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Front Cover Artwork

Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937), *Flight into Egypt*, 1923. Oil on canvas. 29 x 26 in (73.7 x 66 cm).
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Marguerite and Frank A. Cosgrove Jr. Fund, 2001.
Ascension Number: 2001.402a. On view in Gallery 766 - The Cosmopolitan Spirit, 1860–1900.

Excerpt from the label at the Metropolitan Museum of Art Collection Online
(www.metmuseum.org/collection/the-collection-online/search/16947):

“Tanner’s eloquent ‘Flight into Egypt’ is a canonical mature work by the increasingly esteemed American artist, who studied in Paris and resided in France. In the mid-1890s Tanner decided to concentrate on biblical themes familiar from his childhood in a household headed by a leader of the African Methodist Church. ... ‘Tanner blues,’ complex layers of glazes, and flat decorative surfaces are keynotes of many of his late canvases. ‘Flight into Egypt’ depicts the Holy Family’s clandestine evasion of King Herod’s assassins (Matthew 2:12–14), Tanner’s favorite biblical story. It expresses his sensitivity to issues of personal freedom, escape from persecution, and migrations of African-Americans from the South to the North.”



Hershey Presbyterian Church (PCA) desires to be a welcoming, grace-filled, all-nations community of Jesus Christ in the Presbyterian tradition. We seek to love God and our neighbor as we make disciples of Jesus Christ who are learning to *worship God, proclaim Christ, and love others.*

Preparing to Worship God

Welcome

Welcome to Hershey PCA! We are glad to have you join with us in the worship of God through Jesus Christ, our Savior and King.

Thanks to all those who participate in making this worship service possible (worship service participants may include in alphabetical order): Ephraim Church (violin), Keith Dolon (sound), Bob Eickelberg (preaching), Nathanael Marengo (clarinet), Kimberly Robinson (vocals), Anita Wood (piano), and Don Wood (vocals).

Welcome Bob Eickelberg: We are pleased to welcome Rev. Robert Eickelberg to our pulpit today. Bob is Pastor Emeritus of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg and now serves with New Hope Pastoral & Mercy Ministries (www.NewHopePM.org).

Prelude

Praising God

*Call to Worship:

Daniel 4:28-33

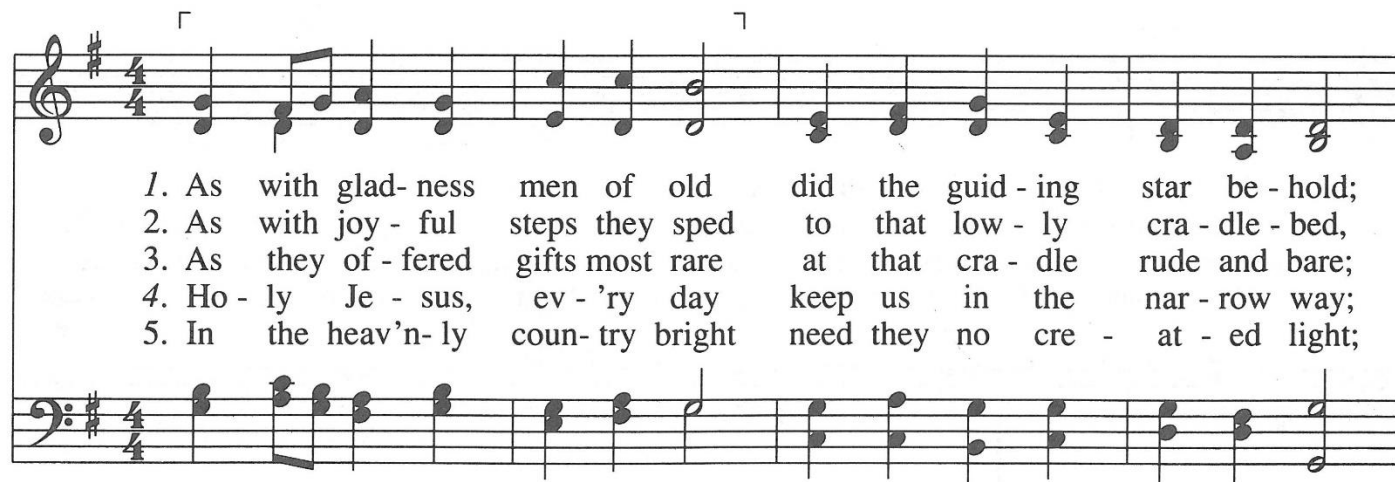
At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever,

*for his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and his kingdom endures from generation to generation;
³⁵ all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and he does according to his will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay his hand
or say to him, "What have you done?"*

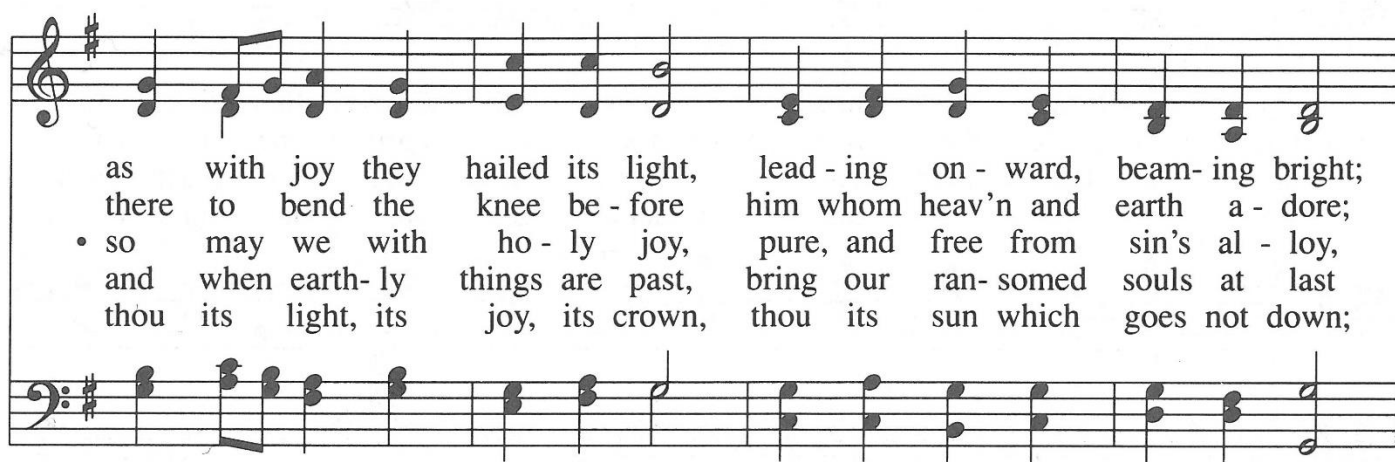
³⁶ At the same time my reason returned to me, and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and splendor returned to me. My counselors and my lords sought me, and I was established in my kingdom, and still more greatness was added to me. ³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

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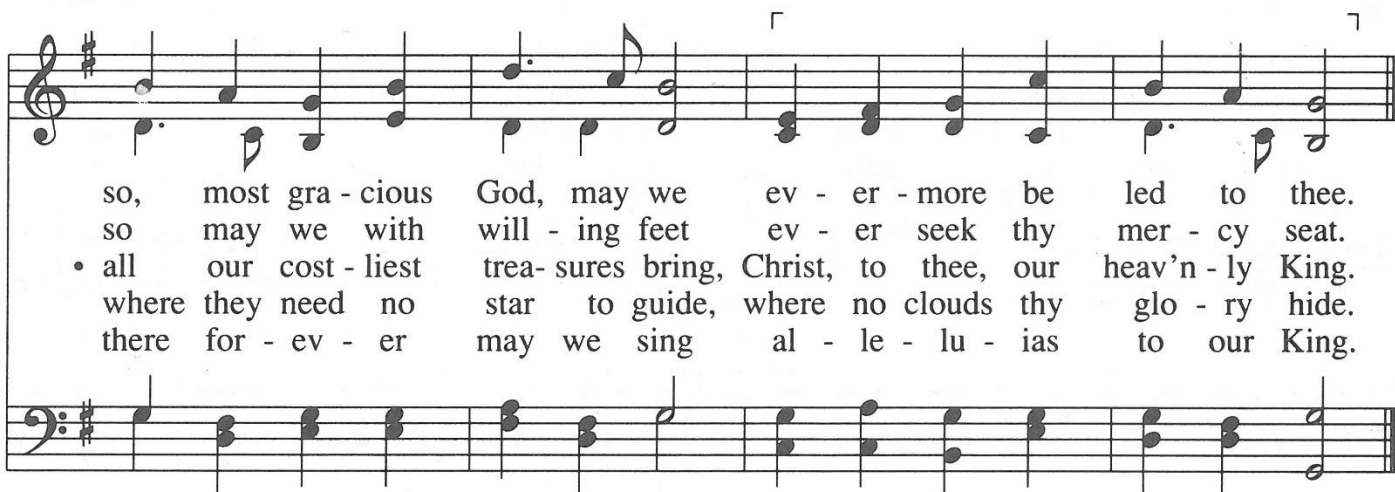
Bold Text = Read by All

Response of Praise:*As with Gladness Men of Old**

1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
• so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
• all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Confession of Faith:

The Apostles' Creed

We confess our faith together using the Apostles' Creed. It is an ancient summary of what the Bible teaches about God, our need of a sufficient Savior, and our dependence on the work of God's Spirit.

I believe in **God the Father Almighty**,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in **Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord**,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in **the Holy Spirit**,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther,
And to the Son,
and to the Ho-ly Ghost:
as it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now, and ev-er shall be,
world with-out end.
A-men, a-men.

Facing Up to Our Sin before God

Reading of God's Standard:

Daniel 4:28-33

All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹ At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?" ³¹ While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, ³² and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will." ³³ Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws.

Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon in Christ:

Romans 7:24-8:4

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

^{8:1} There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Offering Our Prayers to God

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Hershey PCA Prayer Requests for the Week of January 3-9, 2020

Intercession for the World:

- **The Hershey Community** (to learn about local township news, subscribe to the Derry Township Weekly eNews at www.derrytownship.org/community/weekly-enews)
Derry Township Fire Chief Patrick Leonard
- **Civil Government** (those in authority over us):
PA State Senator John DiSanto
- **Countries of Origin of our Church Members and Friends.** Did you come from a country different from the ones that we regularly pray for? Please let us know and we will add your country of origin to our list:
Canada
- **Unreached People Group** (includes 6,693 people groups or 40.4% of the world's people groups (approximately 3,109,034,000 persons). In these people groups, there are "few evangelicals and few who identify as Christians." There is "little, if any, history of Christianity" within the people group. See www.joshuaproject.net).
"...pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send Untied out laborers into his harvest." (Matt. 9:38)
Bagga of India
Population: 500; Language: Kannada; Religion: Hinduism

Intercession for the Church (God's People):

- **Health issues: John and Catherine**
- **Church Government in our Local Church** (our ordained officers and non-ordained ministry leaders):
Deacon Josh Franklin
- **Our Denomination (PCA):** Member Church in the Susquehanna Valley Presbytery (PCA):
Hanover Valley Presbyterian Church, Hanover, PA
- **Supported Missionary or Organizations:**
Stephen and Susan Beck, serving with Greater Europe Mission in Germany

The Lord's Prayer: Our time of intercession will close with this version of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

"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 evil."
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.


Our Tithes & Offerings

This is the time in our service when our tithes and offerings are presented to God as an act of our worship. You can drop your offering in the designated place. If you are worshipping with us online, you can present your tithes and offerings to God by mailing them to Hershey PCA, 1521 Sand Hill Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036, or by making an online donation through our website at hersheypca.com.

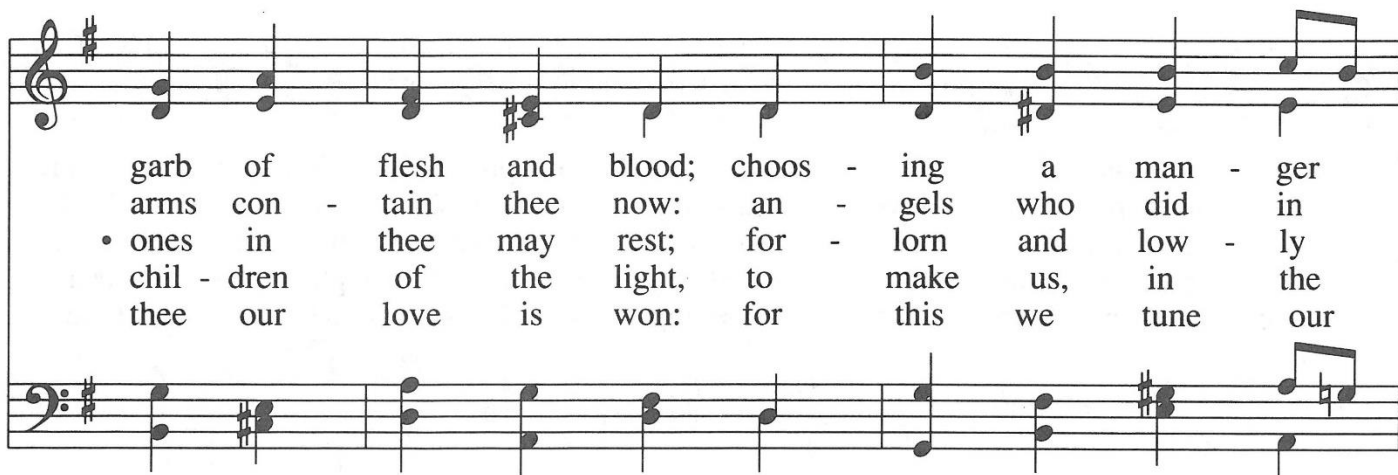
During this song, children from 3 years old through kindergarten are invited to attend
Junior Church in Room 112 (across from the bathrooms).

***Song of Preparation:**

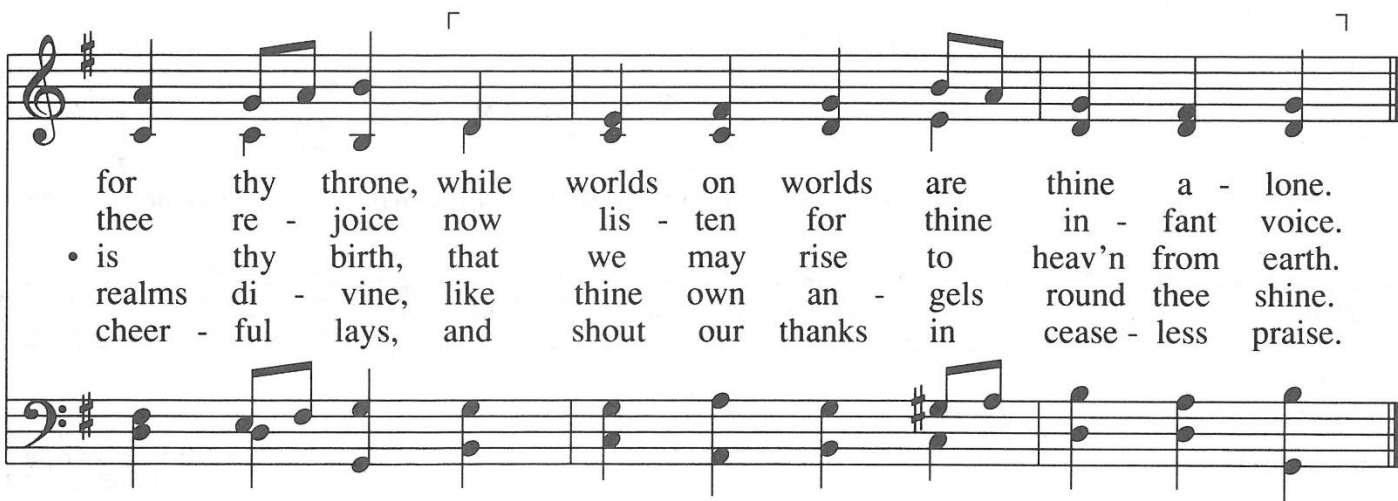
All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord



1. All praise to thee, e - ter - nal Lord, clothed in a
2. Once did the skies be - fore thee bow; a vir - gin's
3. A lit - tle child, thou art our guest, that wea - ry
4. Thou com - est in the dark - some night to make us
5. All this for us thy love hath done; by this to



garb of flesh and blood; choos - ing a man - ger
arms con - tain thee now: an - gels who did in
• ones in thee may rest; for - lorn and low - ly
chil - dren of the light, to make us, in the
thee our love is won: for this we tune our



for thy throne, while worlds on worlds are thine a - lone.
thee re - joice now lis - ten for thine in - fant voice.
• is thy birth, that we may rise to heav'n from earth.
realms di - vine, like thine own an - gels round thee shine.
cheer - ful lays, and shout our thanks in cease - less praise.

Martin Luther, 1524
Tr. in *Sabbath Hymn Book*, 1858

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Robert Schumann, 1839; arr.

Listening to God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

In this prayer, we ask the Lord to open our eyes and hearts to his Word.

*Reading of Scripture:

Matthew 2

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

*⁶ "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."*

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

¹³ Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

*¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."*

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." ²¹ And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. ²³ And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

***Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: “Magi, King Herod, and the Worship of King Jesus”

Text: Matthew 2

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now serving with www.NewHopePM.org

Introduction:

- I. The Plan of God for Jesus, the Messiah, to be born to Mary was a plan established in eternity.

- II. Herod tried to “steal Christmas” by attempting to kill the Lord Jesus Christ, the promised King of Israel!

- III. In all of this we see that the Triune God rules and reigns! While the kingdom of Herod comes to an end quite quickly, the Kingdom of Jesus continues to spread.


Prayer of Application

*The sermon concludes with a prayer asking the Lord to help us to be those who listen to his word and obey it.
“...be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:22)*


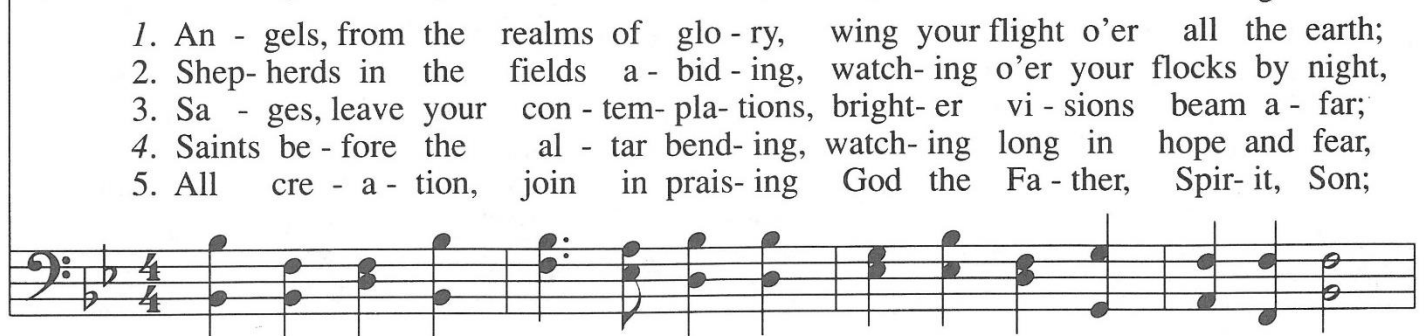
Confessing Our Faith in God

***Song of Dedication and Service:**

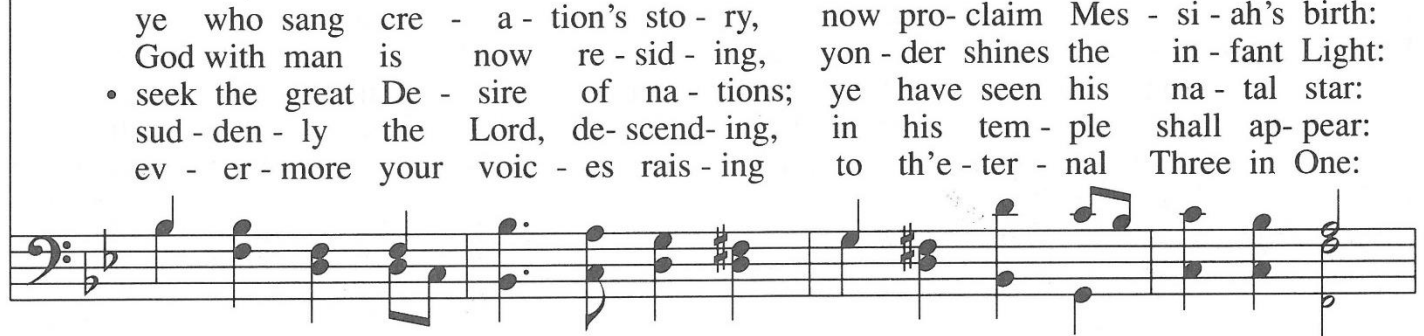
Angels, from the Realms of Glory



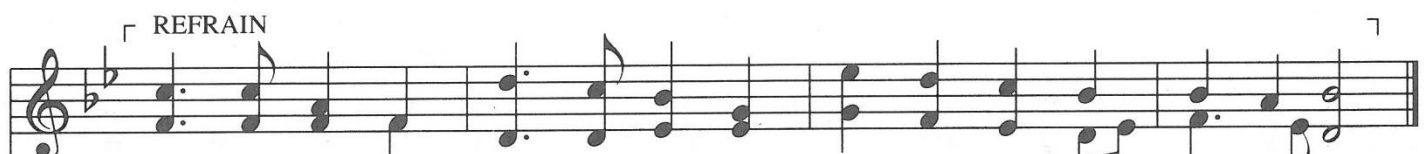
1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2. Shep- herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch- ing o'er your flocks by night,
3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem- pla- tions, bright- er vi - sions beam a - far;
4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend- ing, watch- ing long in hope and fear,
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais- ing God the Fa - ther, Spir- it, Son;



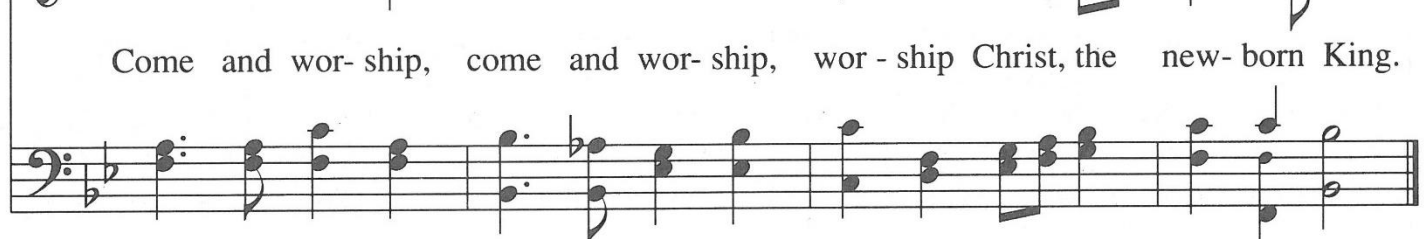
ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro- claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
• seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
sud - den - ly the Lord, de- scend- ing, in his tem - ple shall ap- pear:
ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:



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



James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

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Henry Smart, 1867

Receiving God's Blessing

*Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.*

Postlude

**We are glad that you have joined us for worship today
—either in person or by livestream.**

If you are new to Hershey PCA, feel free to reach out to Pastor Kertland at pastor@hersheypca.com. We would love to personally welcome you.

Updates, announcements, and a weekly schedule of events with meeting links are being communicated through our Prayer and Information email list. If you are not receiving these updates and would like to be on the email list, please send your name and email address to office@hersheypca.com.

Requests for pastoral or diaconal support can be made directly to one of our elders or deacons, or can be emailed to us at: pastor@hersheypca.com or deacons@hersheypca.com.

Join us for **Sunday worship** at 10:00 AM (EST) onsite or by livestream at our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/hersheypca.

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Today's Service Information

- 1) **Artwork:** *Flight into Egypt*, Henry Ossawa Tanner <http://www.metmuseum.org/collection/the-collection-online/search/16947>. This artwork is in the public domain.
- 2) **Music:** "As with Gladness Men of Old" (226), "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord" (219), and "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (218) are reprinted from *The Trinity Hymnal* (Great Commission Publications, Atlanta, GA, 2000). Music used by permission: CCLI License #20711820 and CCLI Streaming License #20711837.
- 3) **Quotes:** Biblical quotes are from the English Standard Version (ESV) unless otherwise noted. Page 2: www.metmuseum.org/collection/the-collection-online/search/16947. Various quotes describing worship elements are from *Leading in Prayer: A Workbook for Worship* by Hughes Oliphant Old (Eerdmans, Grand Rapids, MI: 1995).



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