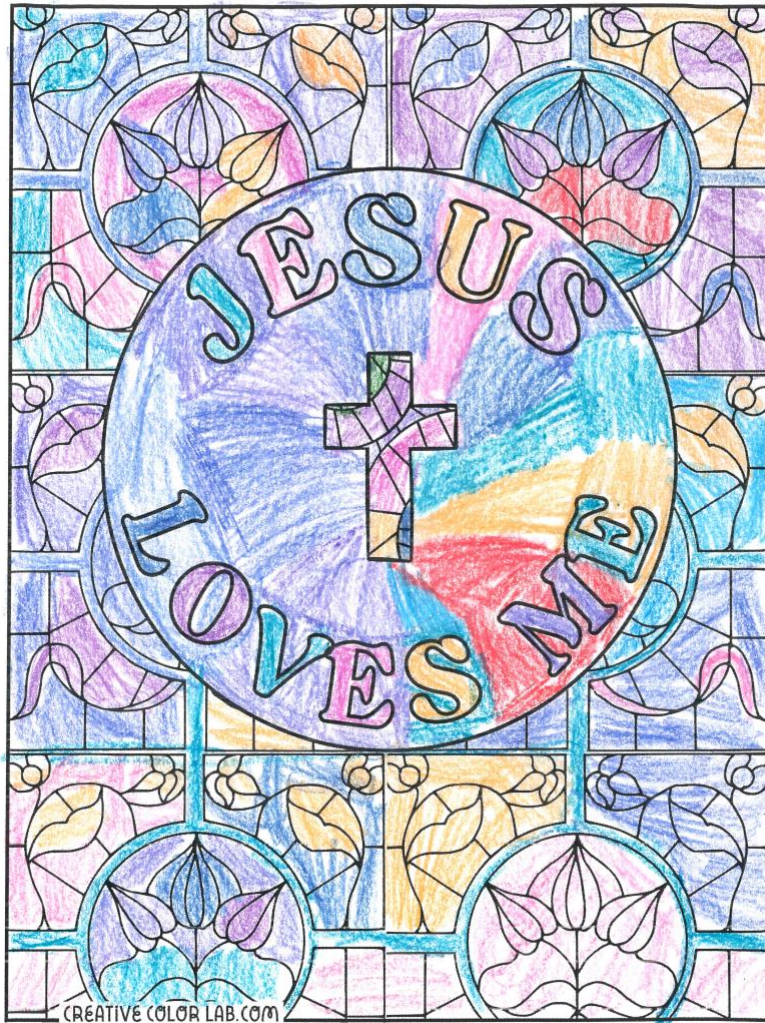


MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2025 – THE YEAR OF PEACE



Celebrating 222+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi

Music Director: Dennis Linde

First Sunday After Christmas
December 28, 2025
10:00 A.M.

Worship Bulletin

Please set all cell phones to airplane mode.

During the first hymn, the ushers will collect Prayer Concern Cards.

Please sign the Attendance Pad & pass it down the pew (Guests please include your address).

** = The congregation is invited to stand.*

Prelude

Air in D Major

J.S. Bach

Announcements

Mission Minutes

Passing of the Peace

***Call to Worship:**

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

C: And, also with you.

L: The risen Christ is with us.

C: Praise the Lord!

*** Hymn 241:**

The Boy-Child of Mary

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession (adopted from Psalm 139)

L: LORD, You have searched us out and known us

C: You know our sitting down and rising up

L: You discern our thoughts from afar.

C: Where can we go from Your spirit?

L: Where can we flee from Your presence?

C: Have mercy on us, O God

L: Grant us Your pardon

C: In Jesus' name. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us;

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

C: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Joys, Concerns and Praises, Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Luke 2:8-20 (KJV)

Hailey Fernandes-Bryan

⁸ And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. ¹⁰ And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

¹¹ For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

¹² And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, ¹⁴ Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

¹⁵ And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. ¹⁶ And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. ¹⁷ And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. ¹⁸ And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. ¹⁹ But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

L: The word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Anthem

Waltz of the Flowers

P. Tchaikovsky/Dennis Linde

Sermon

Excuse Me, What Did You Say?

Pauline McShea

*** Hymn #254 (v.1-2):**

We Three Kings

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory:

Christmas Dreams

H. Sorenson

***Doxology (#95)**

Prayer of Dedication

L: O Lord, as we present this offering upon your altar,

C: We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

L: Use our words and actions of love and kindness to spread the love of Christ.

C: May all of our gifts and services be acceptable in your sight.

L: In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. **C: Amen.**

*** Hymn #254 (v. 3,4,5):**

We Three Kings

Benediction

Benediction Response

Go Now in Peace

by Don Besig and Nancy Price

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.

Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Postlude

Joy to the World

G.F. Handel

Worship Leader and Speaker: Pauline McShea

Greeters: Geoffrey Sibole & Debbie Miller

Ushers: Volunteers

Acolyte: Patrick Scarangella



Special Thanks

to

Pauline McShea

For leading us in worship this morning!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Sun. Dec. 28 10 a.m. Sunday Service – ONE SERVICE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun.	Jan.	4	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Two Services Resume with Coffee Hour
Mon.	Jan.	5	9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Parents Morning Out
			11 a.m.	Staff Meeting
Wed.	Jan.	7	9 a.m.-12p.m.	Parents Morning Out
Tue.	Jan.	13	1 p.m.	United Women in Faith meeting
			7 p.m.	Trustees Meeting

YOUR OFFERING BOXES ARE READY: Please pick up your 2026 offering box in the hallway. It is in alphabetical order.

STORIES OF GRACE (Book): is here! Get your book from the office today!

PASTOR IS AWAY: this week through January 2.

SUNDAY JANUARY 4: Back to two services on January 4.

CROSSWORD SUBMISSIONS: for the January/February edition of THE CROSSWORD are due to Marlene Fernandes-Gomez, December 31, 2025. Please email your articles to marlenepfernandes@live.com or leave a hard copy on the crossword mailbox in the office.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: Week of the 28th: Monday 9–1 p.m., Tuesday/Wednesday 9-12 p.m. Office closed January 1-2.

FOOD BANK ITEMS: for January are Pasta and Sauce. Please put your donations in the labeled bin located in the narthex. Thank you.



**PRAYER REQUESTS will be kept for 4 weeks.
If you want longer, please call the office 609-597-7666.**

For our President, Congress, World Leaders, and all those called to Active Duty.
For the Christians and churches who are under attack. For the peace between Israel and Gaza. For the end of Ukraine War. For the peace in Sudan and Haiti.

For Healing, Surgeries, Illnesses, Needs, etc.:

Jim Goldberger, Beverly Jonas, Peter Arbona, Paul Cranmer, Iris Steinmetz' brother, Debbie Schroeder and family, Dean Wetmore, Regina Howard, Karen Steen, Keri Buscaglia, the DiSanzo family, Mary Ellen McCarthy, Tom Pancoast, George Smithson, the Keller family, Patrick D., John Hauge, Joy Houghton, Kristen Thatcher, Jeanne Swenson, Donna Spader, Towanna Merrit, Royal Wells, Betsy McShea, Carol Pine, Dorothy Hadden, Mike Lucariello, Sam Blake, Ken Schorr Sr., Rob DeVito, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Shirley Elliott, Ann Scaturo, Arleen Logan, Eileen Mahan, Lee and Marlene Kalsch, Aileen Logan, Phyllis Bromiley, Carlos Lopez, Lee Slater, Bill Logan, Anthony Vitelli.

Therefore, having been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Romans 5:1

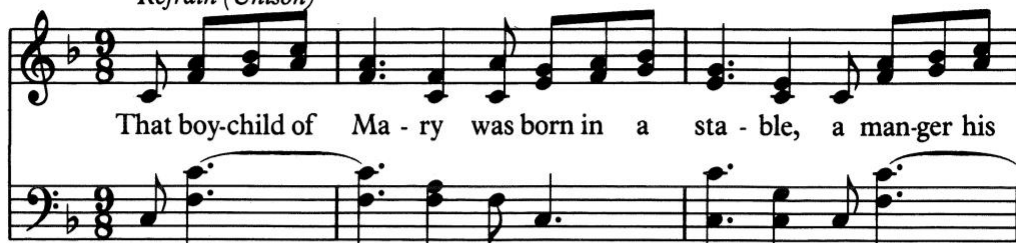
ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Sunday, December 21, 2025

That Boy-Child of Mary

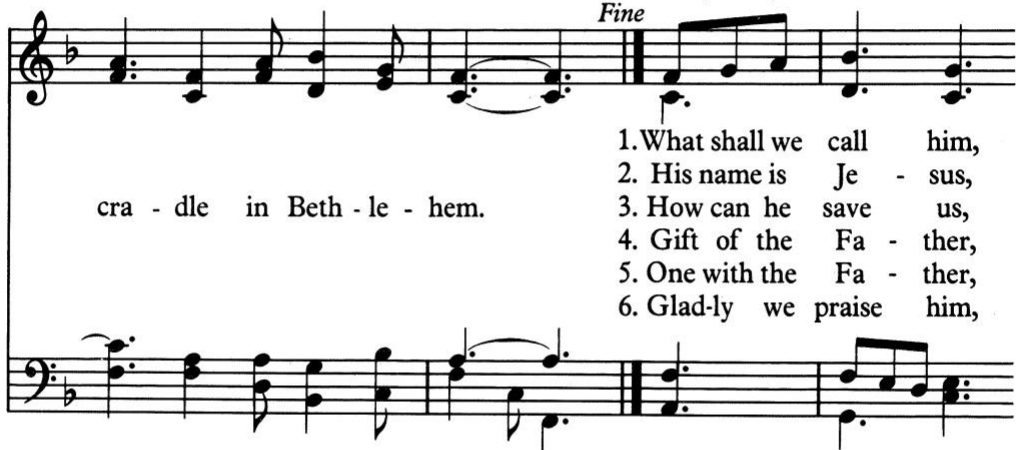
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Refrain (Unison)



That boy-child of Ma - ry was born in a sta - ble, a man-ger his

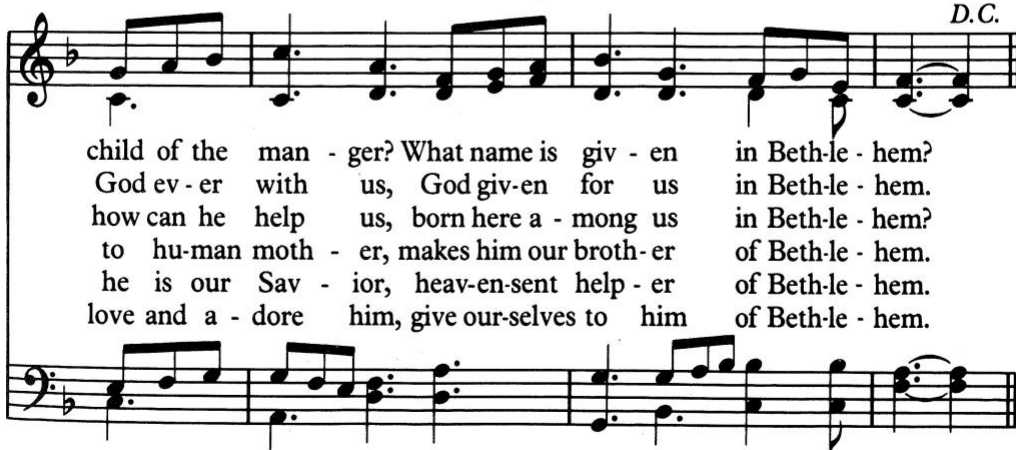
Fine



cra - dle in Beth - le - hem.

1. What shall we call him,
2. His name is Je - sus,
3. How can he save us,
4. Gift of the Fa - ther,
5. One with the Fa - ther,
6. Glad-ly we praise him,

D.C.



child of the man - ger? What name is giv - en in Beth-le - hem?
 God ev - er with us, God giv-en for us in Beth-le - hem.
 how can he help us, born here a - mong us in Beth-le - hem?
 to hu-man moth - er, makes him our broth-er of Beth-le - hem.
 he is our Sav - ior, heav-en-sent help - er of Beth-le - hem.
 love and a - dore him, give our-selves to him of Beth-le - hem.

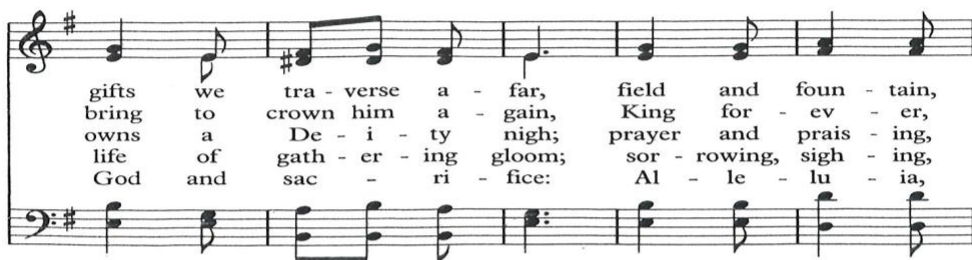
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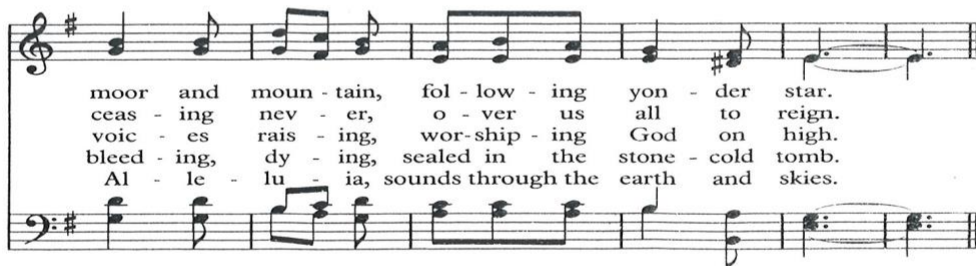
We Three Kings



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise; King and

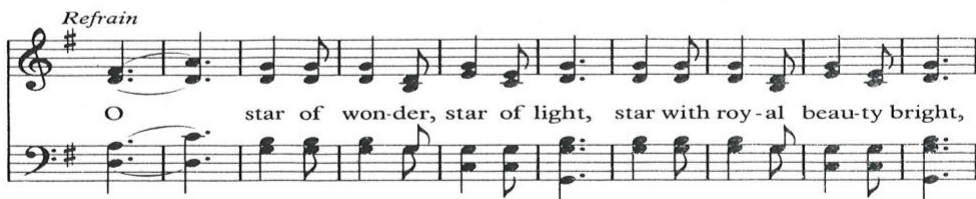


gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and sac - ri - fice: Al - le - lu - ia,

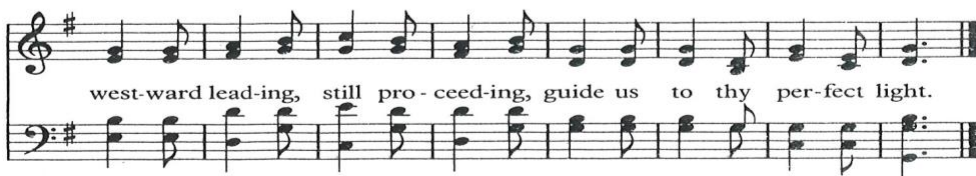


moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 voic - es rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God on high.
 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
 Al - le - lu - ia, sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain



O star of won - der, star of light, star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.