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*We embrace our call to love and serve Jesus Christ
as we cultivate community and empower our neighbors.*

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A Service of Divine Worship on the Lord's Day December 14, 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song: *Savior of the Nations, Come*

***Advent Candle Lighting:**

Liturgist: We gather this morning to listen.

People: To listen for the coming Christ.

Liturgist: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the candles for Hope, Peace, and Joy.

People: Our joy comes from the Lord.

Liturgist: We wait with joy for our Savior of the Nations. We prepare a manger in our hearts so that the true Joy can enter and stay.

People: While we are waiting, come.

Liturgist: Come, Savior, quickly come. With power and glory, Jesus Emmanuel, come to us and bring us the true Joy of heaven.

People: While we are waiting, come.

The first two purple candles and the pink candle are lit.

***Opening Hymn:** *While We Are Waiting, Come*

Please be seated and join me in prayer.

Unison Prayer for Advent:

Gracious God, you came to us in human flesh and you abide with us in the Holy Spirit. Fill us with your joy and help us shine as a light to the world. Through Jesus Christ, who makes our joy complete. Amen.

***Passing the Joy of Christ, Sharing in Christ's Welcome**

Liturgist: Today as we celebrate Joy, may we be reminded that our joy comes from the Lord and we should share that joy freely with each other. May the JOY of Christ be with you.

People: And, also with you.

Liturgist: Let us stand and share the JOY of Christ with one another.

(Congregation shares hope with one another in the pew, over the phone, across the screen.)

Anthem:

Children's Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we patiently wait for the Prince of Peace, open our eyes, ears, hearts, and minds. Speak to us, Lord. We are listening.

Scripture Lesson Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 3:7-18

The Message: *A Season for Listening: Have You Considered a Holy Housecleaning?*

Hymn of Affirmation: *Change My Heart, O God*

Sharing Our Life Together

Offertory

Thanksgiving in Song:

In the Lord, I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice

Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

***Sending Hymn:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

Savior of the Nations, Come 102



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's
2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to
3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows
4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's



son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
God his path - way leads; out to van - quish
night with new - born light. Night can - not this
son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly



heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.
light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.
Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

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Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Psalm 51:10

Unison

Change my heart, O God, Make it ev-er true.

Change my heart, O God,

May I be like You. You are the

Pot - ter, I am the clay;

Mold me and make me, This is what I

pray. Change my heart, O God,

Make it ev-er true. Change my heart, O God,

May I be like You. You.

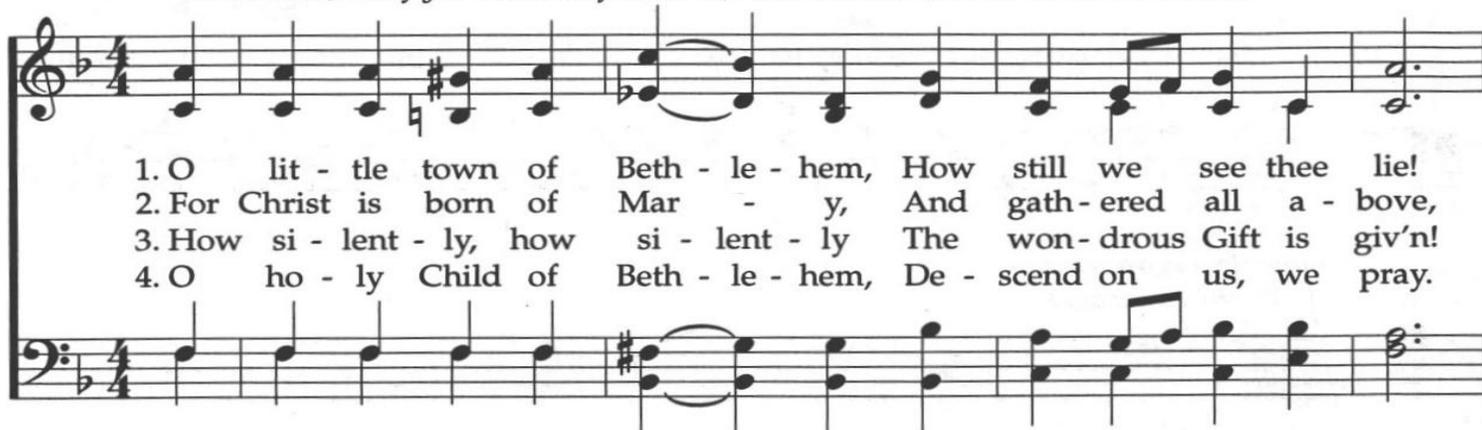
Optional extended or choral ending
Freely Harmony optional

Change my heart, O God, May I be like You.

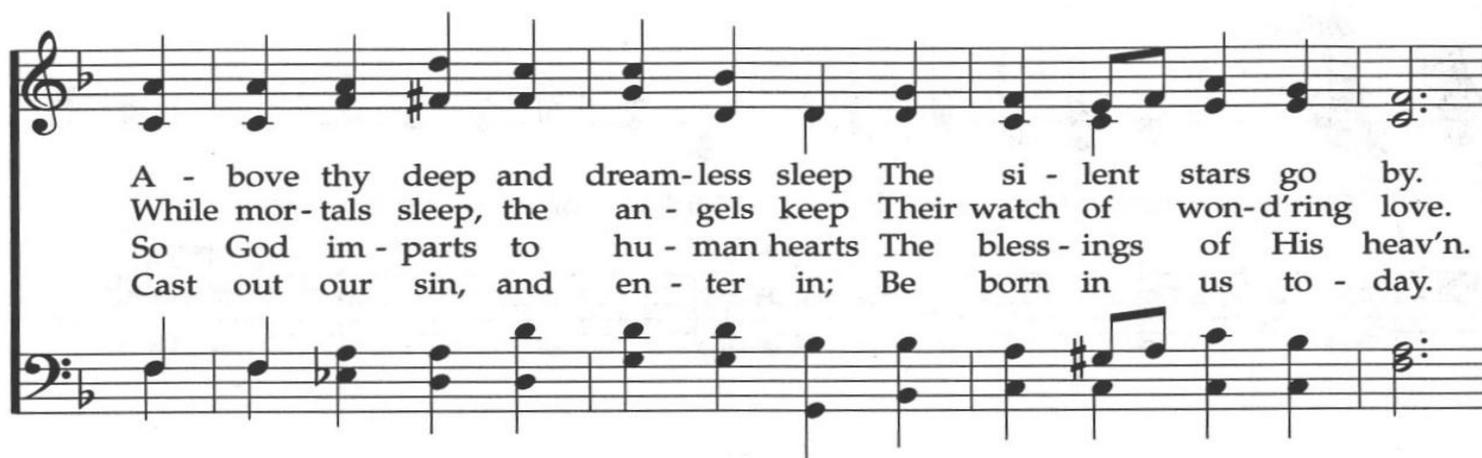
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250 O Little Town of Bethlehem

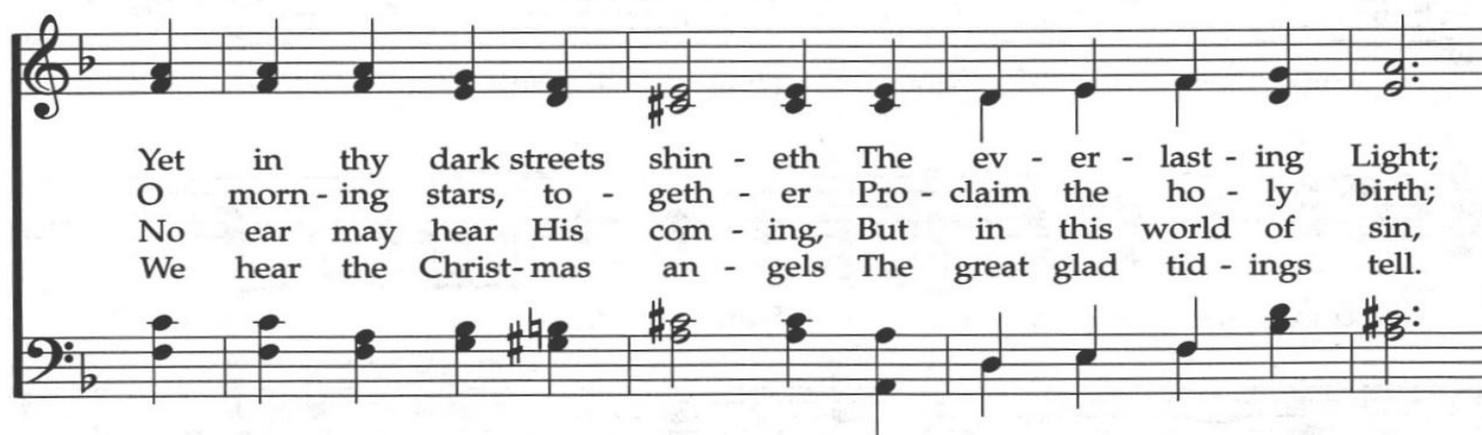
Bethlehem, out of you will come for Me One who will be ruler over Israel. Micah 5:2



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And gath - ered all a - bove,
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous Gift is giv'n!
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend on us, we pray.



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love.
So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heav'n.
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light;
O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth;
No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell.



The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
And prais - es sing to God, the King, And peace to men on earth.
Where meek souls will re - ceive Him still, The dear Christ en - ters in.
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord, Em - man - u - el.