

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM - THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 24, 2017 - 4:00 PM

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

PRELUDE

GREETING

THE JOURNEY

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

(Lyrics on back. Please repeat until all are gathered by the manger.)

Parents and children are invited to come forward as we gather together and "travel" around the sanctuary toward Bethlehem following the star. We will eventually end up at the front of the sanctuary to hear the story together. You are welcome to travel with your child.

TELLING THE STORY

Silent Night

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Away in a Manger

We Three Kings of Orient Are

PRAYER

LIVE NATIVITY

Joy to the World

As we sing in celebration, please bring your offering forward to the basket and take jingle bells for your little one.

CLOSING BLESSING

POSTLUDE

CHRISTMAS OFFERING - Gifts for the ongoing work of the church with children, youth and adults can be made tonight using the offering baskets found at the front and back of the sanctuary. Your generosity is appreciated.

SPECIAL THANKS TO - Ushers: Russ Good, Ed & BJ Skinner, Bill Hathaway, Heather Shortlidge; **Live Nativity:** Griffin & Cameron Good, Ian & Lindsey Green, Jessica Wooster, Tucker, Nick & Sam Bullen, Lillian Walker, Abby Park, Shane O'Neill; **Guitarist:** John Morrison; **Pianist:** Bob Muckenfuss; **Sheep:** Griff (www.fidosforfreedom.com).

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Go, Tell It On The Mountain

Refrain: *Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (refrain)
The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (refrain)*

Silent Night

*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.
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.*

O Little Town Of Bethlehem

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

Away In A Manger

*Away in a manger, no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby wakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my side until 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.*

We Three Kings Of Orient Are

*We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain,
moor and mountain, following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.
Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.*

Joy To The World!

*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 us our songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy!
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.*