



Service for the Lord's Day

1st Sunday of Christmas
December 27th, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Maria Wiegenlied* Max Reger
Megan Sharp, soprano; Meg Bowen, violin

Welcome Lynne Clements

Recognition of Sandy Wilcox Ken Henry

Litany for Christmas Heflin Family

Hymn **The First Nowell** THE FIRST NOWELL
Verses 1, 2 & 6

Prayer of Confession

Congregational Response ST. LOUIS

**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!**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

Congregational Response IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

God's Word to Us

First Reading	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Will Miller
Second Reading	Luke 2:22-28, 33-40	
Solo	<i>Song of Simeon</i>	Orlando Gibbons
Sermon	Everyday Saints	Dorothy Piatt
Thanksgiving for Baptism		

Sending Us Out

Solo	<i>Born in the Night</i>	Geoffrey Ainger
	Nancy Paulson, soprano; Jake Paulson, guitar	

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Charge and Benediction

Postlude	<i>Then the Shepherds Came Rejoicing</i>	Helmut Walcha
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JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

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The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
2 They look - ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing
east be - yond them far; and to the earth it gave
came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their
hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The First Nowell'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed between the staves. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the remaining lines.



their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain



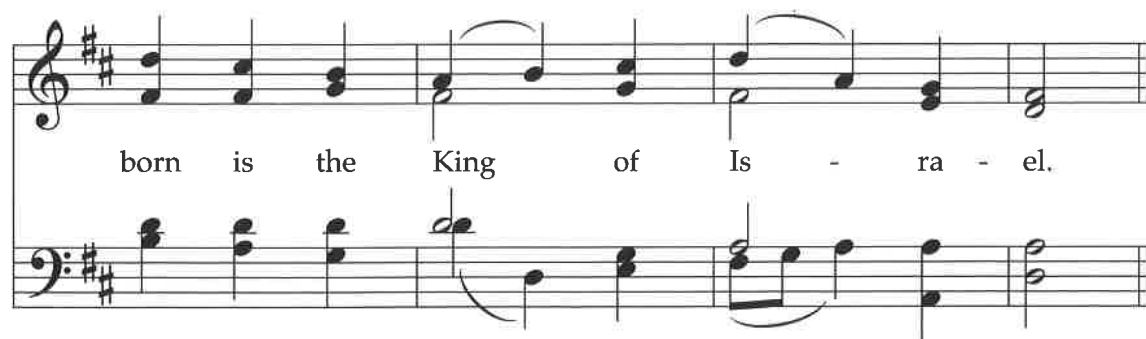
Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

"Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (*natus / né*) as well to "news" (*nova / nouvelle*).

TEXT: English carol; *Some Ancient Christmas Carols*, 2nd ed., 1823, alt.
 MUSIC: English carol; Sandys' *Christmas Carols*, 1833

THE FIRST NOWELL
 Irregular

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH



born is the King of Is - ra - el.

- 5 Then entered in those wise men three, 6 Then let us all with one accord
 full reverently upon their knee, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
 and offered there in his presence that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense. and with his blood our life hath bought.
Refrain

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL
Acclamation of a New Reality

Into this climate of fear and
apprehension, Christmas enters,
Streaming lights of joy, ringing bells
of hope
And singing carols of forgiveness
high up in the bright air.
The world is encouraged to come
away from rancor,
Come the way of friendship...
Hope is born again in the faces of
children.
It rides on the shoulders of our aged
as they walk into their sunsets.
Hope spreads around the earth,
brightening all things.

— from *Amazing Peace* by Maya Angelou

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