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Loving Christ, Welcoming All

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 28, 2025 11:00 am

GATHERING

Prayer Request Cards *(blue) are inside the Pew Card Holder. The ushers will collect the request cards before the Prelude. The* ***bold print*** *invites the people to read aloud and/or sing. An asterisk* * *invites the people to stand. Please sign the register in the pew pads.*

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Rev. Ardyth Hill

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. *2 Thess. 3:18*

And also with you.

PRELUDE — Away in a Manger — W. Held

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE — Thomas Smetanka, Lector

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

....one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

***HYMN 132 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice**

*CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; who tickled and cuddled and comforted the growing child, that he might know love and safety. And yet, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod. Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others. Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

PRIVATE TIME OF CONFESSION

***GLORY TO THE FATHER – HYMNAL 581**

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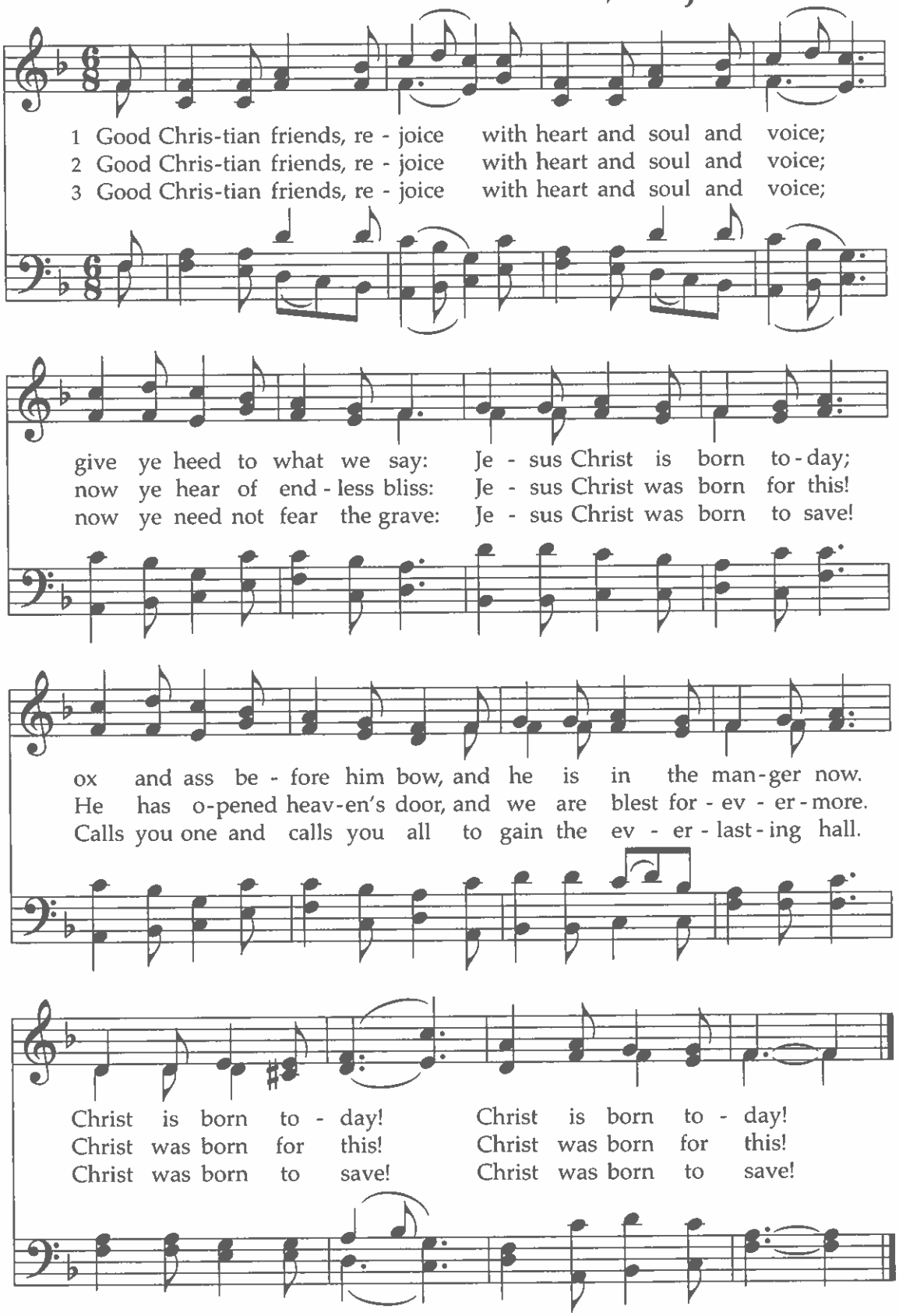

Carols using two languages, like this one dating from at least the 14th century, belong to a special group called "macaronic," the original languages here being German and Latin. Though the present version is only in English, it is sung to the traditional German folk melody.

TEXT: Medieval Latin; trans. and para. John Mason Neale, 1853, alt.
MUSIC: German folk melody, 14th cent.; harm. David Hugh Jones, 1953
Music Harm. © 1955, ren. 1983 John Ribble (admin. Westminster John Knox Press)

IN DULCI JUBILO
6.6.7.7.7.8.5.5

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you. *(Greet one another with the words, "**Peace be with you.**")*

CHILDREN'S TIME

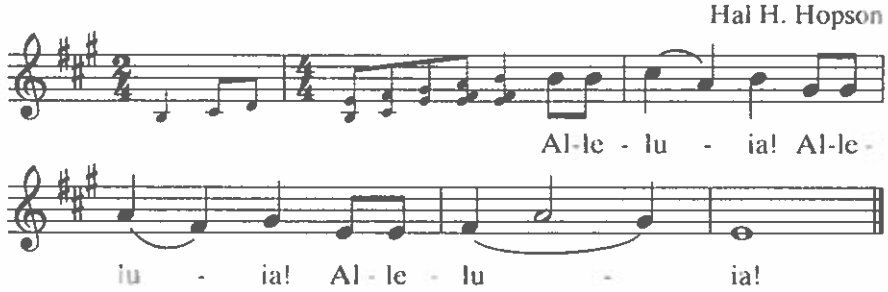
WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT — Isaiah 63:7-9 — Lector

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM READING — Psalm 148 — Lector

GOSPEL READING — Matthew 2:13-23

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

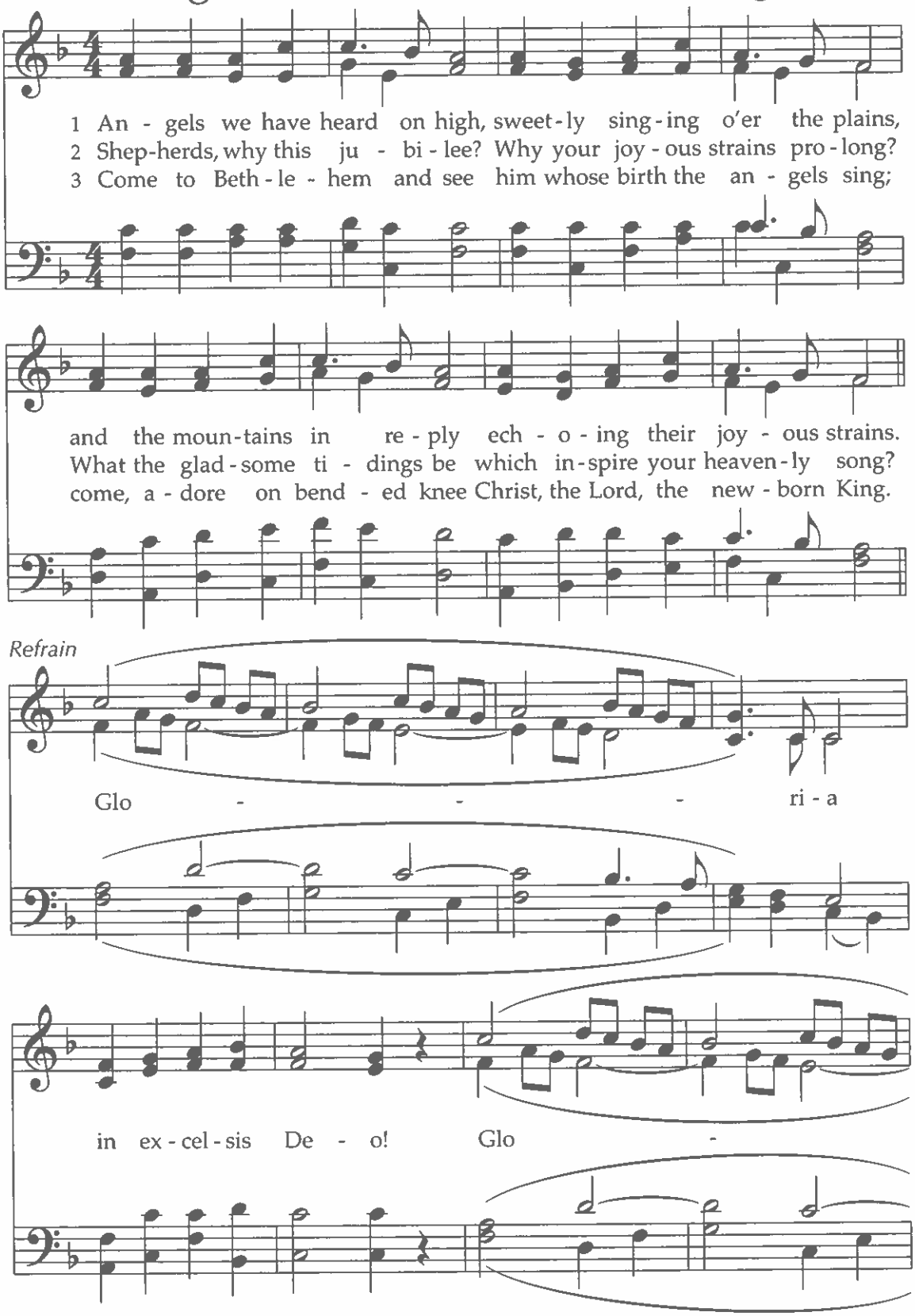
SERMON — Rev. Ardyth Hill

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***HYMN 113 Angels We Have Heard on High**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - APOSTLE'S CREED** *(Traditional-page 35 before Hymn #1)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy

113 Angels We Have Heard on High

This French carol probably dates from the 1700s, though it was not printed until the following century. Because it uses a vernacular language for the narrative stanzas and Latin for the refrain, it belongs to a special category called "macaronic" or mixed-language texts.

TEXT: French carol; trans. James Chadwick, 1860, alt.
MUSIC: French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937
Music © 1937, ren. 1965 H. Augustine Smith Jr.
(admin. Fleming H. Revell Company, a div. of Baker Publishing Group)

GLORIA
7.7.7.7 with refrain

Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE — Linda Tito

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**
....and so with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY **Hymn 115 Away in a Manger**

***DOXOLOGY-606**

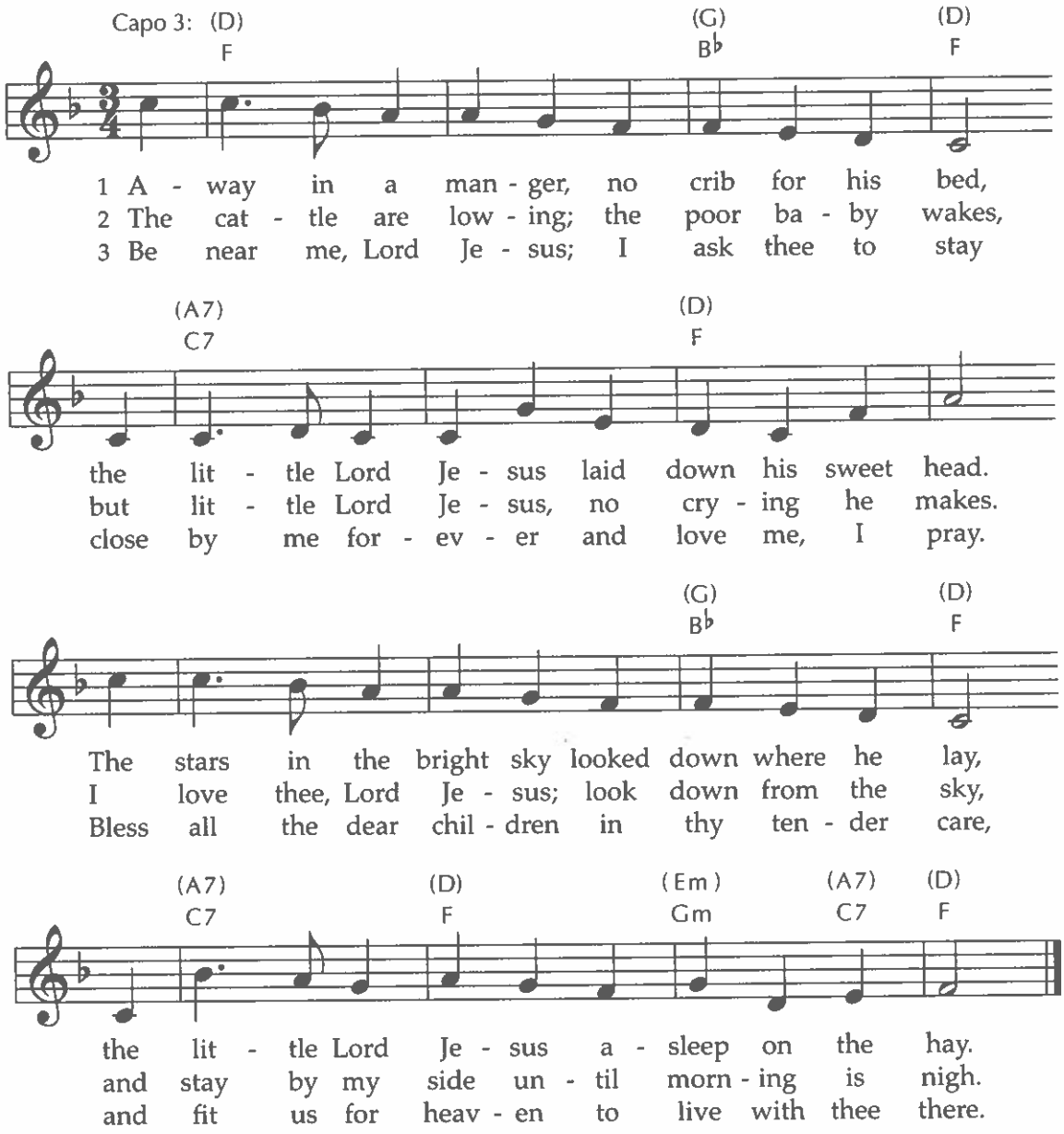
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SENDING

***HYMN 136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain**
*CHARGE AND BLESSING
***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE – HYMNAL 568**
POSTLUDE

115 Away in a Manger



Though erroneously attributed to Martin Luther, this anonymous carol has North American roots, probably originating among Pennsylvania Lutherans. Although more than forty melodies have been connected with these words, this tune was among the earliest written for them.

TEXT: Stanzas 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, c. 1885; stanza 3, Gabriel's *Vineyard Songs*, 1892
MUSIC: James R. Murray, 1887

MUELLER
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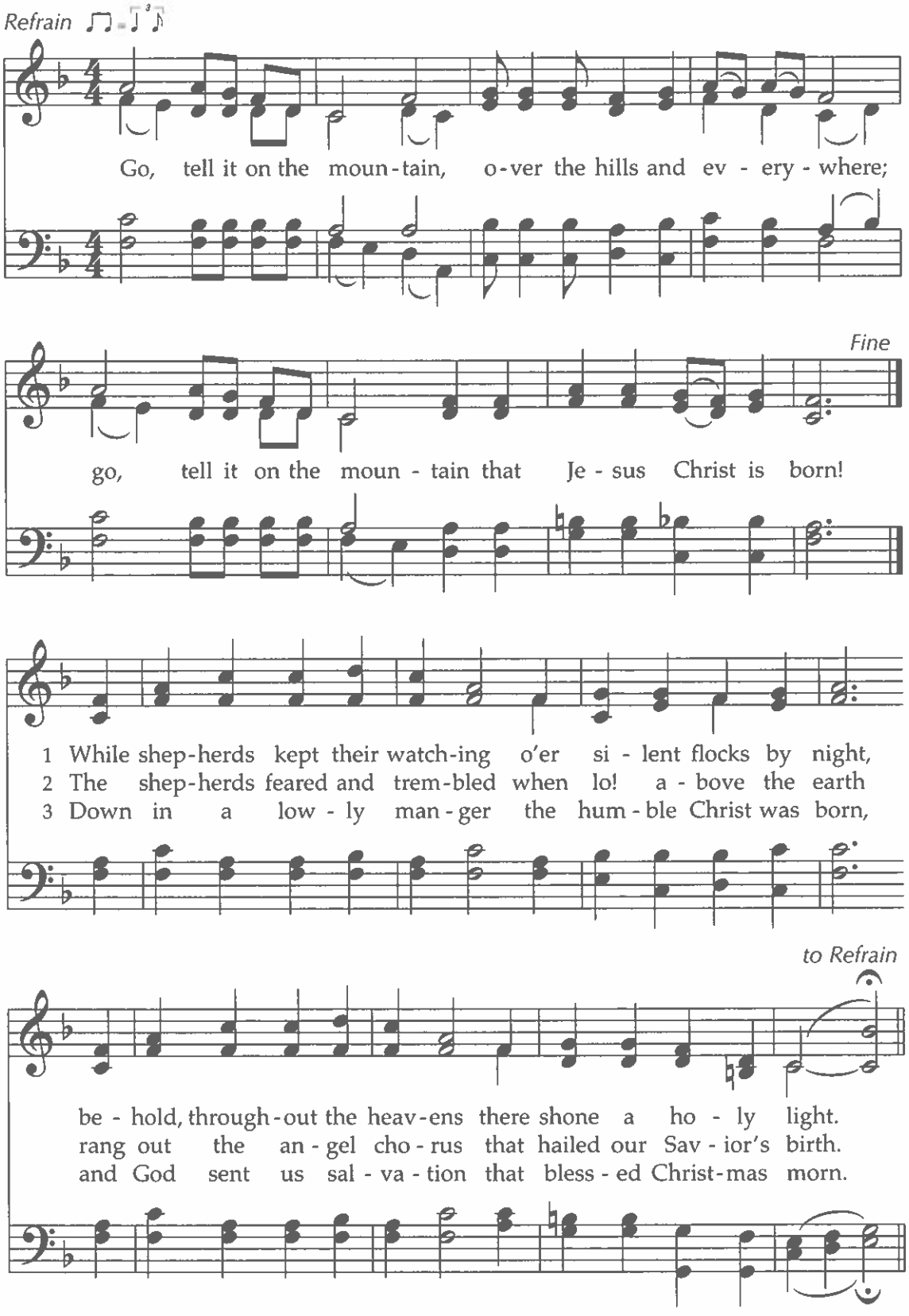
(alternate tune: CRADLE SONG, 114)

136 Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Like other material from oral traditions, 19th-century African American spirituals flourished without being written down. Their refrains were their most stable parts, and narrative stanzas were often improvised to fit. These Nativity stanzas attempt to recall that tradition.

TEXT: African American spiritual; stanzas, John W. Work II, 1940
MUSIC: African American spiritual; arr. John W. Work III, 1940; harm. Melva Wilson Costen, 1987
Music Harm. © 1989 Melva Wilson Costen

GO TELL IT
7.6.7.6 with refrain

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The **flowers** this morning are given with **gratitude**
To God for the "call." - Ardi Hill

Our **Greeters** today are:
Jan Myers, Elder and **Lois Neiderhiser**, Deacon

USHERS serving you today are members of **Team III:**
Matt Sweeney-Captain, Doug Harvey, Keith Koski, Adam McMahen, Liam McMahen, Mallory McMahen, Jerry Musick, JJ Sweeney, Daniel Sweeney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Committee Chairs: Your one-page annual report, in Word, is due in the office, by e-mail, no later than Wednesday, December 31.

Following today's worship service you are welcome to take a **poinsettia.**

We are going to start the new year with a service of **Prayer for Wholeness and Healing.** This will take place during our worship service on Sunday, January 4. We invite you to join us as we start 2026 with prayer.

Our **Annual Epiphany Feast** on **Tuesday, January 6, 2026,** will begin with appetizers at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary if you plan to attend and to indicate your choice of dish to share.

WEEKLY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Thursday and Friday 1/1-2/26

..... Offices Closed for the New Year's Holiday

Sunday 1/4

9:30 am .....Adult Sunday School
9:45 am ..... Children Sunday School
11:00 am ..... Worship