



# BLACK MOUNTAIN Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Christmas  
December 27, 2020

## PRELUDE

### *Cantilena on Mendelssohn*

Arr James Biery

Michael Barker, organ

This setting of Mendelssohn “hints” at the melody of the familiar carol. Knowing that Biery is riffing on “Hark the herald...” helps one to hear allusions to the tune. But the melody is clearly heard in only 4 measures, two measures near the beginning, and again near the end of the section in a contrasting key. Comment the lyric if you can pick out that snippet!

## WELCOME

Mary Katherine Robinson

## CALL TO WORSHIP

David Carter Florence

Here on the heels of Christmas,  
**We speak of love.**  
We speak of joy.  
**We speak of candlelight and fireside.**  
We speak of dreams being fulfilled.  
**We speak of “glorias” and angel choruses.**  
We speak the words, “Do not be afraid.”  
**Here on the heels of Christmas,**  
**We are called to speak, for the world needs a light.**  
A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it!

## HYMN

### *The First Nowell*

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Now - ell, the an - gel did say was to cer - tain poor  
Then let us all with one ac - cord sing prais - es  
shep - herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep - ing their  
to our heaven - ly Lord, that hath made heaven and earth of  
sheep, on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep. Now -  
nought, and with his blood our life hath bought.  
ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory,  
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,  
to reveal your love for all people.  
We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.  
We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice;  
we do not strive for peace.  
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,  
and baptize us once again with your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed,  
we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.

### RESPONSE TO CONFESSION

#### *O Holy Child of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us we pray; cast  
out our sin, and en - ter in; be born in us to - day. We  
hear the Christ - mas - an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell; O  
come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Thanks be to God: we are forgiven!

### RESPONSE TO PARDON

#### *Angels We Have Heard on High*

GLORIA

An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.  
Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

## FAITH SHARING WITH CHILDREN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:22-40

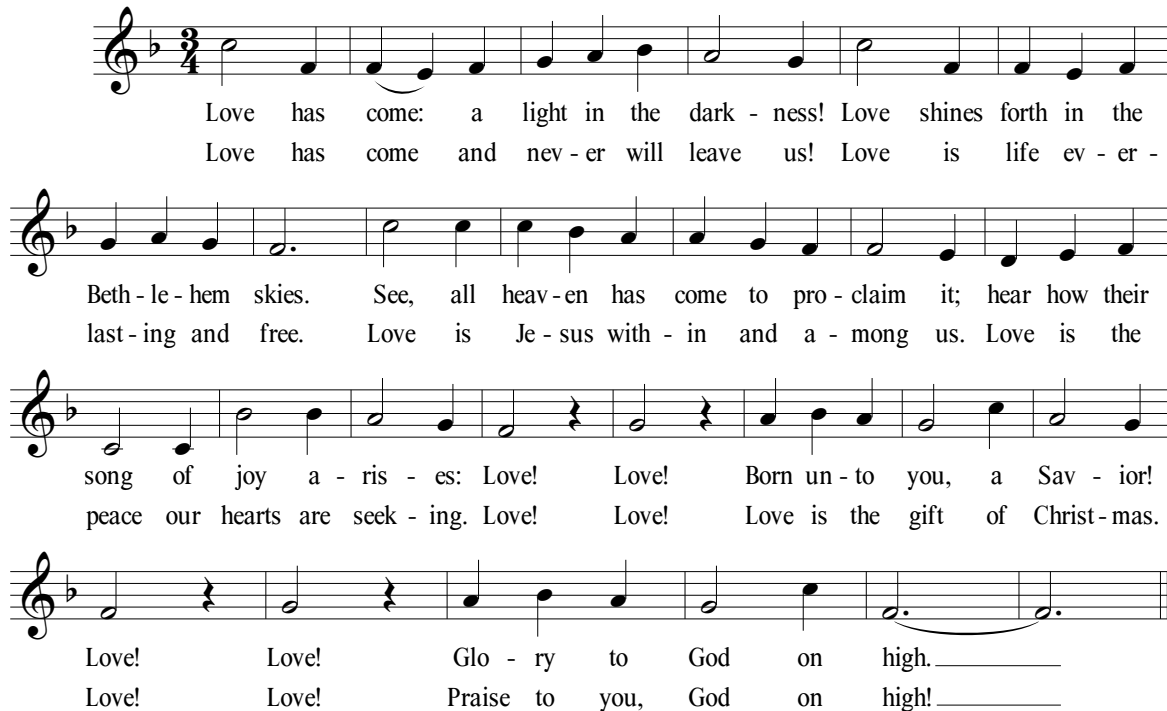
### SERMON

Those Who Dream will not keep silent...

### HYMN

#### *Love Has Come*

BRING A TORCH



Love has come: a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -  
Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their  
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the  
song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a Sav - ior!  
peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christ - mas.  
Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high. \_\_\_\_\_  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high! \_\_\_\_\_

### CALL TO OFFERING

#### Offertory

#### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

Joel Raney

Wayne Smith, *piano*

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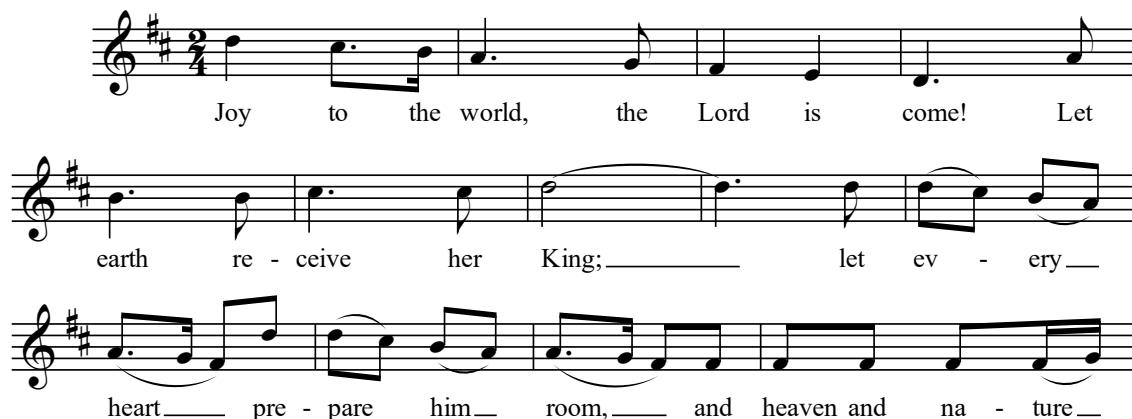
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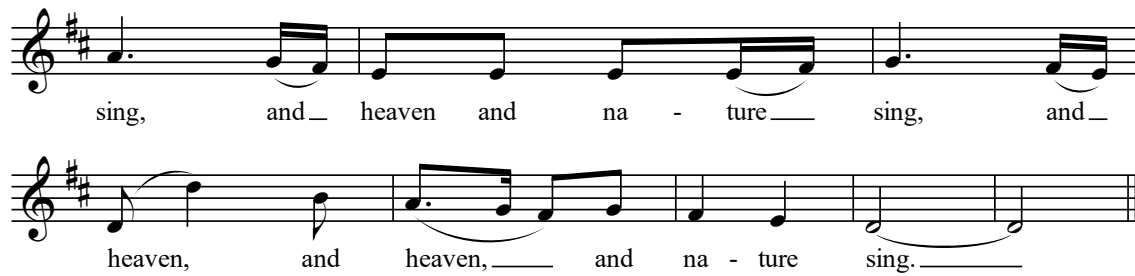
### DOXOLOGY

#### *Joy to the World*

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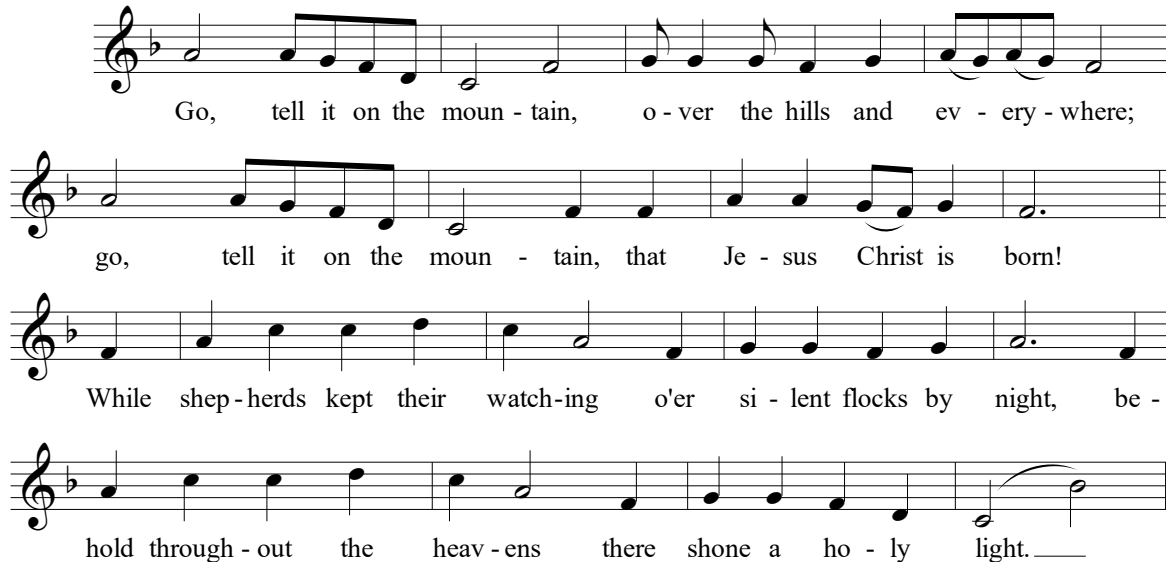
Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let  
earth re - ceive her King; \_\_\_\_\_ let ev - ery \_\_\_\_\_  
heart \_\_\_\_\_ pre - pare him \_\_\_\_\_ room, \_\_\_\_\_ and heaven and na - ture \_\_\_\_\_



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT



## POSTLUDE

## *Paeon on Joy to the World*

David Lasky



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**Members:** share prayer requests, pastoral concerns, or updated contact information.

*We look forward to hearing from you.*

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Adrienne Atkinson** tested positive for Covid

**Ted Brown**, Mike Begley's uncle and Ruby Begley's brother, hospitalized in Atlanta with pneumonia and Covid. He is in his mid 90s but has been healthy previously.

**Michael Bryant**, Gayle Petty Johnson's cousin by marriage, having his fifth surgery in the past nine months for tongue cancer. Also his wife Anne who needs strength to help him. They are members at First Pres Ft Worth.

**Liesl Case's nephew's family and in-laws** in San Antonio, Texas who have been diagnosed with Covid

**Max**, Paul and Diane Ginther's two-month-old granddaughter, diagnosed with covid

**Ruth Janes** following the death of her brother, Joe Garrison, December 10

**Frances Kennedy** following the death of her brother, Albert Harris, December 2

**Family and friends of Alice Schweitzer** who died on December 12.

**Alice Smith** is recovering from a fall and bruised ribs

**Richard Speegle**, Valorie Speegle-Snell's brother, struggling with throat cancer

**Margie Tyas**, prayers for comfort and peace

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Our PC(USA) Mission Co-workers: **John McCall** in Taiwan; **Dan & Elizabeth Turk** in Madagascar; **Gary & Marlene Van Brocklin** in South Asia. Outreach Foundation: **Frank Dimmock**  
Seminary Student: **Emily Beaver**, Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia

Our partner Presbytery and partner church, **Ebenezer, in Guatemala**  
The situation in Guatemala is very difficult with COVID-19. It seems that our Ebenezer church members are healthy, but many are not able to work and it is not easy to get food.

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Please remember in prayer these people with ongoing concerns:

**Martha Jean Alvis, Daisy Buckner, Chad Carlton, Jane Collins, Jim Davies, Doris Hogle, Becky Hughes, Barbara Jenkins, Mary McElrath, Margaret Rada, Betty Rand, Penny Sampson, Renee & Charles Sandy, Callie Shaffer, Ann Weeks, Paul Willison**



## PRAYER OF THE WEEK

*Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.*

*Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened.*

*Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.*

*Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.*

*Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.*

*Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

*Prayer provided by Joe Walker*

# Our Church's Vision

## Embodying the Love of Christ

Inspiring through Worship and Faith Formation • Nurturing through Fellowship  
Equipping to Serve • Welcoming to All

### Session

Mike Ballard, *clerk*

#### Class of 2020

Jane Bannerman  
Emma Bell  
Anne Provost Drummond  
John Evans  
Patti Pyle

#### Class of 2021

Liesl Case  
Dave Johnson  
Deb Mullis  
Bill Straughan

#### Class of 2022

Ellen Begley  
Austin Brown  
Daniel Wiggs  
Cheryl Wilson

### Deacons

#### Class of 2020

Kristy Beaver  
Dee & Bill Cox  
Susan Dannenberg  
Gay Ferguson  
Olivia & John LaMotte  
Ginny & Rick Lindsey  
Lew Rudisill  
Hannah & Sam Webber

#### Class of 2021

Yvette Ballard  
Carey Jo Elam  
Kiersten & Weston Hall  
Franklin Harris  
Cindy & Ed McDaniel  
Cathy & Neil McMillan  
Gayle & Peter Mudge  
Kay & Mike Salmon  
Margaret Waterstradt

#### Class of 2022

Susan & Ernie Banzhoff  
Kay & Jim Layman  
Susan McElrath  
Mary & Don McMahill  
Martha Jane Petersen  
Delores Spielman  
Janine & Russ Spiller

### Ministers: Every Member Of The Congregation

Mary Katherine Robinson ..... Pastor/Head of Staff  
David Carter Florence ..... Associate Pastor for Congregational Faith Formation  
Bob Tuttle ..... Parish Associate  
Michael Barker ..... Director of Music and Worship Arts  
Alice Patton ..... Director of Preschool Ministry  
Sam Webber ..... Director of Operations and Youth Ministry  
Brittany Williams ..... Director of Congregational Life and Children's Ministry  
Jackie Kerr ..... Director of Communications



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