



Merry Christmas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US THIS AFTERNOON AT 1:30 PM FOR
CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT BROOKDALE

LADIES BIBLE STUDY
RESUMES ON JANUARY 4 AT 9:30 AM

DEACONS & WIVES MEETING ON JANUARY 5
LUNCH IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHURCH AT THE REECES

Pine Grove Bible Church

NO OPENING JUST STEVE

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory
Wing your flight over all the earth
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth



Come and worship
Come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King



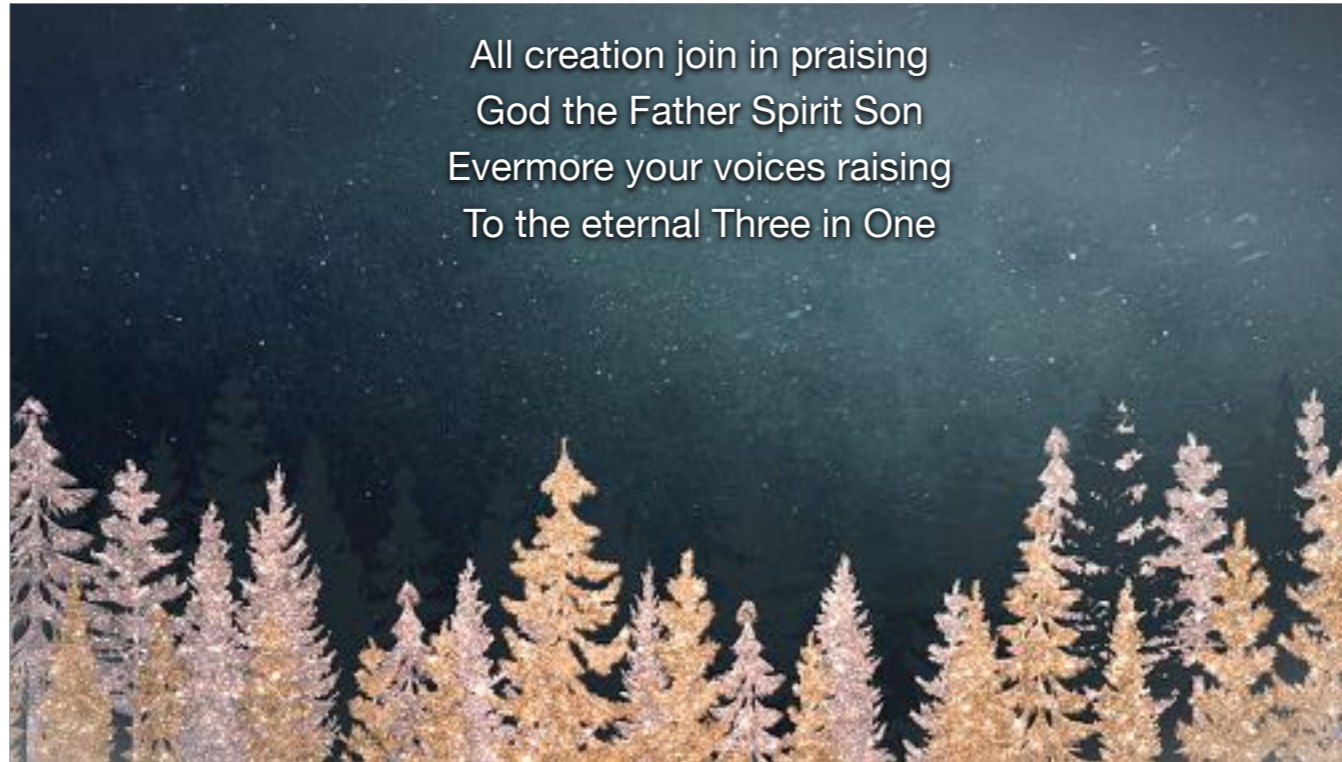
Shepherds in the fields abiding
Watching over your flocks by night
God with us is now residing
Yonder shines the infant light



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All creation join in praising
God the Father Spirit Son
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One



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JACK ADVENT



MADISON PIANO

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise



Congregation Sings

Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King



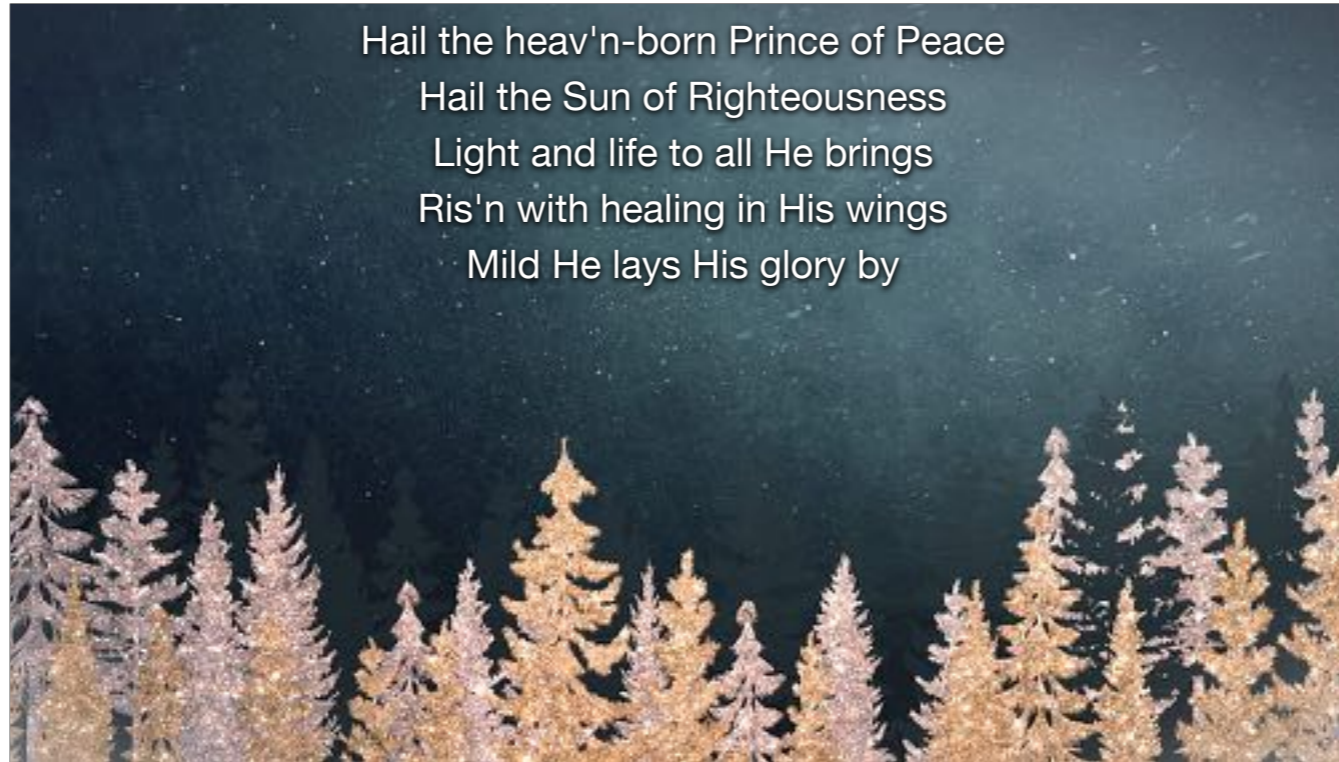
Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see



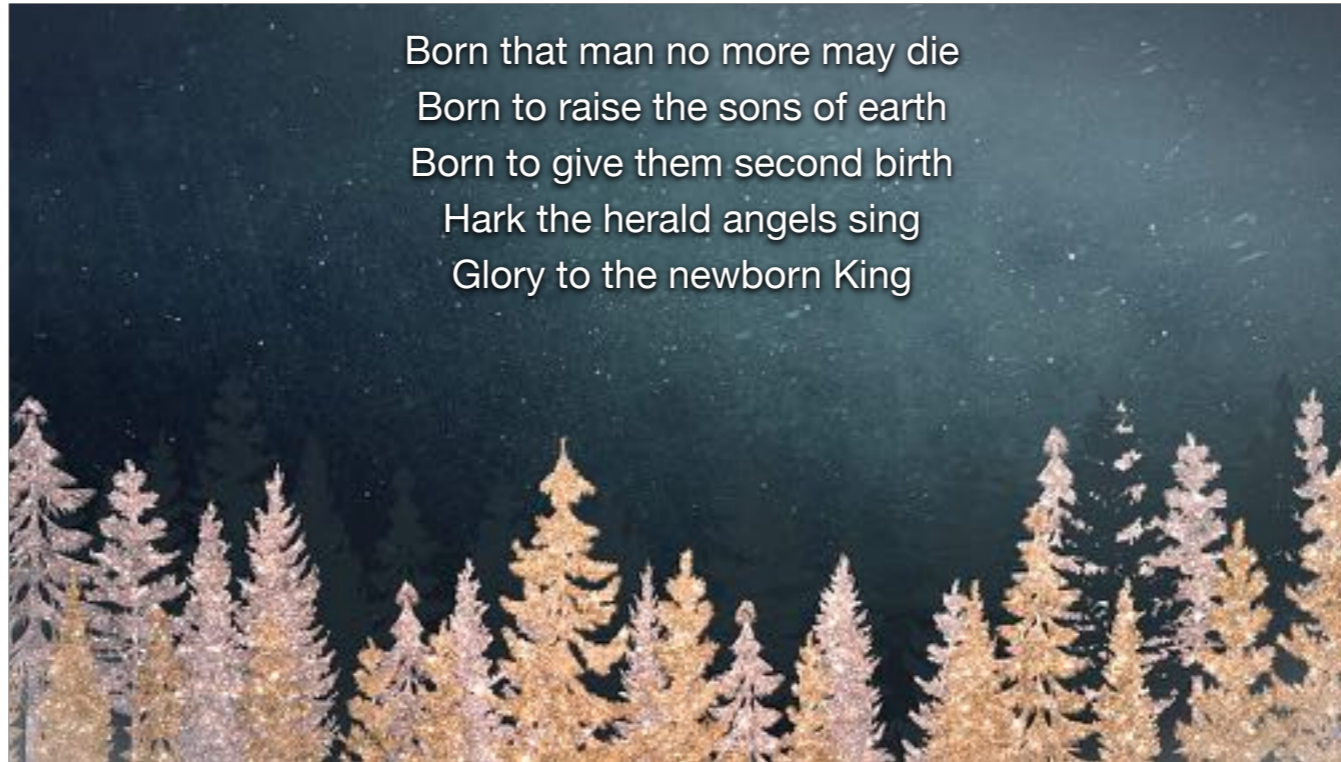
Hail th'incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell
Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King



Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace
Hail the Sun of Righteousness
Light and life to all He brings
Ris'n with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by



Born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth
Born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing
Glory to the newborn King



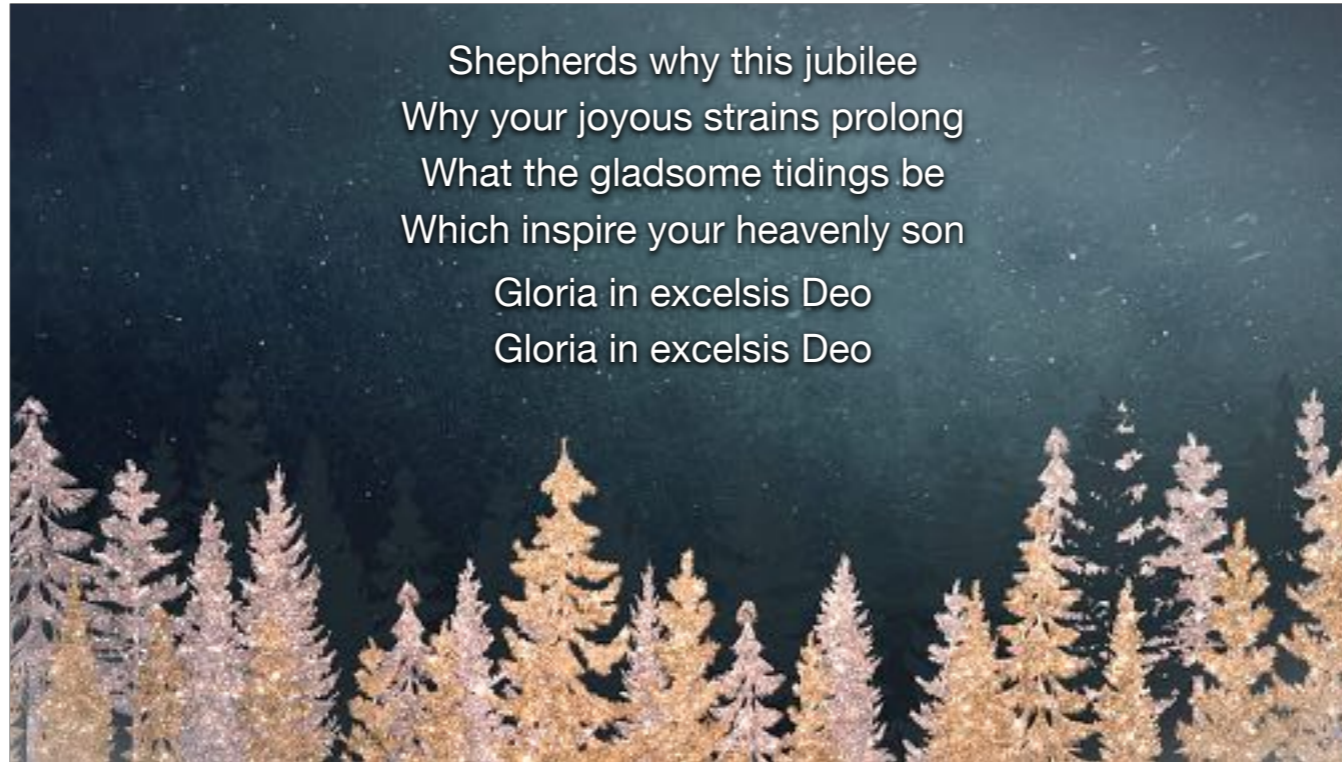
Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains
Gloria in excelsis Deo
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Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly son

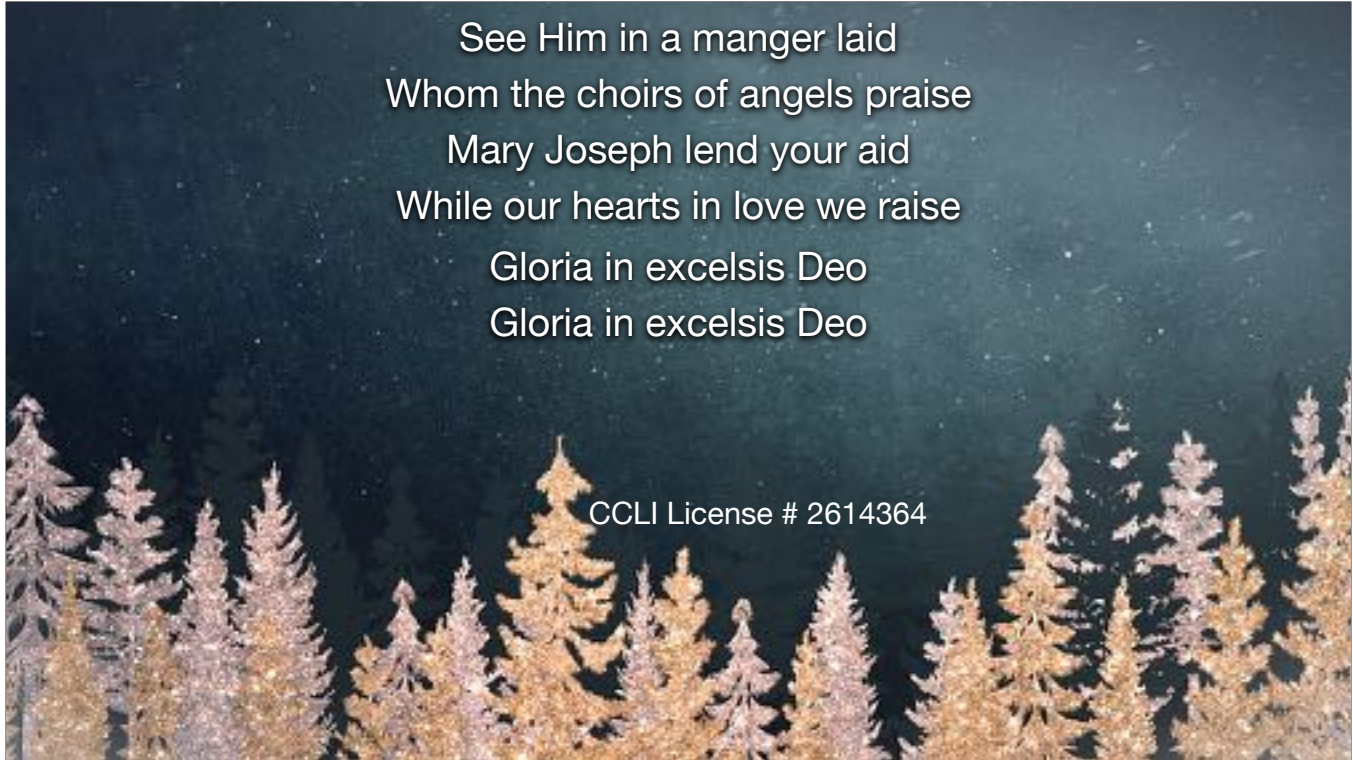
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Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo





See Him in a manger laid
Whom the choirs of angels praise
Mary Joseph lend your aid
While our hearts in love we raise
Gloria in excelsis Deo
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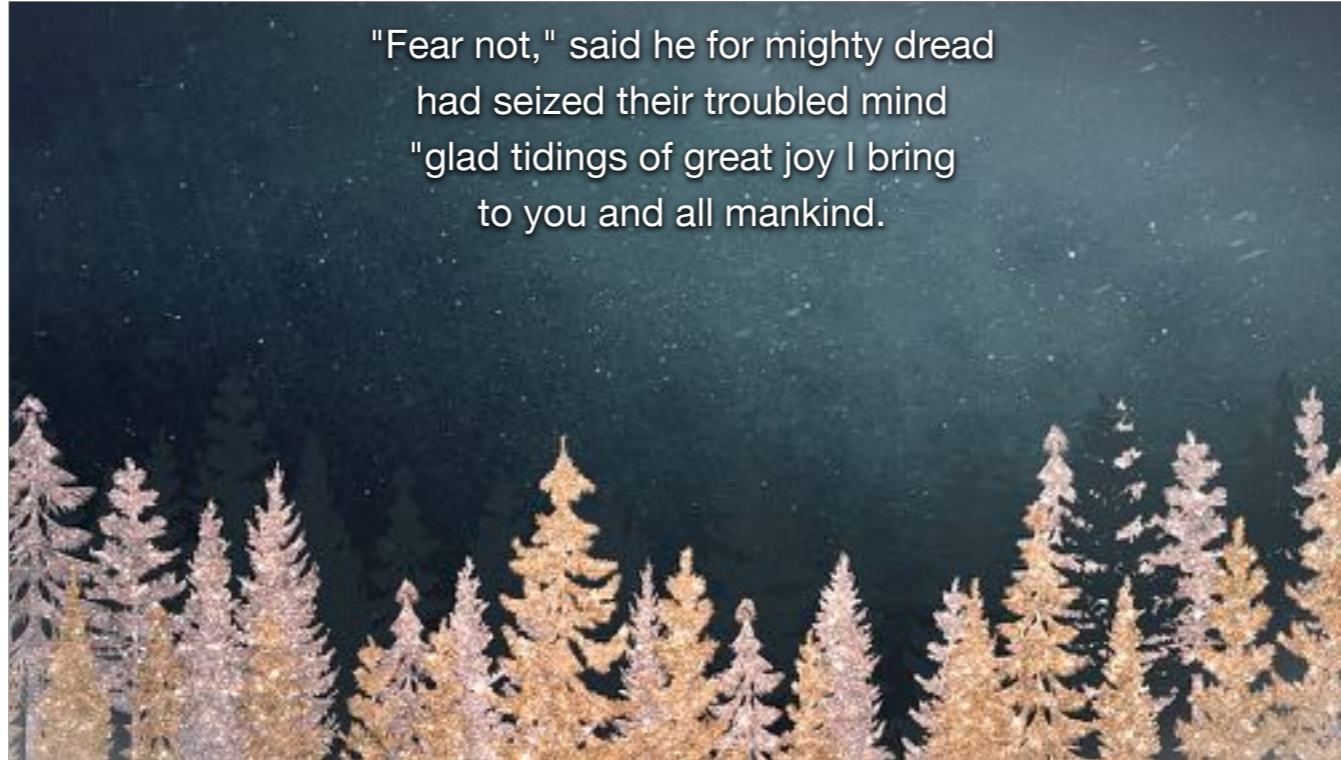
KIDS PROGRAM & SONG

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
an angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.



"Fear not," said he for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind
"glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.



The heavenly babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all simply wrapped in swaddling clothes
and in a manger laid."



All glory be to God on high,
and to the earth be peace;
to those on whom his favor rests
goodwill shall never cease."





READING Some people might consider the shepherds to unclean, lowly, and unworthy of such a significantly important message—especially coming from an angel on high. However, God sees things vastly different than we humans do. They, being insignificant, had no power, no influence, they had nothing to bring to this newborn King, Israel's hope and consolation. So why did God choose one of the least significant members of society in there time to entrust the most significant One of the ages? Why didn't God select someone from the religious leaders? Why not some powerful king or a wealthy influential individual? Someone whose personal testimony would carry much weight? Why Judean shepherds? The answers is that these Shepherds foreshadow Jesus' coming role as the Good Shepherd, a Shepherd who would some thirty years later would lay down His life for His sheep. God selected them because shepherds were from the fringe of society. These tenders of sheep knew and were truly amazed by God's plan to reveal this good news to them. Imagine how unworthy they must have considered their role in society. Yet, considered how honored they were at the same time. Reflect forward on Jesus' opinion of the religious leaders in His day! It was highly unlikely the elites would have reacted with that same kind of humility and truth, most did not.
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After seeing this Messiah of the world, the shepherds joyfully shared with everyone they encountered and what the angel had revealed to them about this very special child. They weren't concerned about what others thought. They didn't overthink the situation. They didn't talk themselves out of proclaiming this good news. They didn't think, "Maybe this was just a dream". Instead, they were exuberant, overflowing with joy, ready and willing to share this fantastic news to everyone who would listen.

These lovely insignificant shepherds serve as a perfect reminder for us. We too should joyfully share this good news of great joy with all people, without inhibition. Imagine the song the shepherds were singing through the streets of Bethlehem that night. Where they echoing the song of the host of angels that appeared to them that night? I think so.

"Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased."



AMELIA SINGS



READER: Consider what Mary and Joseph must have thought. They, too, must have been absolutely amazed on the night Jesus was born! Imagine their excitement when those rugged weather-worn shepherds entered in, overflowing with enthusiasm after they received that special message from angels. They rushed away immediately leaving their flocks and dashed to Bethlehem to see with certainty what the angels had told them. Upon arrival they huddled around with wide-eyes and big smiles. They knew they were looking at the newborn King, their long-awaited Messiah.

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God's Word tells us that Mary cherished all these precious moments in her heart, but we don't hear much about Joseph. As His earthly dad, Joseph must have felt such love for Mary and imagine the overwhelming sense of wonder about their journey ahead. "I mean, raising the Son of God!" He knew from God's Word the amazingly significant role the Messiah would play in the world. Though the road before them was uncertain, but they had faith in God's plan for the ages.

On that one most incredible night, as Jesus made His grand entrance into the world, Joseph embraced his role as Jesus' father. And like many new dads, held this little one close to his chest and hummed a sweet Psalm. Wrapped in love and joy at this miracle of life, God entrusted had him to raise His Son.

LEAVE FOR Steve's Song- Joseph's Lullaby



READER 3: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those whom God is pleased." Sang the heavenly host of angels. But this raises an important question, "Peace for whom?"

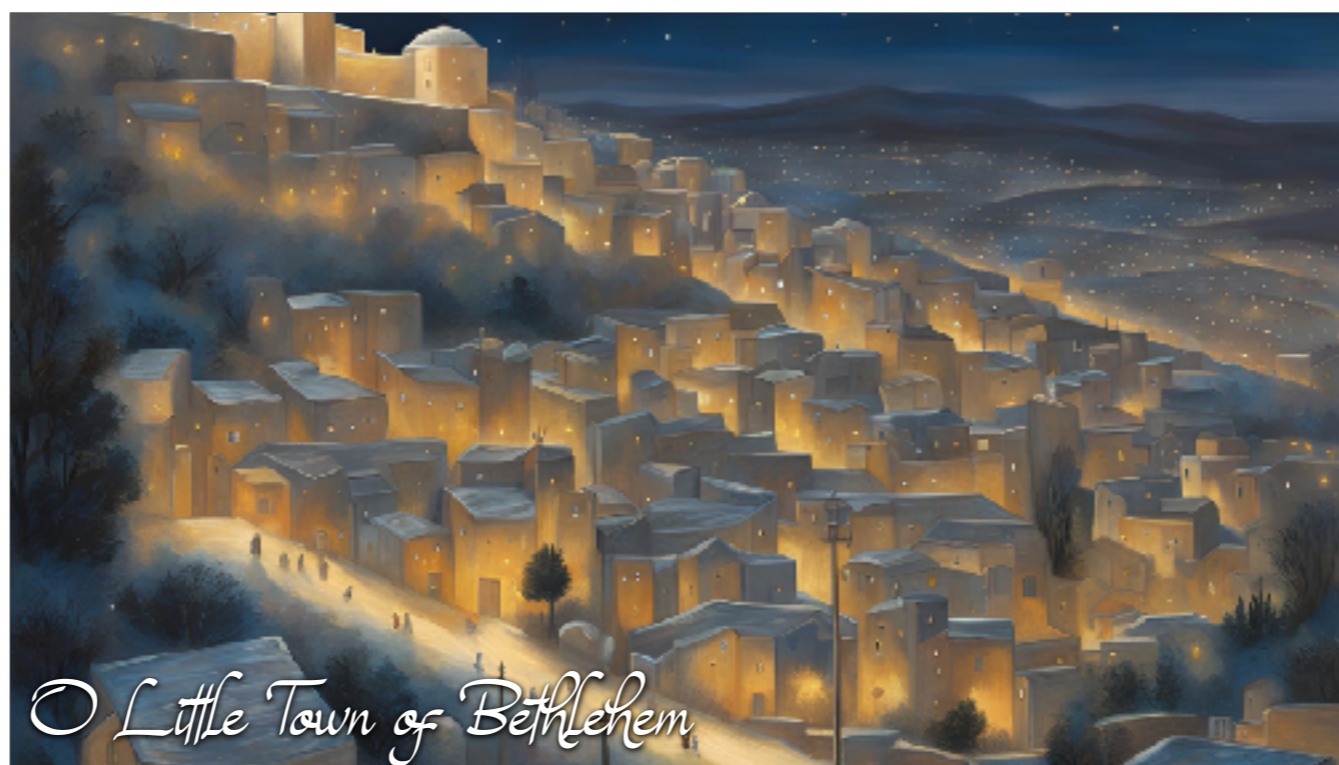
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The angels boldly proclaim that this peace is for all people with whom God is pleased. However, who are those people that God is pleased with? It is those who put their faith and trust in God's Son. It is they who will experience the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding. A peace in knowing that our sovereign God is still in control. And it is the peace we experience which encourages us to share this magnificent message of salvation to those around. We, Christians, offer peace and hope to a world filled with chaos, conflict, and confusion.

Christmas songs, like O Little Town of Bethlehem, capture the idea of peace with message filled lyrics that say: "O morning stars, together, Proclaim thy holy birth. And praises ring to God, the King and peace to men on earth." These words and more serve as a stark reminder that we are to lift praises to God in highest.

Every person, from all tribes and nations and tongues, who believe this message can say with the apostle Paul, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

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Tracy- O Little Town of Bethlehem



Message

O Come All Ye Faithful

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

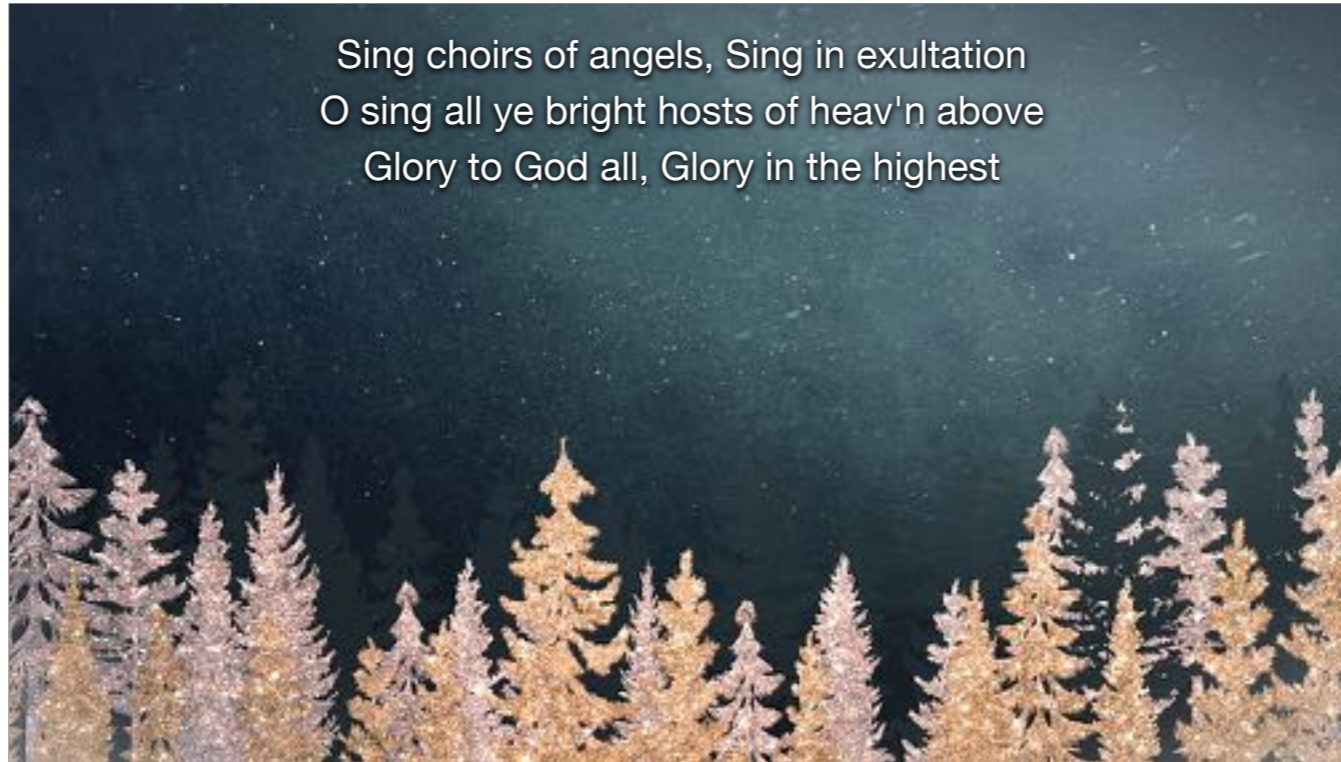


Congregation

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord



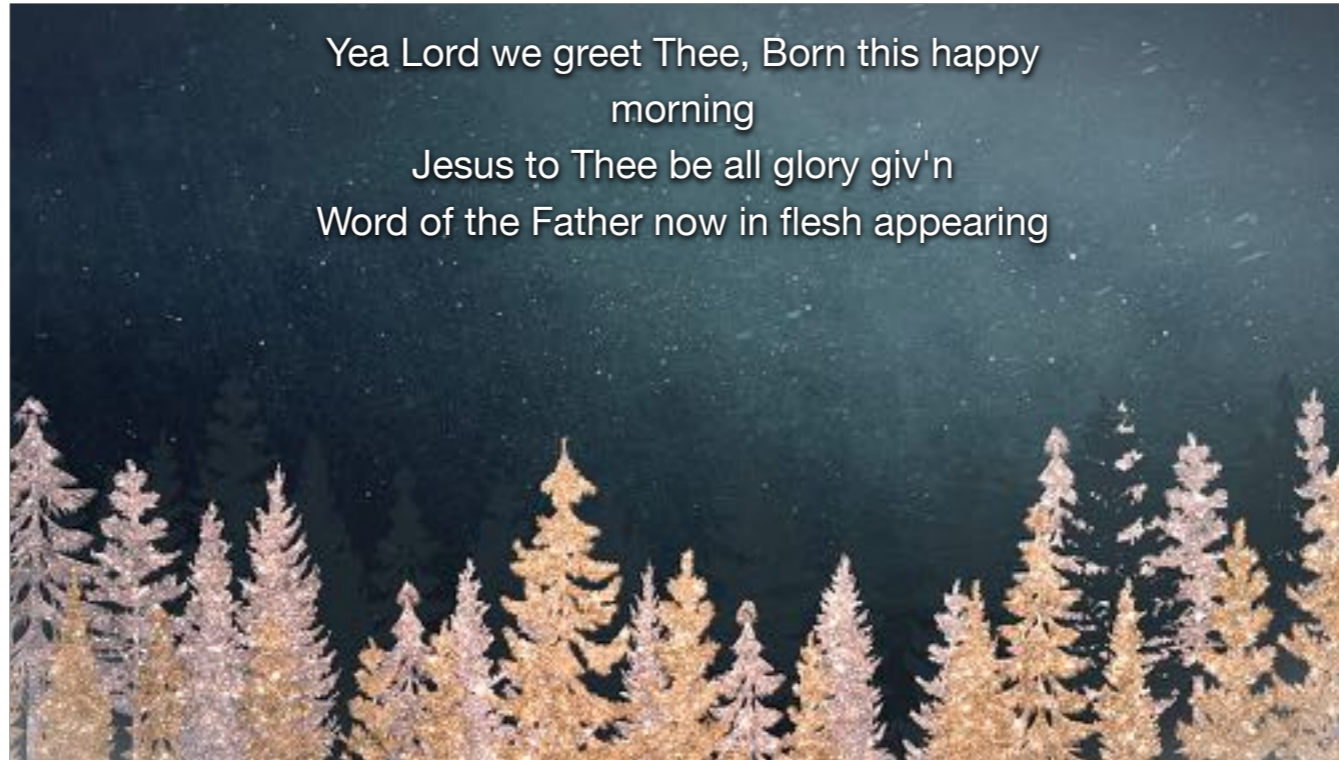
Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation
O sing all ye bright hosts of heav'n above
Glory to God all, Glory in the highest



O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord



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



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