



Kensington Presbyterian Church
Growing in Faith and sharing God's Love
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Growing
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WELCOME to worship. We are offering a variety of ways for people to gather. We are welcoming people to worship in person, as well as through Zoom, YouTube, and this printable PDF.¹ If you have any prayer requests, ideas, or just want to talk, please reach out to your elder or Rev. Peter (Peter@Kensingtonchurch.ca).



Announcements

Prayer Groups:

Wednesday 6:30 am over zoom Jan 8

Thursday afternoon in person (ask for details)

Bible Study: Wednesday 7-8 pm over zoom and in person

Jesus & Java: Thursday, 3:30 pm at Beetz, 5914 Sherbrooke @ Clifton

A casual discussion about life and God Jan 9

Friday pizza & movies: 6:30 pizza followed by movie

RSVP with Peter appreciated Jan 10: Cool Running

Drop Box: Food donations are welcome for the local Food Pantry, diapers for young mothers through Head & Hands.

Workshop with Rev. Dr. Pat Duercher-Walls

Biblical Foundations for Narratives of Hope

online - Sat., Jan. 11th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m

register here: presbyterian.ca/2024/11/25/online-workshop-biblical-foundations-for-narratives-of-hope

¹ note: that the footnotes are not as thorough as an academic paper.



Jesus among the teachers - Jesus Mafa

Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality online courses

Mondays Jan 6-Feb 3, Feb 10-Mar 17

www.osts.ca/courses.htm#Winter

Courses include: Journey to Forgiveness; Preference and Power in Congregational Song; Journey to Full Inclusion; Is the Reformation Relevant; Ecological Crisis; and Appreciation & Appropriation in Sacred Song.

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Approaching God



Lighting the Christ Candle

Jésus Christ est la lumière du monde.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.



Call to worship (from Psalm 148 & Luke 2: 10-11)

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

praise the Lord in the heights!

Praise the Lord from the earth,

Young men and women alike,

old and young together!

For there is good news of great joy for all people,
that the Messiah, the Lord, has come.

Let us praise the Lord!

♪ Hymn: Angels from the realms of glory.....pg 11 (146)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IUL8CDz2G1k>



Prayer of Approach

We are very thankful, God

that you look forward to us spending time with you
and worshipping you.

We know that as Jesus you went to worship

where you prayed, sang and learned about Bible stories.

We know that right now you are listening to us

when we pray

and when we sing

And that you want to teach us

and bless us

before we leave.

Thank you God.

Amen.



Listening to God



Children's Time

This Sunday Ines will be reviewing the last session of Church School, and introducing the next theme of choosing to follow Jesus.

prayer

*Dear Jesus, thank you for living with us through your Spirit and
the stories of Jesus. Help us to hear you, and follow your ways.*

Amen.



Farmer of Hope - Lalo Garcia

♪ Hymn: I have decided to follow Jesus.....pg 11 (570)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1mmHE4sV-4

Prayer for Illumination

Lord,
open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may be lost with you.


Amen.

Intro to the readings

The first two chapters of the Gospel According to Luke provide several introductions. We're introduced to John the Baptizer and Jesus through their amazing birth stories - and the songs that go with them. This introduces us to a number of themes that will become important as the book continues. One of the big ones is that God works through amazing and confusing ways. With the angels visiting a priest, an insignificant & poor woman, and shepherds we learn that nobody is unimportant to God - and everyone can have a role. God comes in a stable that anyone can gain access to. It also seems that both community and religious practices are important.

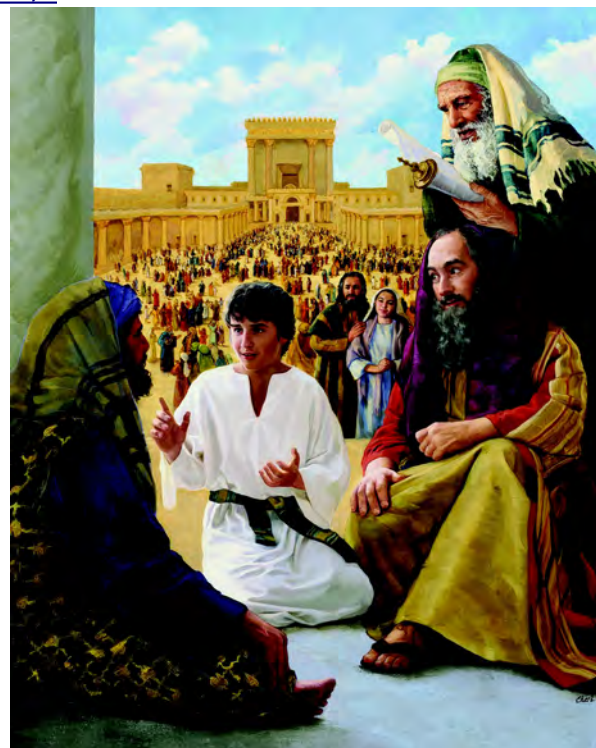
Today we'll be hearing the only Biblical story about Jesus between a baby and starting his ministry as an adult. What themes continue? Are there any new ones?

Today's psalm picks up on the excitement of Christmas, although given that it was written long before Jesus we should say the excitement of God. While it's not detailed as to what to be excited about, it gives an idea of the scope - who is blessed by God. You can imagine pilgrims to Jerusalem, say for Passover, singing it as they approach the city.

 Reading: Please look up the passages in your own Bible,² or click on the name to be taken to an online version.

[Luke 2: 41-52](#)

[Psalm 148](#)



Sermon: Amazing!

Dear Lord, please bless these words
and the meditations of our hearts.³ Amen.

There are passages in the Bible that invite philosophical debate, or singing, or prayer. Some invite us to enter into the story and share the experience. I'd like to invite you to hear the story again and share Joseph's experience.

² If you'd like a new Bible with helpful notes, I recommend the 'Life with God Bible' NRSV from Renovaré. ISBN 0061834963

or for the more academically inclined, The New Oxford Study Bible NRSV

³ Psalm 19:14

"I like Passover - the remembrance that God saved us from slavery with the Egyptians, and has travelled with us since then. It is good to dedicate time to focus on this every year.

It's also a nice change from the regular work week. The celebrating is lots of fun, and all the people gathered is exciting. That said, and please don't tell the rabbi, I enjoy the travelling more than actually being in Jerusalem. There's so many people going every which way. When we're walking to get to Jerusalem and home again, everyone is going the same direction. There's no rush as we don't want anyone left behind. We have all day to talk, catch up, explore ideas - and then there's the singing. It creates such strong community.

And for us, it's getting easier. Jesus and Miriam⁴ are getting old enough now to look after themselves. They're not adults yet, but Jesus is getting close.



Holy Family Walk - Mike Moyers

⁴ While the Bible refers to Jesus' brothers and sisters, we have no details beyond that - except that Jesus would have been the oldest.

Wow! It's strange to think that. It doesn't feel that long ago that he was born - just a couple of more hours walk in Bethlehem (maybe one since Mary isn't pregnant). That whole time was strange and amazing and intimidating and wonderful. The angels inviting us to be part of some big plan of God - through a baby - through Jesus. This may sound strange, but it's become easy to forget that in the daily life of supporting and raising a family.

I'm not actually Jesus' father, but I try my best to raise him well. It's one of the reasons we come to Jerusalem every year for Passover. And at home we encourage him in studying Torah with the Rabbi. And I teach him to work with his hands - building and fixing things. Whatever God has planned, it's good to have a trade. We've also made the decision not to protect him too much. If he's going to grow up and do things, then he needs to get out and do things with others. Family's important, but so is what the community can teach.

...which is what led to the current issue.

On the trip to and from Jerusalem this year we let Jesus travel with his friends. He just had to check in for dinner. It was fine on the way there. However, come dinner time on the way back - no Jesus. Mary started to get worried. I assured her he was probably eating with one of the other boys. I went around to the other families to check - no Jesus. I started to feel some tightness in my belly. I checked with more people - no Jesus. I started to worry. I asked when they'd last seen him - no Jesus. Nobody had seen him all day. "What to do?" a voice inside me screamed. I'd lost my son... God's son. The memories and responsibility exploded within me. What could have happened? Did he twist his ankle and nobody noticed? Did he get left behind?

I had to tell Mary. She wanted to start back right away, but agreed that travelling at night was ridiculous. We wouldn't be able to see Jesus beside the road - and we'd be likely to twist our own ankles. We prayed to God confessing how we had lost his son, and then prepared to leave at first light. Miriam and the younger ones were passed to family and we

bundled some food.

At Sunrise we walked quickly, looking as we went. Nothing. Our anxiety increased with every step.

We arrived with enough time to check around the gate in case he was watching for us, and where we'd stayed - no Jesus. The next day we started checking the healing pools. Jesus was fascinated by them and liked to help people. Then we split up. I checked the workshops to see if he was discipling with one of the craft-masters. Mary checked out the markets. We met up through the day to share news - but all we shared were our fears. At the end of the day we were still failures - and God only knows what had become of Jesus.

Which led to the idea of checking the Temple, but it was too late today.

After another troubled night we started our third day of looking at the Temple. We entered the outer courtyard and Mary started going among the women. I looked for a group of men discussing the Torah. Usually there were lots of little groups around debating various points. Today it felt a bit odd. Instead of that, there was a larger group gathered on the steps to the right.

I walked over. There, in the middle, sitting on the steps surrounded by priests and scribes was Jesus. He was listening to them, and they listened to him. The relief was like a huge wave, both washing the anxiety away and knocking me over. I dropped to my knees and thanked God. Their words started to sink in. His answers were good. very good. He had insight into the Torah and the ways of God that I would never have thought of.

Then I remembered Mary. I looked around just in time to have her march past me.

She ignored all good manners cutting straight through the men to Jesus - and let him know her mind.

His response hurt.

"Why were you searching for me? Didn't you know that I had to be in my Father's house?"

How could we not search for him? He's our son.

Except, as he points out, he's not. Well, not mine. He's God's son. It felt like after all the love I'd given I was a nobody. And then to say that he had to be looking after his Father's house/affairs - like we weren't his family. That our affairs weren't important.

It hurt.

But his tone softened the words. There was no attitude in them, just that of a child confused that adults couldn't see the obvious - which I guess is true. We should know from the angels all those years ago that Jesus would grow out of us and be part of something much bigger than our family. The insight he shared with the priests is a reminder of that.

And after that he came back with us; like nothing unusual had happened. It left us wondering what Jesus was growing into. What would he be when he grew up."

...



Boy Jesus in the Temple - Frank Wesley

Before we leave this story, I want to highlight a few themes and some foreshadowing. They help us move beyond a good story about somebody else and apply the passage to our lives.

Over the last couple of weeks we've heard about God doing amazing things, and people not understanding - like Jesus as a boy amazing the priests, and Mary & Joseph not understanding. Perhaps we need to be looking out, or even expecting, God to be working in amazing ways that don't make sense.

This connects well to a bit of foreshadowing. Jesus was in Jerusalem for Passover, and then can't be found for three days, and then is found alive... very much like near the end of the Gospel where Jesus is in Jerusalem at Passover, and then is killed - but three days later is alive and helping people see God in new ways.

Last week we had an emphasis on religious practices with Jesus' circumcision and dedication, and the community at the Temple - and that these all help Jesus to grow into who God created him to be. This continues today as Jesus participates in the religious practice of a Bible study with discussion within the religious community of the Temple - which helps him grow into who God created him to be. All these events help emphasize that Jesus is not fully divine. We're told both times that he grows "*in body and mind*." Growing/developing is a very human aspect. This is important as it shows the sort of connection we have with Jesus. He knows what it's like to be human, because he is one.

Another aspect of Jesus growing is that if Jesus needs to grow, what about us? Have we reached a level of perfection that we are done growing? Is Bible study just for kids? ...because there are stories that suggest the adult Jesus is still learning. If we're not perfect yet, what can we do to continue growing? It'll take some time (though don't take off for three days without telling your family). Perhaps through the Bible Study on Wednesday night, or

Jesus & Java on Thursday afternoon, or FaithTalk with a friend, or an online group or app or book or... There are many options. The challenge is that if Jesus did it, how do we follow?

A last theme that was quite challenging then, and still is. What do we prioritize? Here the young Jesus is prioritizing God's house, or God's work, over his family. This is definitely going to come back, and we'll consider it more then.

In the meantime, remember that Jesus was a human boy. He probably climbed trees and scraped his knees. He sometimes got wrapped up in things and forgot to tell his parents. He definitely was plugged into his community and took time to explore God's glory with them.

*To God be all the glory,
Amen.*



Responding to God

♪ Hymn: The hands that first held Mary's child.....pg. 14 (158)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBiKxP3-vLA

💬 FaithTalk: These are some questions for you to discuss with somebody... or many somebodies. Do what you feel safe (and practice stretching a little).

Memories: Is there a time when you have been so wrapped up in something that you didn't notice others, like your family? Perhaps you got left behind?

Actions: What do you do to continue to grow with God?
How does this help you grow?

Values: Mary ponders/keeps/guards/treasures (the Greek word has aspects of all these) the experience of the angel, the shepherds, and with boy Jesus at the

Temple. Coming out of Christmas, what memories do you ponder/guard/treasure? What do you hold onto?

Wonder: Consider today's passage from the point of view of others. What about people in the temple courtyard? What about family or friends back home when they hear the story? What about you?

Prayer: ...that we will continue to grow into God.

✦ Spirit Sighting

Please see the Mission moment, and prayer partnership, on page 14

✦ Offering

Financially, we have set up a donation option on our **website**. Just click the '**Donate Now**' button, and then the pretty button. It gives you various options that are easy to follow. You can now donate through **interac e-transfer**. Our name is Kensington Presbyterian Church and the e-mail address is info@kensingtonchurch.ca.

Mailing a cheque or signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (**PAR**) are also good options.

All donations are gratefully received and support God's work in our local and extended community.



Communion

♪ Hymn: I come with Joy.....pg 12 (530)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=CGhabxcl5NU

✦ Invitation to the table

You are a child of God,
and part of a huge family - a community formed in love
that God invites to The Table.



The Last Supper - Ivan Guaderrama

Tu es un enfant de Dieu

et tu es le bienvenu à la table de notre Seigneur.

*La volonté de Dieu est que tous ceux qui veulent connaître Jésus
partagent ce repas.*

The Table is not mine, or the churches,
it is God's table.

As Jesus revealed his amazing glory
to people from near and far
at his birth, and through his ministry
Anyone who is looking for God,
is welcome here and now
in the mystery this time.

As we come together to share this taste of Lord's Supper,
let us also join with Christians of many types,
around the world and through the centuries.
in a common confession of our faith.

🗨 Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again from the dead.
 He ascended to 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.

We are all One in Jesus Christ - Soichi Watanabe

Great prayer of thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God, you are a wonder.

That you have the power to put planets into their orbits
 and arrange ecosystems so that life blooms.

The sun & snow praise you,
 the trees and birds
 the hills and sea monsters
 all praise you.

*Toute la création te loue.
 et avec la création, tu nous rassembles.*
 You have raised up a horn
 calling the people together
 Therefore we join our voices
 with the whole of creation
 to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is the One who comes
 in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

And it is a wonder that you revealed yourself to us in Jesus
 coming as a human baby
 learning and growing
 as we do,
 becoming the way for us to come to you.

Because you were human,
 you faced struggles and temptations.
 We do to,
 though we admit that sometimes
 we make the easy choices
 or avoid making any choice
 instead of sacrificing our comfort, or security, or money
 to you and trusting that you will be faithful
 to bring us peace and what we need.
 Please forgive us.



*Dieu merveilleux,
nous te remercions de t'être fait homme en Jésus,
tout en restant divin.
Tu nous pardonneras et tu nous guériras.*

Lord Jesus,
we thank you for how much you want to help us.
That suffering, betrayal, and even death,
won't stop you from reaching out to us.

So together, we proclaim the mystery of the faith.

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

In Jesus you are human,
and also the Christ,
able to bring healing to bodies, minds & spirits.
We look forward to your promised return,
when there will be judgment and mercy,
peace and love,
and everyone will be invited to the most amazing celebration.

While we wait,
we thank you for the present of your Holy Spirit.
And we pray that she will be felt
in places that need your love, hope & healing.

- *Que ton Esprit Saint se manifeste
dans les questions qui nous tiennent à cœur.*
- We pray for the start of school, as students and staff at all
levels go back. May they learn how amazing your creation

is - in the world, and in each other...

- We pray for those for whom the last season has been tough. May this new year bring more light and joy into their lives. Where there is pain, may you bring healing...
- We also pray for those who need healing in their bodies or minds...
and for the people who care for them - their families...
- and we pray that you will help us to continue to grow
so that we may see you more clearly
love you more dearly
and follow you more nearly...

Lord God,
as we gather at your table,
we pray that as we share your bread and your cup,
your will make them alive
so that we may be closer to you
and be strengthened by you until you come again.

Let us join together in speaking the words Jesus taught us to pray,
saying:

 Lord's Prayer (feel free to use another version/translation)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**



Words of Institution

On the night before he met with death, Jesus took bread, and
after giving thanks to God
he broke the bread and shared it, saying
“This is my body; it is broken for you.”
“Ceci est mon corps, qui est rompu pour vous”

[take and eat]

In the same way, he took the cup of wine after dinner and said,
“This is the new relationship with God, sealed in my blood
Take this, all of you, in remembrance of me.”
“Cette coupe est la nouvelle alliance en mon sang;
faites ceci en mémoire de moi”
Take and drink.

[take and drink]



Prayer after Communion

Loving God,
We thank you for inviting us to join you,
bringing us together with Christ,
and each other.
Please take us out in the power of your Spirit
bringing love, hope & healing to the world.
In Jesus name,
Amen.

♪ Hymn: Hark the herald angels sing.....pg 13 (139)
www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIrxJXkKQwA



Angels & Shepherds - Marcia Carole



Benediction (2 Corinthians 13:13)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
be with you all.
Amen.



Angels from the realms of glory

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Bb Bb/F Bb Bb/F F/Eb Bb/D Eb Bb/D Gm F/A F7 Bb

1. An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions; bright - er vis - ions beam a - far;
 4. Saints, be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
 5. Though an in - fant now we view him, he shall fill his Fa - ther's throne,

Bb /F /D Bb Cm Gm/D D Gm D Gm/Bb Gm F/C C7 F

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
 God with us 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.
 ga - ther all the na - tions to him; eve - ry knee shall then bow down.

Bb 7 Eb Cm Dm Eb6 Gm F#sus4-3 Bb

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

See also: Regent Square 298

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I have decided to follow Jesus

ASSAM 10 10 10 8

C F/C C 7

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de -
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be -
 3. Though none go with me, I still will fol - low; though none go
 4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

F Bb/F F/C C F/C

- cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus; I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 hind me, the cross be - fore me; the world be - hind me, the cross be
 with me, I still will fol - low; though none go with me, I still will
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

C F C/G G7 C

- Je - sus,
 fore me,
 fol - low,
 Je - sus?
- No turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

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Jesus calls us here to meet him

JESUS CALLS US 8 7 8 7 D

Union F Cm7 F/A Bb6 Am7

1. Je - sus calls us here to meet him as, through
 2. Je - sus calls us to con - fess him Word of
 3. Je - sus calls us to each oth - er: found in
 4. Je - sus calls us to his ta - ble root - ed

Dm Gm7 Csus4 - 3 F Gm7

word and song and prayer, we af - firm God's
 Life and Lord and of all, shar - er of our
 him are no di - vides. Race and class and
 firm in time and space, where the church in

F/C Bb6 Am7 Dm Gm7 Csus4 - 3

prom - ised pres - ence where his peo - ple live and care.
 flesh and frail - ness sav - ing all who fail or fall.
 sex and lan - guage: such are bar - riers he de - rides.
 earth and heav - en finds a com - mon meet - ing place.

F Cm F Dm Bb6

Praise the God who keeps his* prom - ise; praise the
 Tell his ho - ly hu - man sto - ry; tell his
 Join the hands of friend and strang - er; join the
 Share the bread and wine, his bod - y; share the

Am7 Gm7 Csus4 - 3 F Gm7

Son who calls us friends; praise the Spir - it
 tales that all may hear; tell the world that
 hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful
 love of which we sing; share the feast for

F/A Bb6 Am7 Dm Gm7 F

who, a - mong us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.
 Christ in glo - ry came to earth to meet us here.
 and the doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.
 saints and sin - ners host - ed by our Lord and King.

* the

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Hark! the herald angels sing

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1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King,
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the sun of right-ous-ness!

peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners re - con - ciled.
 late in time be - hold him come, off-spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail the in-car-nate de - i - ty!
 Mild, he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem."
 Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el.
 born to raise the lost of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

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Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King.

French

1. Ecoutez! le chant des anges,
 vient d'éclater dans les airs;
 joignons aussi nos louanges
 à leurs sublimes concerts:
 gloire à Dieu! paix sur la terre!
 Aujourd'hui le Christ est né!
 Jésus s'est fait notre frère,
 un Sauveur nous est donné.
 Jésus s'est fait notre frère,
 un Sauveur nous est donné.
2. Son palais est une étable,
 une crèche est son berceau,
 et pourtant, c'est l'Admirable,
 c'est le Fils du Dieu très-haut.
 Il vient à nous débonnaire
 et de grâce couronné.
 Jésus s'est fait notre frère,
 un Sauveur nous est donné.
 Jésus s'est fait notre frère,
 un Sauveur nous est donné.
3. Avec vous, bergers et mages,
 aux pieds de notre Seigneur
 nous déposons nos hommages,
 nous lui sonnnons notre coeur.
 Tout son peuple sur la terre
 dit, avec nous prosterné:
 Jésus, s'est fait notre frère,
 un Sauveur nous est donné.
 Jésus, s'est fait notre frère,
 un Sauveur nous est donné.

Hungarian

1. Halld mint zeng az egész ég;
 "A Királynak dicsőség!
 Békesség a földön lenn,
 Istentől jó kegyelem."
 Népek, örvendeztetek!
 Visszhangozzák a mennyek!
 Hirdesse a természet:
 Krisztusunk megszületett!
 Halld mint zeng az egész ég:
 "A Királynak dicsőség!"
2. Krisztus, kit imád a menny,
 Úr a nagy világ előtt,
 Köztünk íme megjelent,
 Szent szűz az, ki szülte Őt.
 Dicsősége eget áthat,
 Isten Ő, ki porruhánkat
 Földön élni vette fel.
 Jézus O, Immánuel!
 Halld mint zeng...
3. Dicsőség! Ő a Király,
 Békesség és Igazság,
 Éltető világos nap,
 Bajainkra gyógyírt ad.
 Kis gyermek lett mi érettünk,
 Született, hogy mi élhessünk,
 Porból, hogy feltámasszon
 S újjászületést adjon.
 Halld mint zeng...

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F C F (Gm/Bb) C7/G F C /Bb F/A F Bb/D Bb F

1. The hands that first held Ma-ry's Child were hard from work-ing wood,
 2. When Jo-seph mar-veled at the size of that small breath-ing frame,
 3. "This Child shall be Em-man-u-el, not God up-on the throne
 4. The tools which Jo-seph laid a-side a mob would lat-er lift

C Dm Bb F C F Dm F/A /C C7 F

from boards they sawed and planed and filed and splin-ters they with-stood.
 and gazed up-on those bright new eyes and spoke the In-fant's name,
 but God with us, Em-man-u-el, as close as blood and bone."
 and use with an-ger, fear and pride to cru-ci-fy God's gift.

Dm E° Dm/F Gm6 A7 Dm (A7D Dm) Dm6 C/E Dm C/G G7 C

This day they gripped no tool of steel, they drove no i-ron nail,
 the an-gel's words he once had dreamed poured down from heav-en's height,
 The ti-ny form in Jo-seph's palms con-firmed what he had heard,
 Let us, O Lord, not on-ly hold the Child who's born to-day,

F/A C7 D7 (Gm6/D) Gm6 F/A C Dm F/A F/C C7 F

but cra-dled from the head to heel our Lord, new-born and frail.
 and, like the host of stars that beamed, blest earth with wel-come light.
 and from his heart rose hymns and psalms for heav-en's hu-man word.
 but, charged with faith, may we be bold to fol-low in his way.

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MISSION MOMENT

Sunday, January 5

In Nepal, 60-year-old Sakkal Bahadur Shahi had a keen interest in agriculture. However, a lack of training, resources and community support hindered his efforts. In addition, due to his poor economic condition, he lacked the means to transform his farm into a sustainable, income-generating operation. Sakkal's situation changed when he joined a PWS&D-supported project. The project formed the Phulbari Swabalamban self-help group, which includes 25 members working to improve the living standards of poor members of their community. Through training from the project, Sakkal transformed his farm into a model farm, where he adopted climate-resilient farming practices and started growing various vegetables. Sakkal is now better able to support his family through his farm.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, January 5 As a new year begins, we pray for PWS&D programs that are responding to poverty, hunger and emergency situations around the world.

Monday, January 6 (Epiphany) Source of Wisdom and Creator of the heavens who led the Magi to worship the Christ child, guide us so that we may find our calling and journey's end in Jesus Christ.

Tuesday, January 7 We pray for Knox College students as they begin the winter semester—that they may be guided with wisdom and perseverance and that they may continue to find joy in learning and strength in community.

Wednesday, January 8 We pray for God's guidance for students studying at the PCC's theological colleges.

Thursday, January 9 We pray for students in their last semester of study at VST. May they be blessed with the grace to finish well and to follow God's leading into ministries that flourish.

Friday, January 10 We pray for those preparing the celebration of the denomination's 150th anniversary by remembering the past, acknowledging the present, and looking to the future.

Saturday, January 11 We pray for the dedicated researchers, scholars and historians who participate in the Canadian Society of Presbyterian History, and pray that their annual meeting was successful and educational.