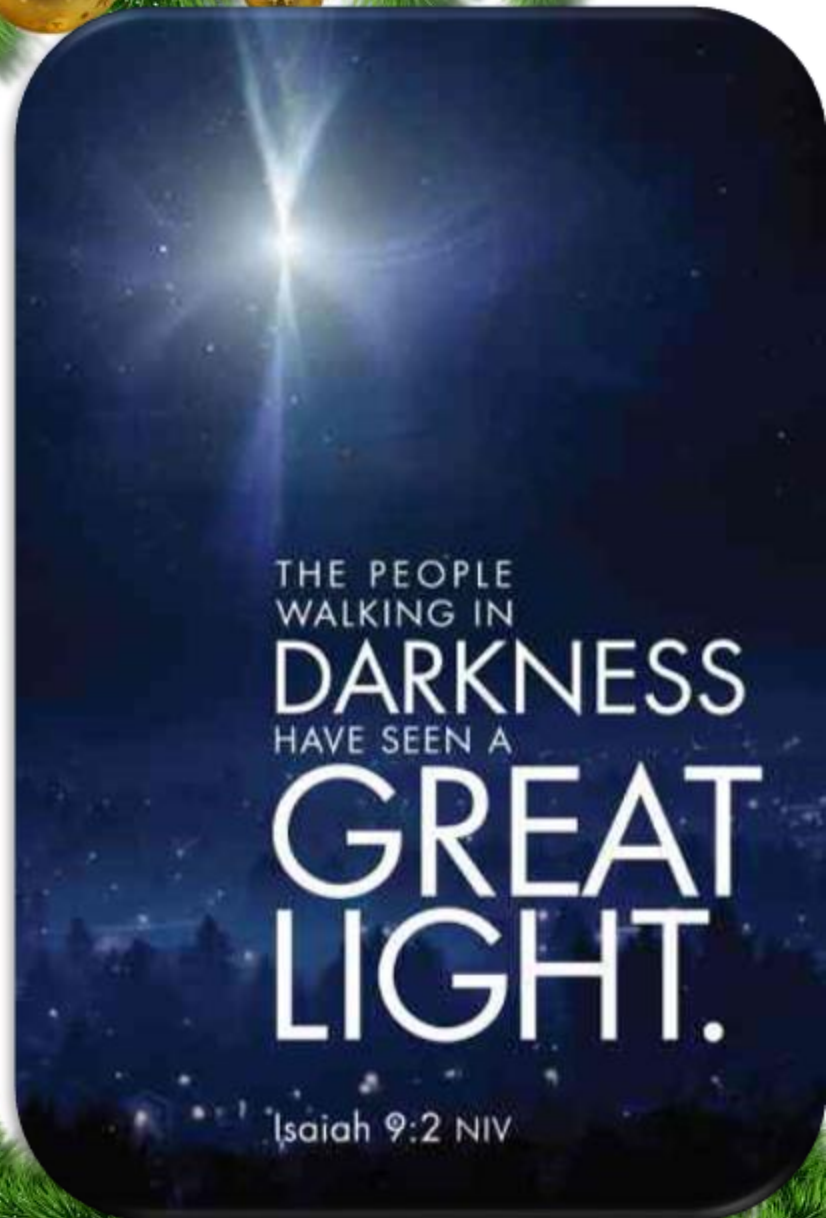
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December 24th Christmas Eve



THE PEOPLE
WALKING IN
DARKNESS
HAVE SEEN A
**GREAT
LIGHT.**

Isaiah 9:2 NIV



CAROL SING

Paul Cruz, trombone

Charles Abbott, euphonium

Casey Cruz, bassoon


Brian Frye, piano





"O Come All Ye Faithful"

1,2,6 UMH 234

The background of the slide is a light, airy pattern of various musical notes and instruments. The notes are in shades of blue, yellow, and purple, and are scattered across the page. Some notes are larger and more prominent, while others are smaller and more subtle. The overall effect is a soft, celebratory atmosphere.

*O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,*

O come ye,

O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold Him,

born the King of angels!

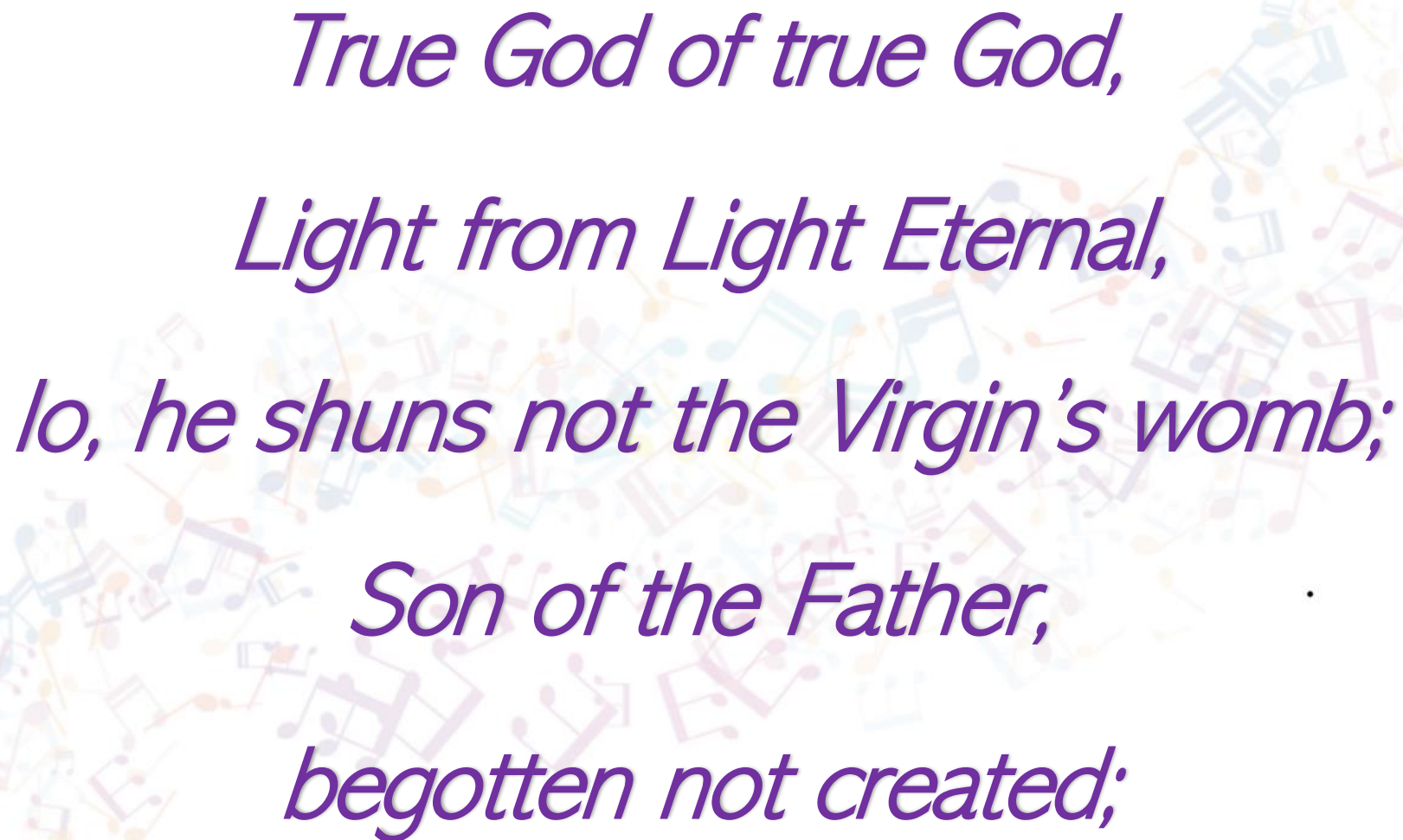
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O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ, the Lord!

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*True God of true God,
Light from Light Eternal,
Io, he shuns not the Virgin's womb;
Son of the Father,
begotten not created;*

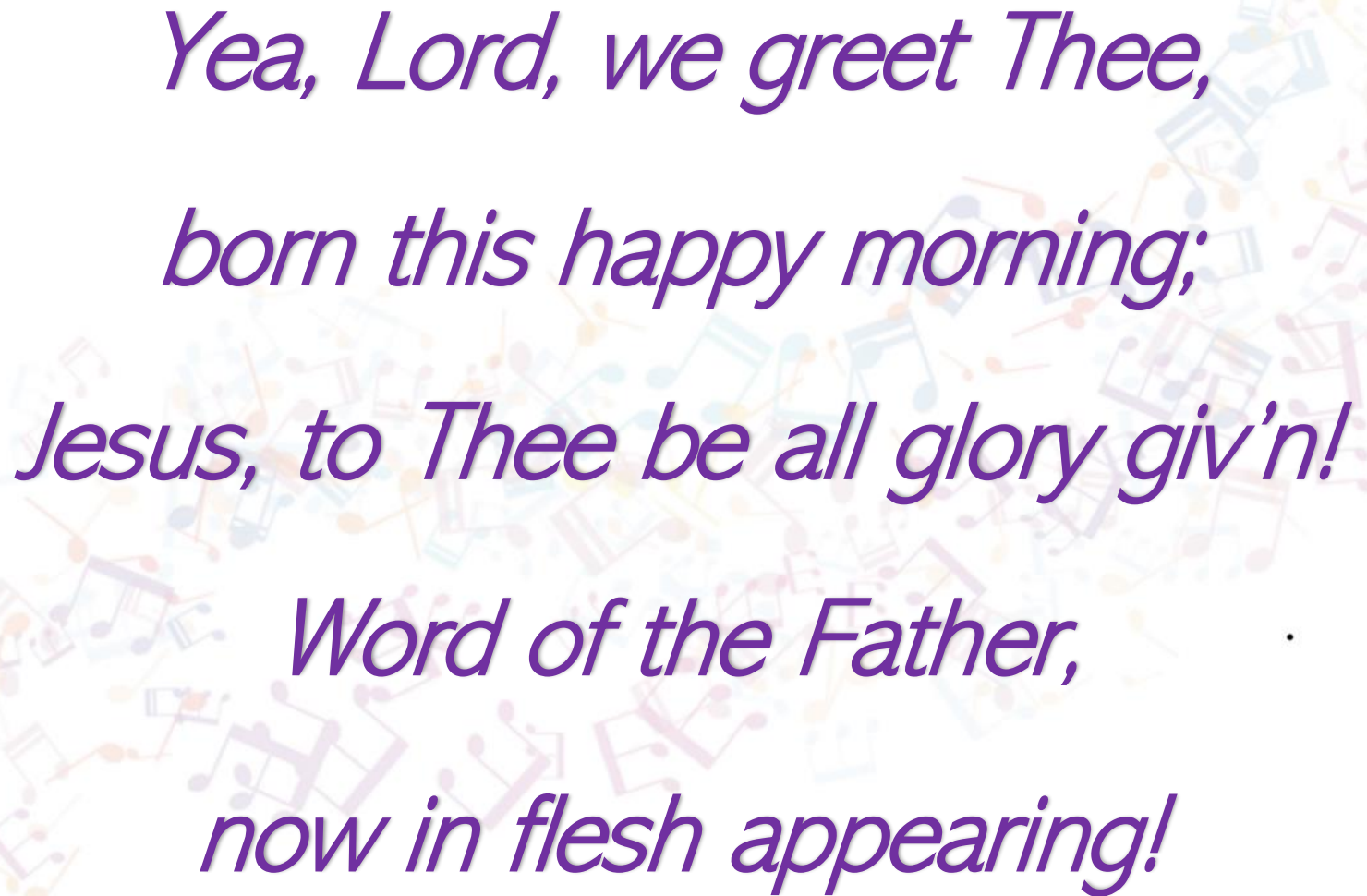
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*Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing!*

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him;

O come, let us adore Him,

Christ, the Lord!





"Away In A Manger"

UMH 217

*Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus
laid down his sweet head.*

*The stars in the sky looked
down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus,
asleep on the hay.*



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*The cattle are lowing,
the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes;
I love thee, Lord Jesus,
look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh*

Be near me, Lord Jesus,

I ask thee to stay

close by me forever, and love me, I pray;

bless all the dear children

in thy tender care,

and fit us for heaven

to live with thee there.





"The First Noel" ✨

v 1-2 UMH 245

The background of the slide is a light, airy pattern of various musical notes and symbols in shades of blue, green, yellow, and purple. The notes are scattered across the page, creating a festive and musical atmosphere.

The first Noel the angel did say

was to certain poor shepherds

in fields as they lay,

in fields where they lay

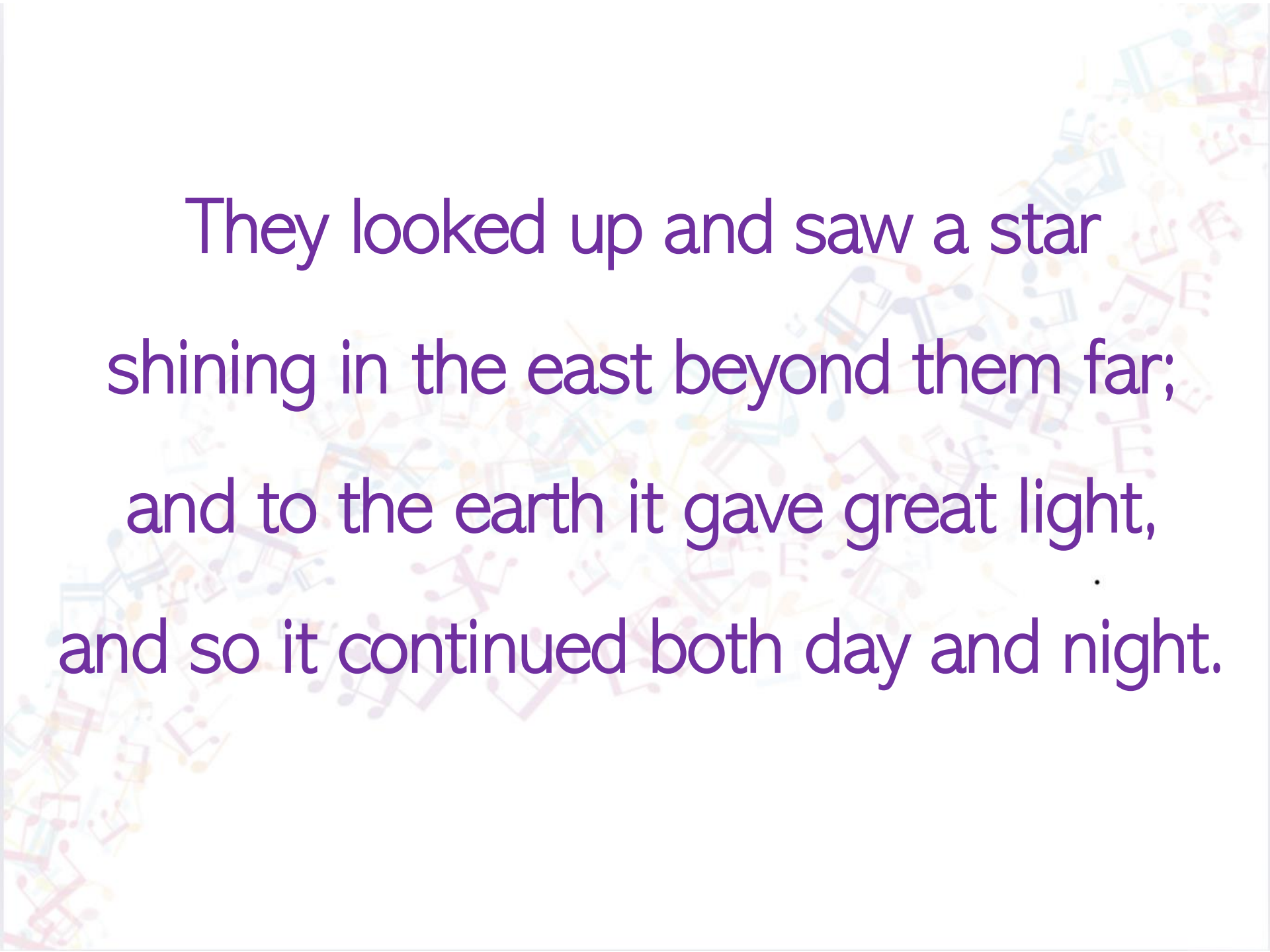
keeping their sheep,

on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.*



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They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain:

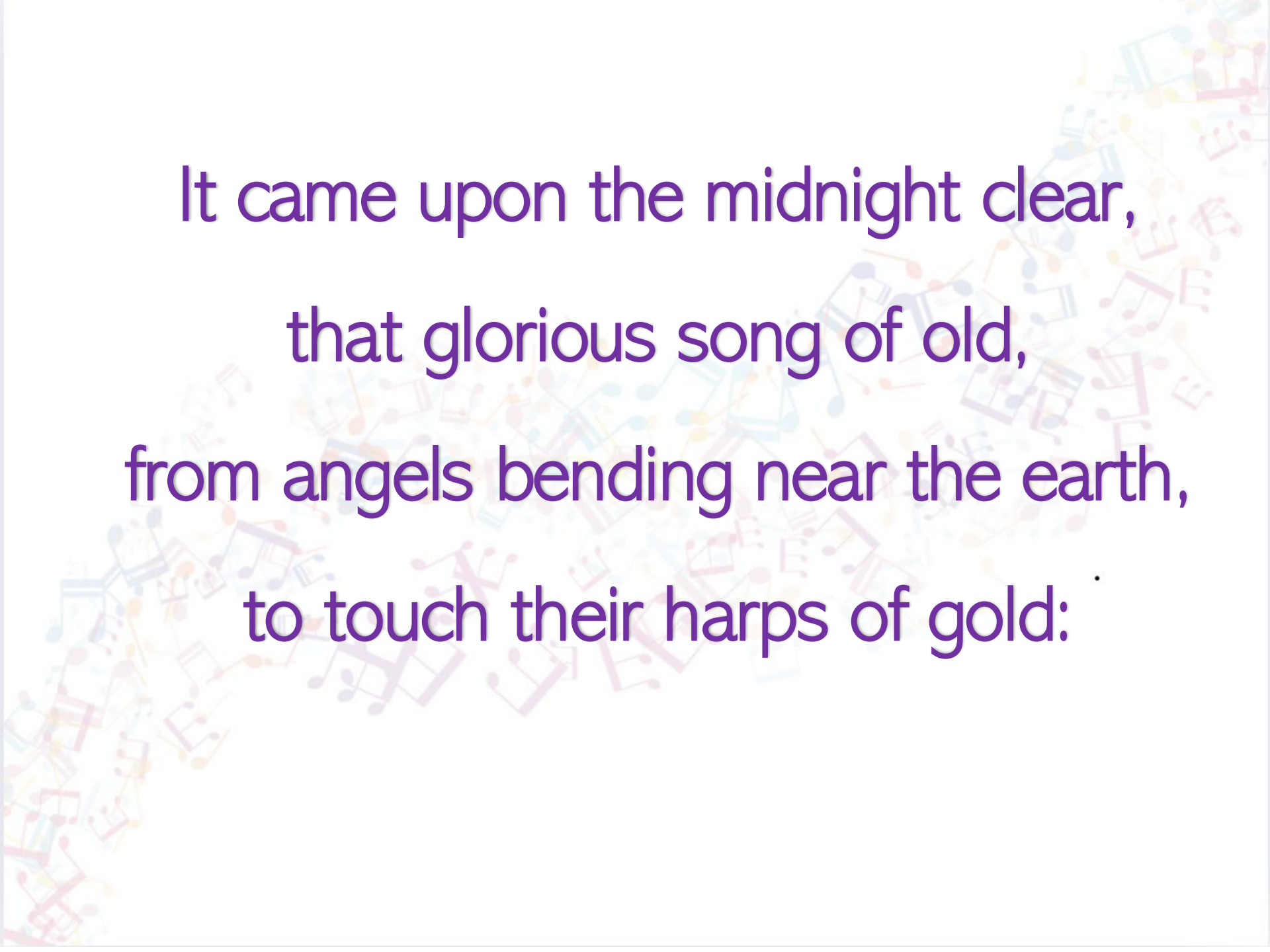
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"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"


v 1 & 4 UMH 218

The background of the slide is a light, airy composition of various musical notes and staves in soft colors like blue, purple, and yellow, scattered across the page. The text is centered and reads:

It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:

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“Peace on the earth, good will to men,
from heaven’s all gracious King.”
The world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.



For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold


when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world send back the
song which now the angels sing.



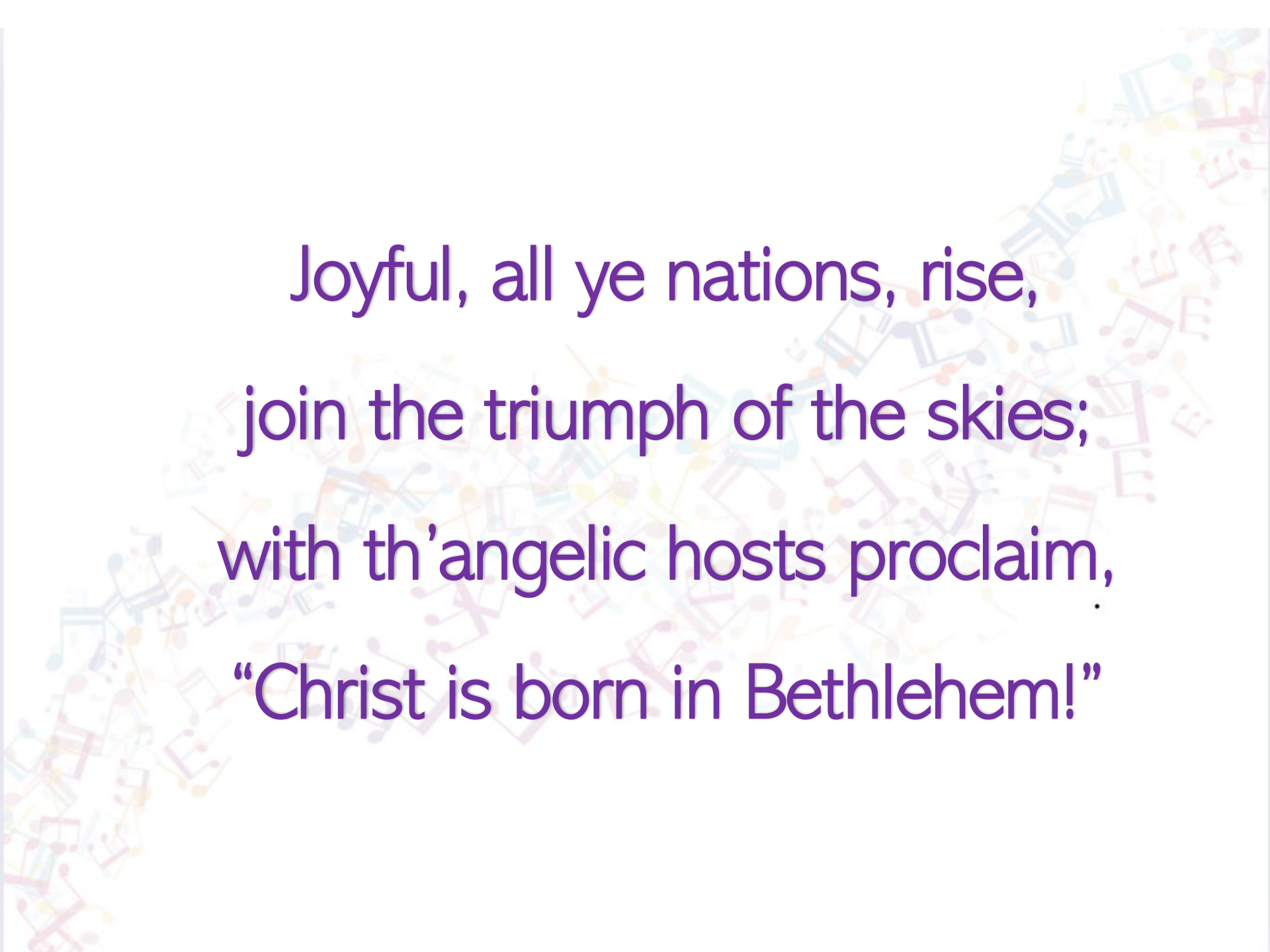


"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

UMH 240

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Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”

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Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,

“Glory to the newborn King”



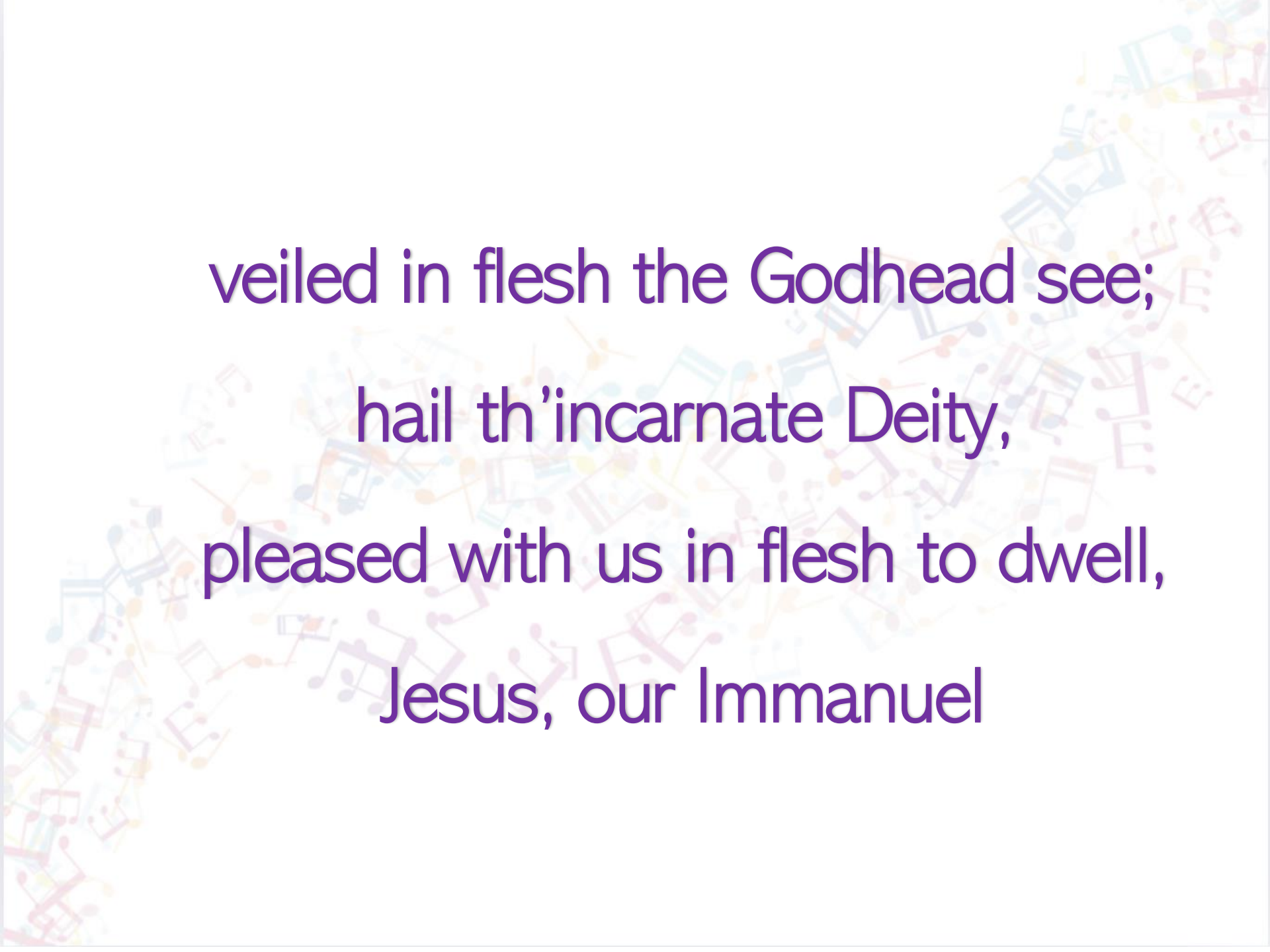
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Christ, by highest heaven adored,

Christ, the everlasting Lord,

late in time behold him come,

offspring of the Virgin's womb:

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veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,

“Glory to the newborn King”

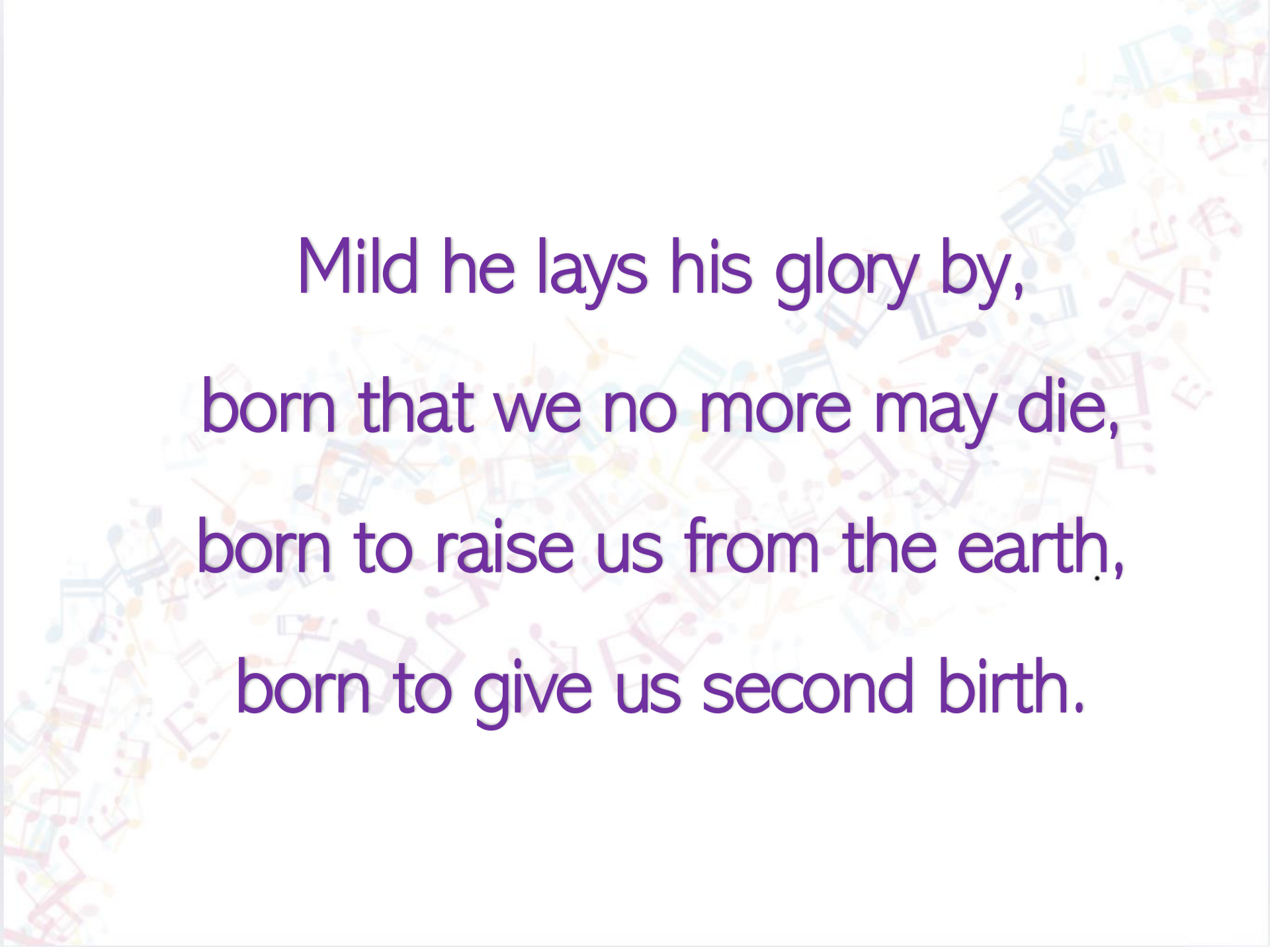




Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.



Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,

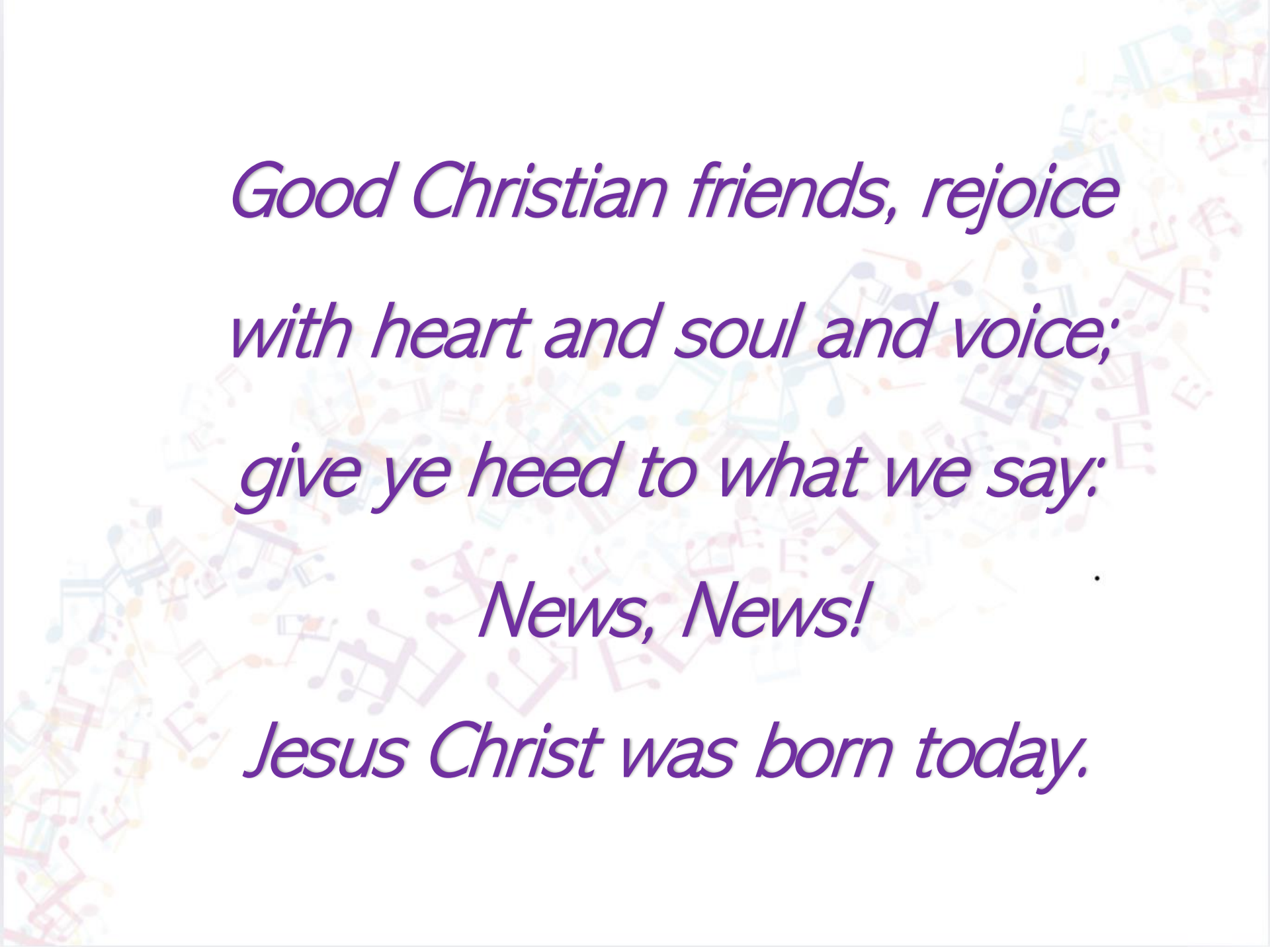
“Glory to the newborn King”





***"Good Christian Friends,
Rejoice" UMH 224***

With the intergenerational percussion ensemble

The background of the slide is a light, airy pattern of various musical notes and symbols in shades of blue, green, yellow, and purple, scattered across the white background.

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:*

News, News!

Jesus Christ was born today.

The background of the slide is filled with a dense pattern of colorful musical notes and symbols in shades of blue, green, yellow, and purple, scattered across the white background.

*Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.*

Christ is born today!

Christ is born today!

The background of the slide is a light, airy pattern of various musical notes and staves in shades of blue, green, yellow, and purple, scattered across the white background.

*Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss: News,
News!*

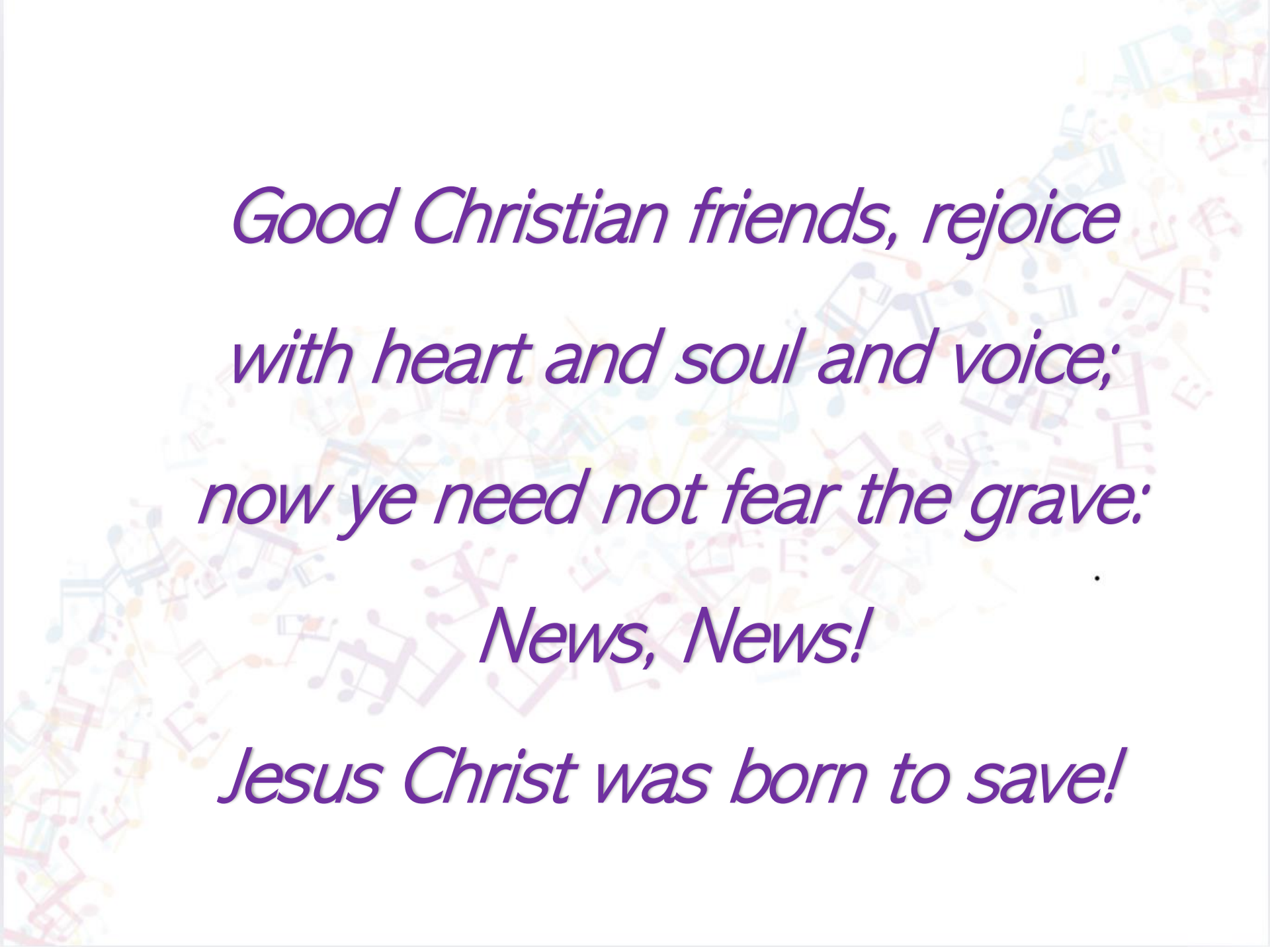
Jesus Christ was born for this!

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*He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.*

Christ was born for this!

Christ was born for this!



*Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:*

News, News!

Jesus Christ was born to save!

*Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.*

Christ was born to save!

Christ was born to save!



Welcome!



Rev. Dr. Miguel Balderas
Pastor

Good Morning

Buenos Dias

Magandang Umaga Po

Ohayou

***This night we hear good news
of great joy for all people.***

Let us see this thing

that the Lord has

made known

to us.



Musical Offering

Maria Torres Benitez, soloist
Brian Frye, piano

“He is Born”

(Il Est Né)



Advent Wreath



Rev. Dr. Miguel Balderas

***Light the center candle of the
Advent wreath.***

**Sarah Bitzer
and
Ruth Wong
de Balderas**



Reader:

Beloved, today we welcome the Christ Child, the fulfillment of our joy, as we proclaim with the prophet Isaiah, “For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace” (Isaiah 9:6).

Congregation:

Christ our joy has come near.

Emmanuel, God with us, has come to dwell with us as a tiny baby. "His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this” (Isaiah 9:7).

Reader:

We light this candle as a sign of Christ coming to dwell with us, to live in the neighborhood of vulnerable humanity as a vulnerable child. May the light of Christ warm our hearts and light our way as we share the joy of God's salvation wherever we go.

Congregational Response

We Are A People of Hope

Christ is the Light of the World

Christ is the Light of the World

Lighting a candle we witness a dawn

Christ is the Light of the World

Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

**Holy God, help us pause in the
midst of our busyness.**

**Quiet our minds on this
Christmas Eve,**



Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

**that we may hear the good news
of your gift of Jesus Christ—
your gift to a world
so in need of peace,
justice, and joy.**



Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

**If we walk in darkness and despair,
help us see the great light of your
presence. If we wait in hope for
the coming of Christ, help us
offer hope to those around us.**



Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

**Help us see your glory
breaking into our lives.
as Mary and shepherds
before us saw.**



Prayer of Invocation

~Liturgist

**In the quiet of this night,
may we welcome your peace and
favor, through Jesus Christ,
our Messiah and Lord.**

Amen



Scripture Reading

~ Liturgist

Isaiah 9:2-7



The Message (MSG)

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2-3 The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

For those who lived in a land of deep
shadows — light! sunbursts of light!

You repopulated the nation, you
expanded its joy. Oh, they're so glad in
your presence! Festival joy!

The joy of a great
celebration, sharing rich
gifts and warm greetings.



4-5 The abuse of oppressors and cruelty of tyrants— all their whips and clubs and curses—

Is gone, done away with, a deliverance as surprising and sudden as Gideon's old victory over Midian.

The boots of all those invading troops, along with their shirts soaked with innocent blood, will be piled in a heap and burned, a fire that will burn for days!

⁶ For a child has been born—for us!
the gift of a son—for us!
He'll take over the running of the world.

His names will be:

Amazing Counselor,
Strong God,
Eternal Father,
Prince of Wholeness.



⁷ His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings. He'll rule from the historic David throne over that promised kingdom. He'll put that kingdom on a firm footing and keep it going with fair dealing and right living, beginning now and lasting always. The zeal of God-of-the-Angel-Armies will do all this.







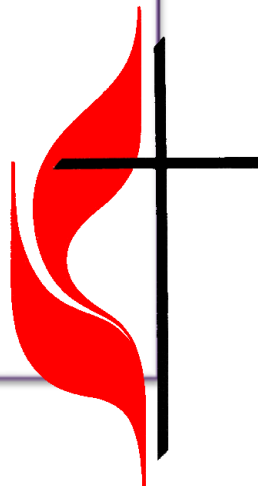
**The Word of God for
the People of God!**

Thanks be to God!

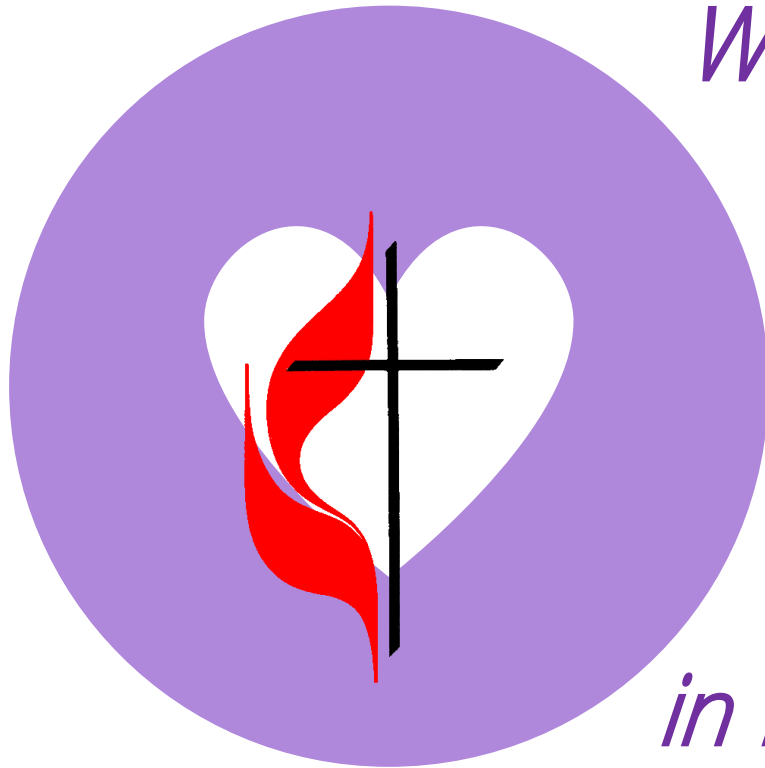
Cheverly UMC's Mission

To show Christ's love for us by:

-  *Welcoming all,*
-  *Worshipping joyfully*
-  *Sharing our faith, and*
-  *Serving others.*



Cheverly UMC's Vision



*We are the church
in the heart of
the community,
with the community
in its heart.*



Sermon

**For a child
has been
born—
for us!**

*Wonderful,
Counselor,
Mighty God,
Eternal
Father,
Prince of Peace.*

- ISAIAH 9:6

Rev. Dr. Miguel Balderas

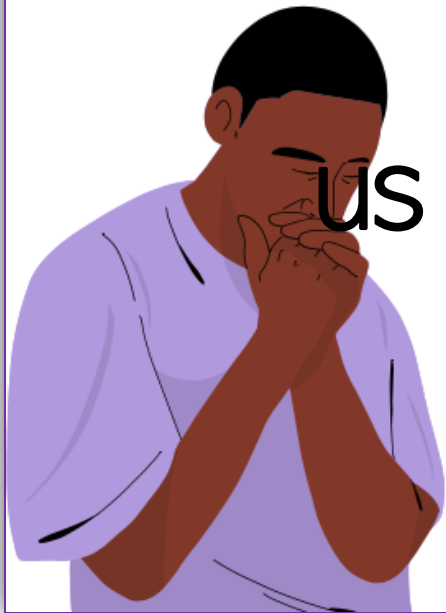
The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

And now we pray, as

Jesus taught

us in our own language:



*Our Father,
who art in heaven...
(que estas en los cielos)...*

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.*

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

*forever. **Amen***

Communion



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Communion Music

Sierra Morris, soprano

"O Holy Night"
traditional



The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks
and praise.*

*It is right,
and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to
give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God),
creator of heaven and earth.*

*You created light out of
darkness and brought forth
life on the earth.*

*You formed us in your image and
breathed into us the breath of life.*

*When we turned away, and our
love failed, your love remained
steadfast. You delivered us from
captivity, made covenant to be our
sovereign God, and spoke to us
through your prophets.*

*In the fullness of time you gave
your only Son Jesus Christ to be
our Savior, and at his birth the
angels sang glory to you in the
highest and peace to your people
on earth.*

*And so, with your people on
earth and all the company of
heaven we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

*Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.*

Hosanna in the highest.

*Holy are you, and blessed is
your Son Jesus Christ.*

*As Mary and Joseph went
from Galilee to Bethlehem
and there found no room,
so Jesus went from Galilee to
Jerusalem and was despised and
rejected.*

*As in the poverty of a stable
Jesus was born,
so by the baptism of his
suffering, death, and resurrection*

*you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery
to sin and death,
and made with us a new
covenant by water and the Spirit.*

*As your Word became flesh, born
of woman,
on that night long ago,
so, on the night in which he gave
himself up for us,*

*he took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke the bread, gave it to his
disciples, and said:*

*"Take, eat; this is my body which is
given for you.*

Do this in remembrance of me."

*When the supper was over he
took the cup, gave thanks to
you, gave it to his disciples,
and said:*

*"Drink from this, all of you; this is my
blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for
the forgiveness of sins.*

*Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me."*

*And so, in remembrance of these
your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and
thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,*

*in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the
mystery of faith:*

*Christ has died; Christ is
risen; Christ will come again.*

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on
us gathered here,
and on these
gifts of bread and wine.*

*Make them be for us the
body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the
world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.*

*By your Spirit make us one with
Christ, one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and
we feast at his heavenly banquet.*

*Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy
Church, all honor and glory is
yours, almighty Father (God), now
and for ever.*

Amen

Tithes and Offerings



*We offer these gifts to you,
Holy God,*



*rejoicing that your grace has
appeared in Jesus Christ.*

*May your love for all people,
and your zeal for justice and peace,
transform this offering into
Christ's presence this Christmas
season and always.*

Amen

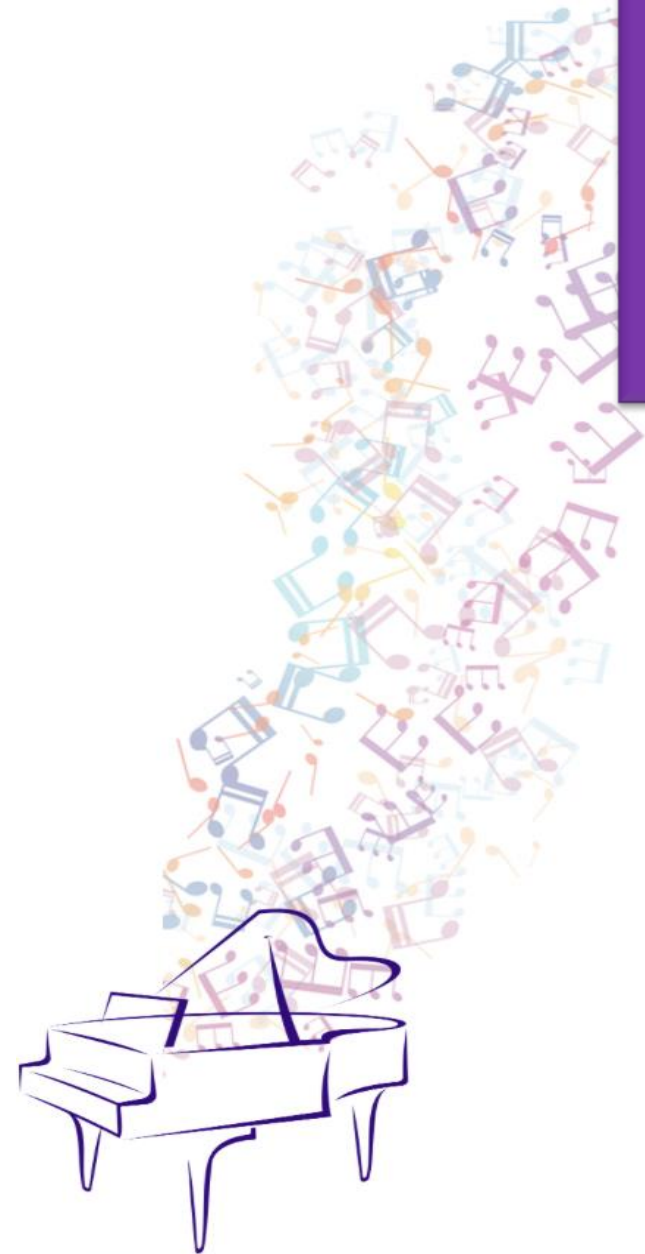
Offertory

The Sanctuary Choir

Brian Frye, Piano

*“Gentle Mary,
Tender Mary”*

by Jay Althouse



ADVENT DOXOLOGY (Veni Emmanuel)



*Praise God from whom all
blessings flow*

*Praise God all creatures
here below*

*Praise God above ye
heavenly Host*

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel

Born is the

King of Israel



Sharing of the Light of Christ

**It is my privilege to share the light
of Christ that came
Into the world,
God gives us the
light to share.**



I share the light

***Do not be afraid, and share the light
of Christ every day, speak to people
and share this good news.***



***Jesus was born and gives
salvation to everyone.***

***Let us sing together with
joy and deep gratitude,***

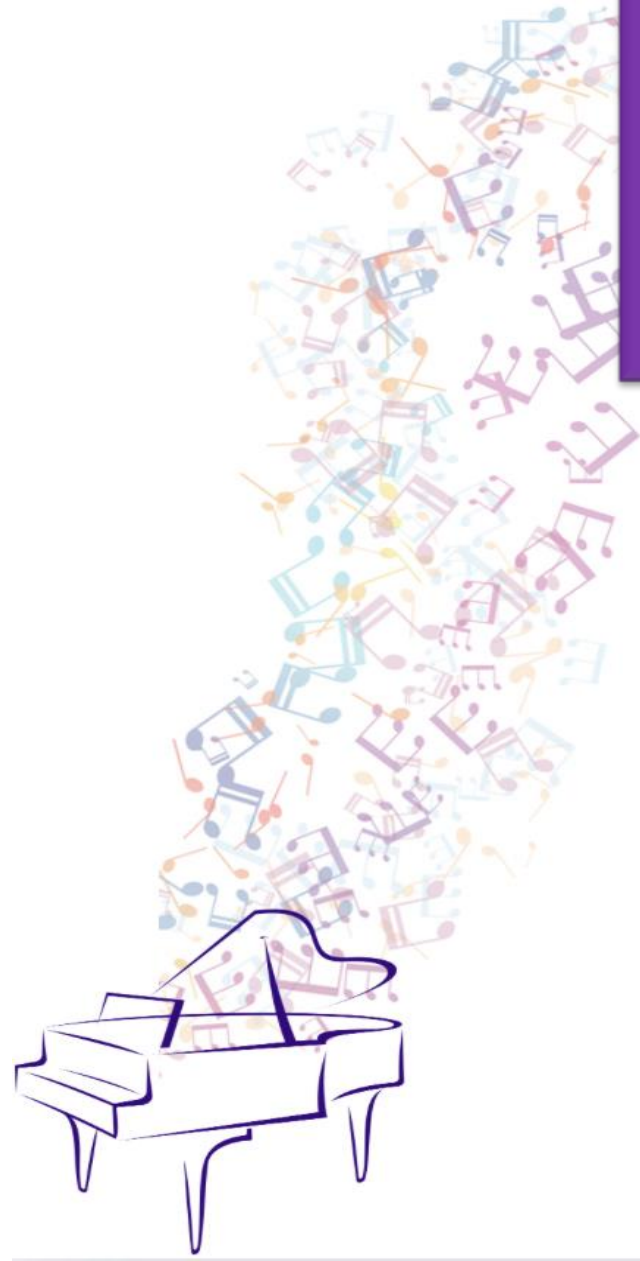
Silent Night, Holy Night

Affirmation Hymn

Linda and Casey Cruz, Song
Leaders

*“Silent Night,
Holy Night”*

#239



Noche de paz, noche de amor.

Todo duerme en derredor.

Entre los astros que esparcen su luz,

bella anunciando al niño Jesús,

brilla la estrella de paz,

brilla la estrella de paz.

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Silent night, holy night,

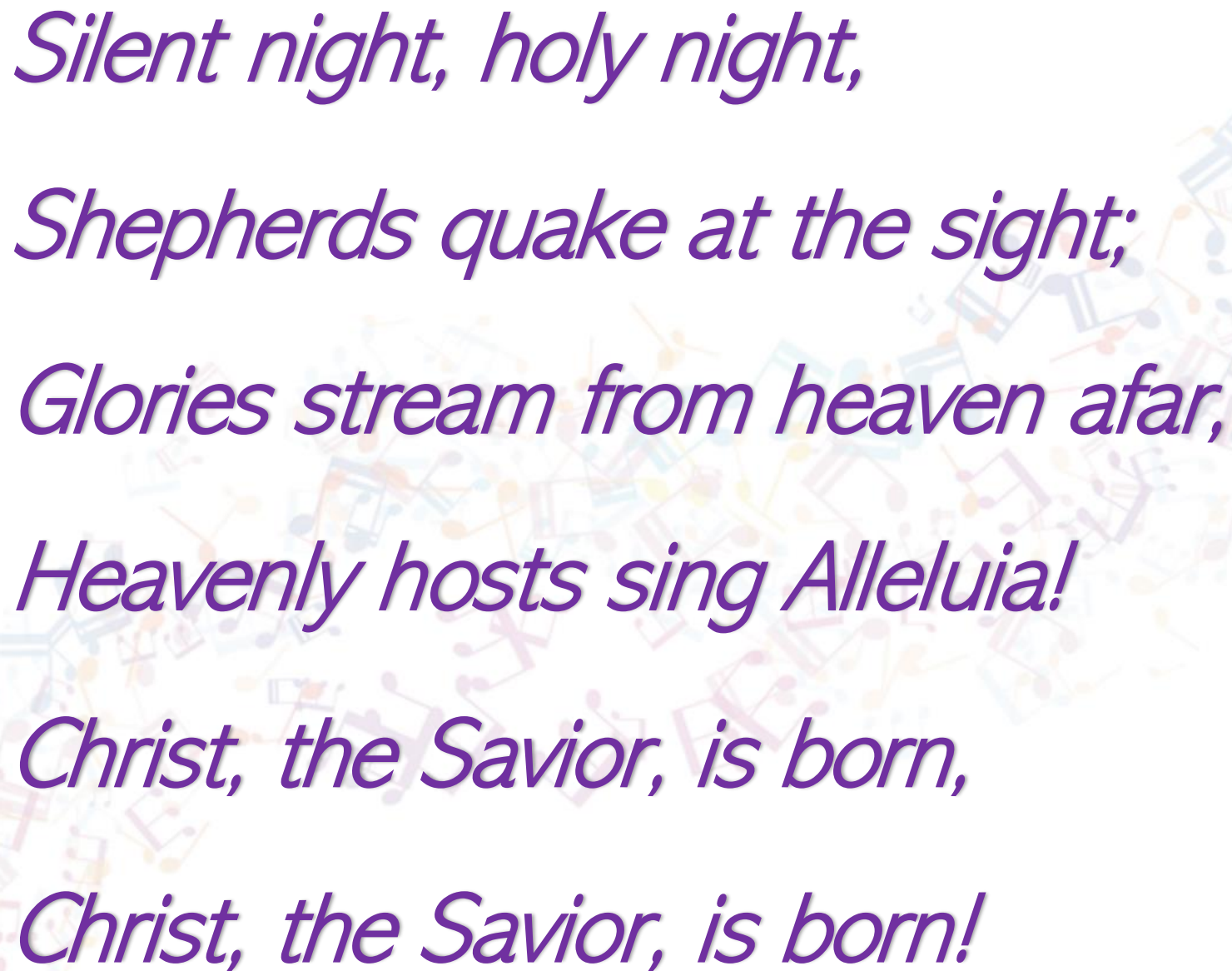
All is calm, all is bright;

Round yon virgin mother and child

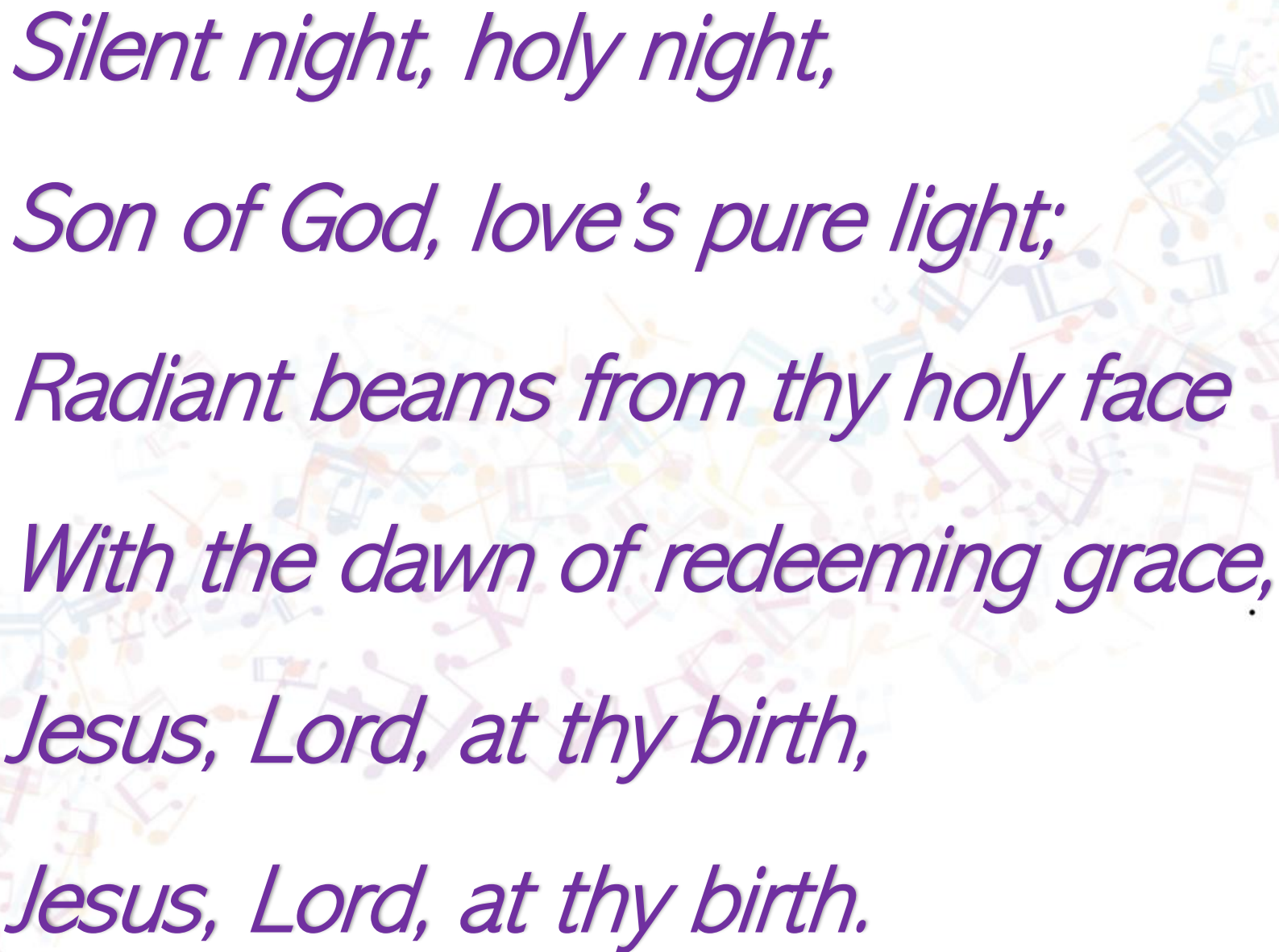
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,

Sleep in heavenly peace,

Sleep in heavenly peace.

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*Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior, is born,
Christ, the Savior, is born!*

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*Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.*

Silent night, holy night,

wondrous star, lend thy light;

With the angels let us sing, Alleluia

to our King;

Christ, the Savior, is born,

Christ, the Savior, is born!



Sending Forth



Rev. Dr. Miguel Balderas



**Let's go out in peace and power
To love and serve the Lord**



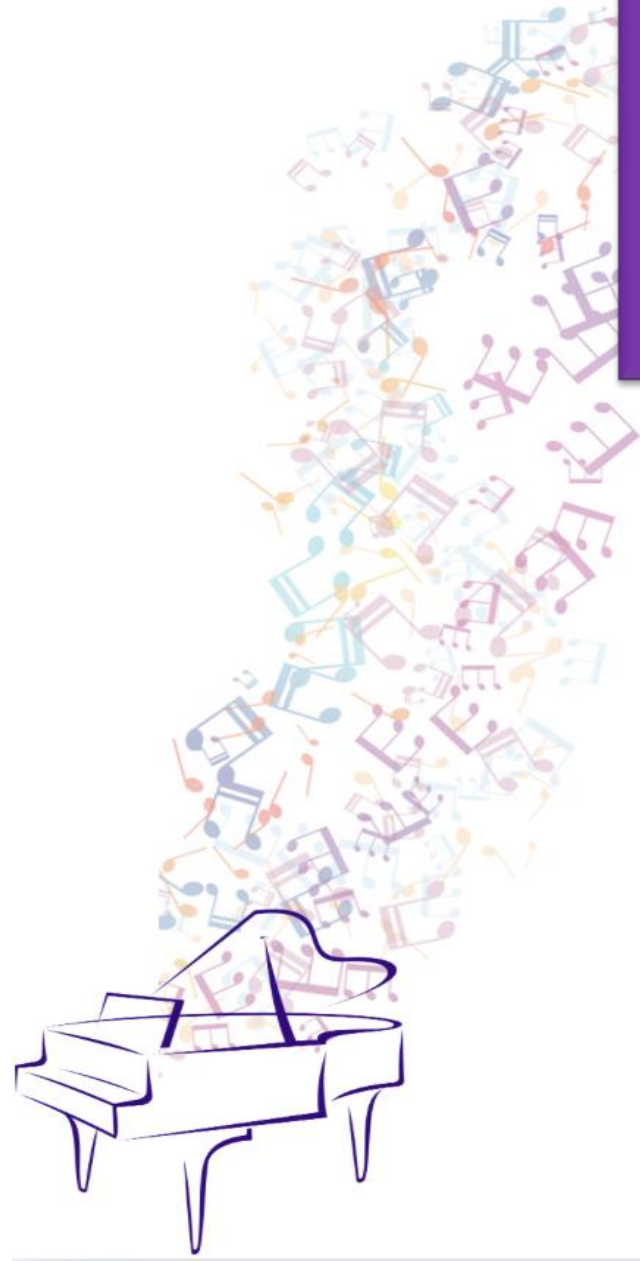
Recessional Hymn

Brian Frye

Piano

“Joy To The World”

UMH 246



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Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

Let earth receive her King;

let every heart prepare him room,

and heaven and nature sing,

and heaven and nature sing, and

heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!

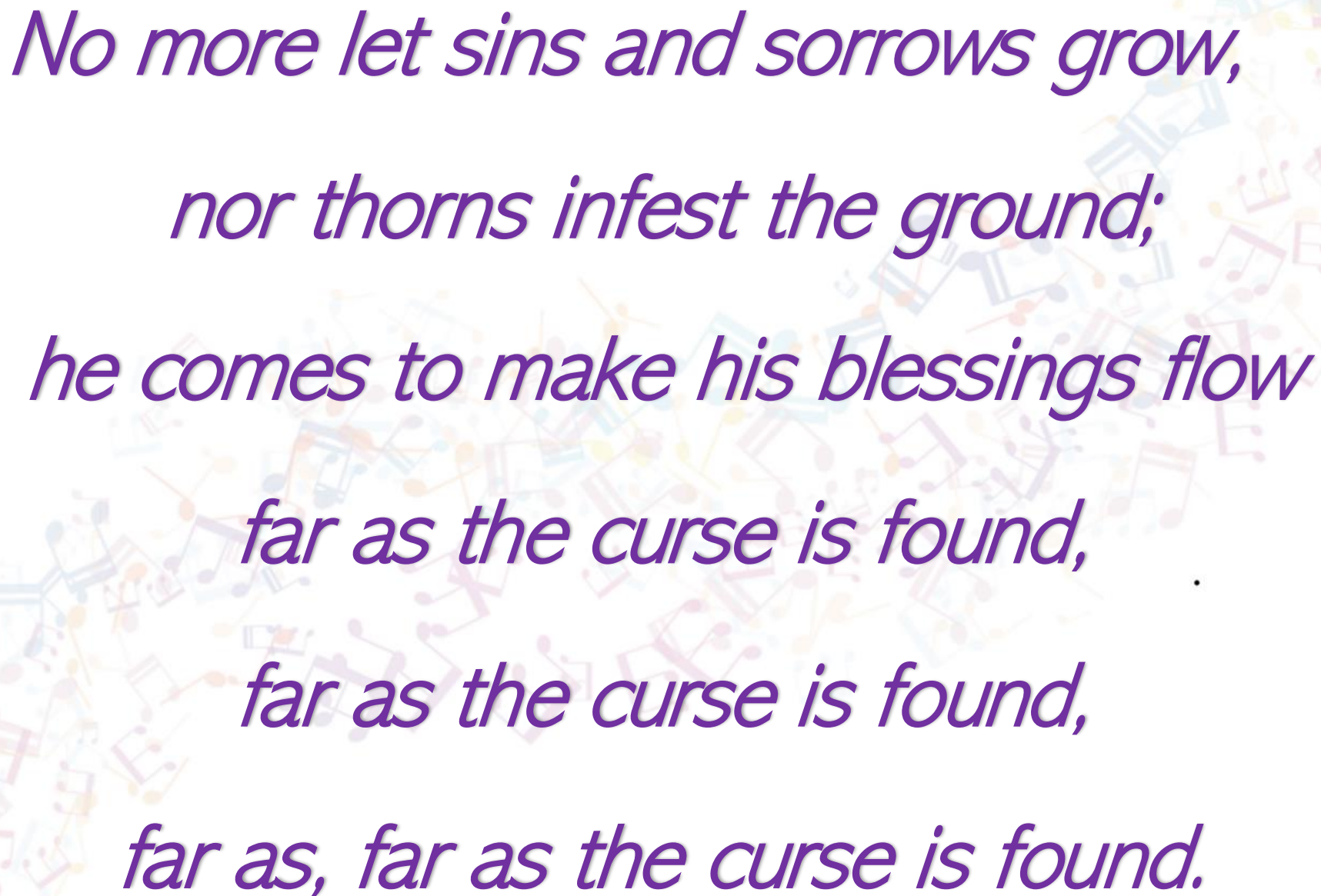
Let all their songs employ;

while fields and floods, rocks, hills,

and plains repeat the sounding joy,

repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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*No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.*

*He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.*





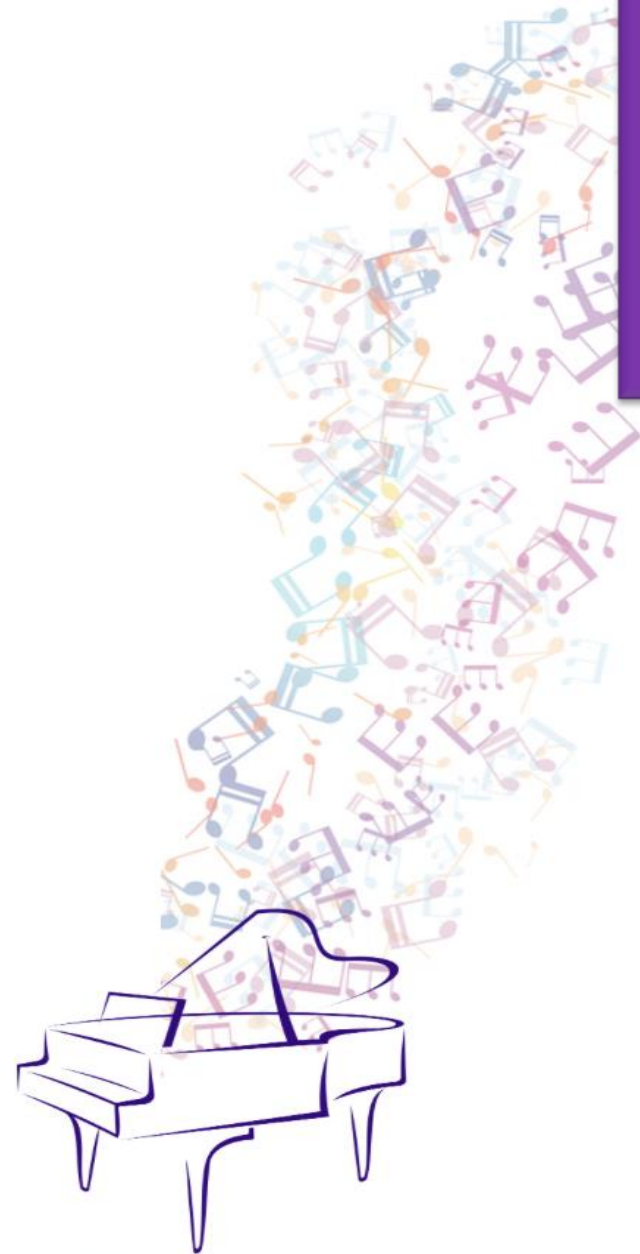
Postlude

Brian Frye

Piano

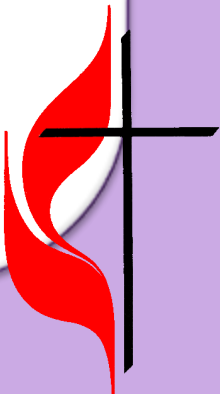
“O Come All Ye Faithful”

arr. Cindy Berry



End of Worship

Thank you for your
participation in today's service!

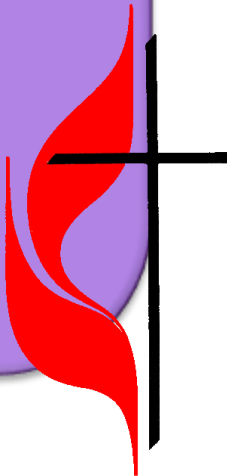


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