Receiving,
Living,
and
Sharing
the Grace given to us

Presbyterian Church of Western Springs
Sunday Worship
January 5, 2025 | 9:30 A.M.

2nd Sunday of Christmas

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GATHERING & GREETING

♦ CALL TO WORSHIP
Prepare the way of the Lord!
For the Kingdom of God has come near!
Repent, and believe the good news!
For the Kingdom of God has come near!
The possessed will be free, the sick healed, and sins forgiven!
For the Kingdom of God has come near!
Let us worship God.

♦ OPENING HYMN #151 We Three Kings of Orient Are KINGS OF ORIENT

♦ CONFESSION & PARDON
The Baptizer's cry to all the people of Judea is for us today, too: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Repent, turn towards God, and be forgiven! In gratitude for God's grace, let us confess our sins together:

Jesus Christ, Son of God, beloved of the Father, we thank you for your promise in our baptisms.
We give thanks that you call us to grace and call us to serve.
We confess that after we started to follow we turned back to our old ways.
We confess that we have loved our salvation, but we have not always loved our neighbors.
Forgive us, we pray, help us to turn away from sin and toward you.
Call us once again and teach us anew what it means to be your disciples. Lord, hear our prayers…

Silent Confession

Hear the Good News: In your own baptism you too were called beloved by God.
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

♦ RESPONSE #113 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

♦ PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST
May the peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

♦ **Everyone is invited to rise as able**

PROCLAIMING

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION — Psalm 16

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Luke 2:41-52 — New Testament, page 55

CHILDREN'S SERMON — There's A Star in the East — #135 FOLLOW

Follow, follow; rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

ANTHEM — Arise, Shine! — Thomas Keesecker

SERMON — In Our Father's House: Reformed & Always Being Reformed

RESPONDING

♦ HYMN OF RESPONSE #689 — When the Morning Stars Together — WEISSE FLAGGEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God in your grace. **Hear our prayers.**

OFFERING

Loose coins supports the Hunger Fund

♦ DOXOLOGY — Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — #606 OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

♦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION & 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

♦ SENDING HYMN #152 — What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright — PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

♦ CHARGE & BENEDICTION

♦ POSTLUDE

Please join us downstairs in the Jones Room for Fellowship!

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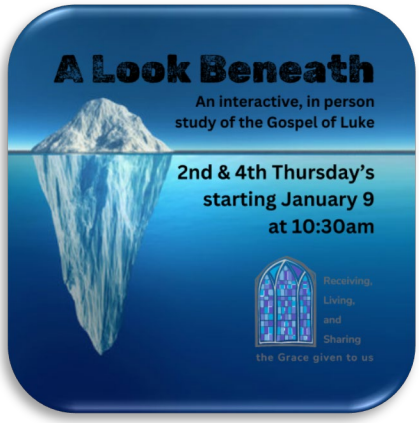
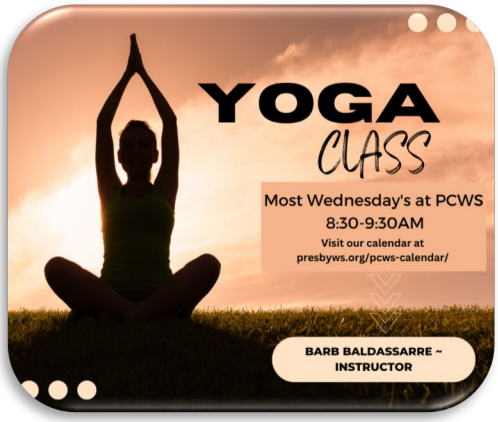
You are most welcome here.

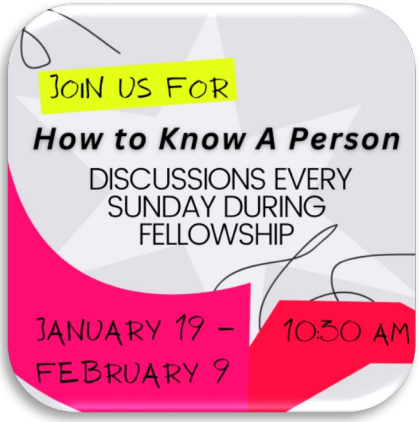
We invite you to share in our faith journey as we walk and grow together.

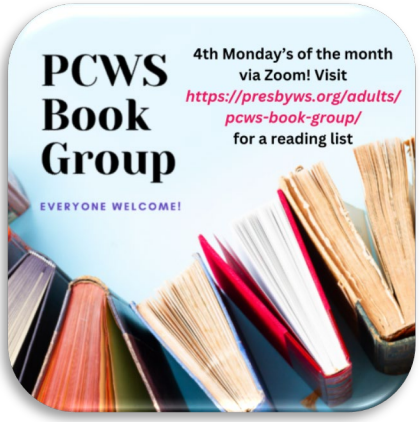
We are committed to encouraging one another along the way as we seek to experience, express, and extend God's unconditional love.

ANNOUNCEMENTS









Chancel flowers are given this week by Craig Harris – In memory of Harriett Potenza & Toni Moya

THANK YOU *to all for serving this morning:*

Pastor Dan Robertson / Bob Moynihan, D. Min. – Guest Preacher / Stephanie Coates – Director of Music / Bridget Patton – Guest Musician / Amber Clark – Director of Children & Family Ministry / Tom Kelly - Liturgist / Pam Stephan – Pianist/Organist / Roland Schleicher – Usher / Shannon McGrath - Fellowship Host / Amy Malone & Julie Kelly - Deacons of the Day / Paul Banovic - Sound Operator / Whitney Carlisle - Video Operator Paul Banovic – Liturgist Scripture Introduction

Assisted listening devices are available for worship; please ask an usher for assistance.

The nursery is available during worship and fellowship staffed by Ms. Shaquirra & Ms. Siobhan!

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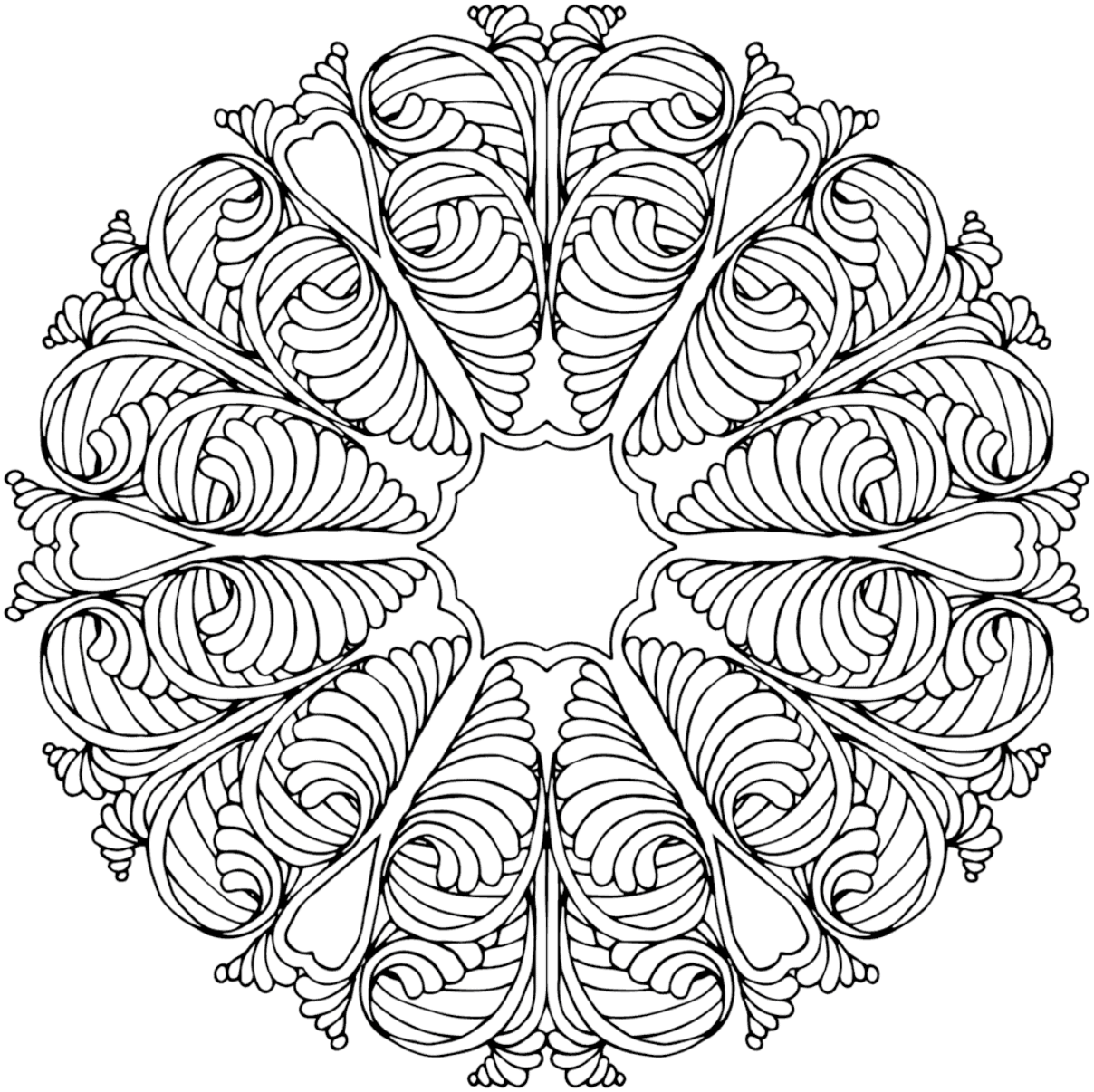

Notes:

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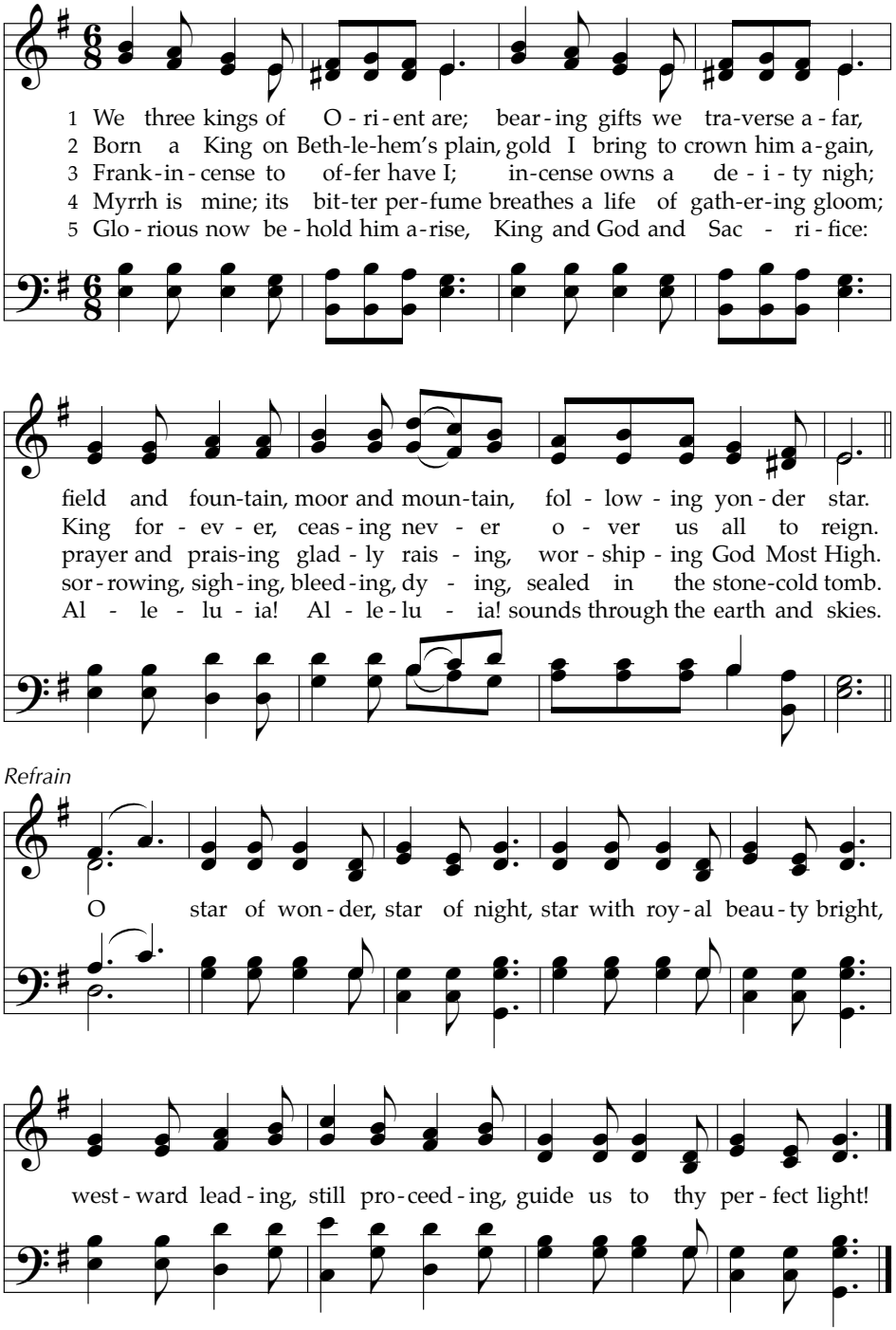
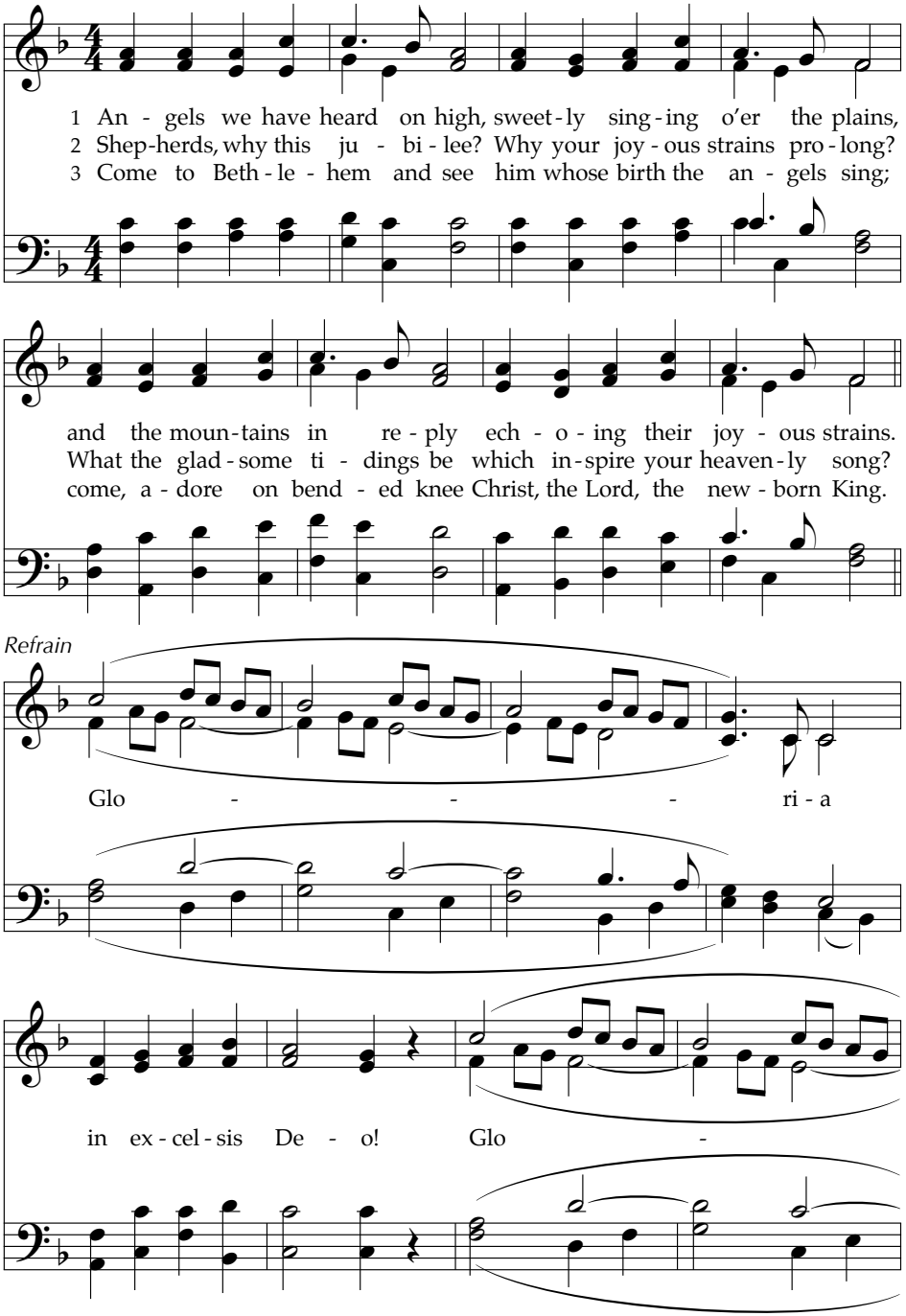

Although Christians had begun by the 2nd century to speak of these visitors from eastern countries (Matthew 2:1–12) as "kings," perhaps because of passages like Psalm 72:10 and Isaiah 60:3, it is more accurate to think of them as magi or astrologers, the scholars of their day.

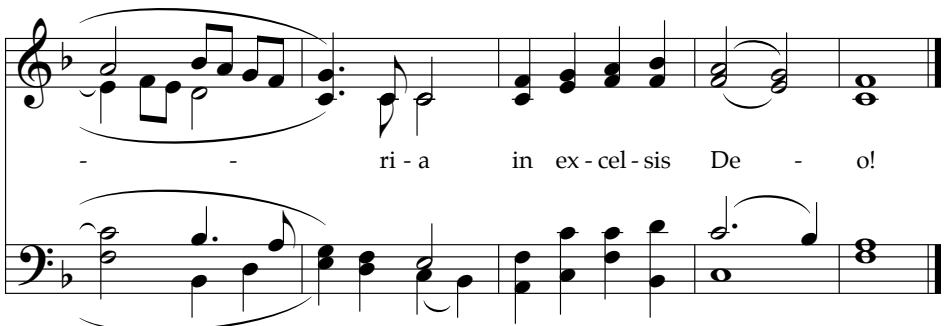
TEXT and MUSIC: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1857, alt.

KINGS OF ORIENT
8.8.8.6 with refrain

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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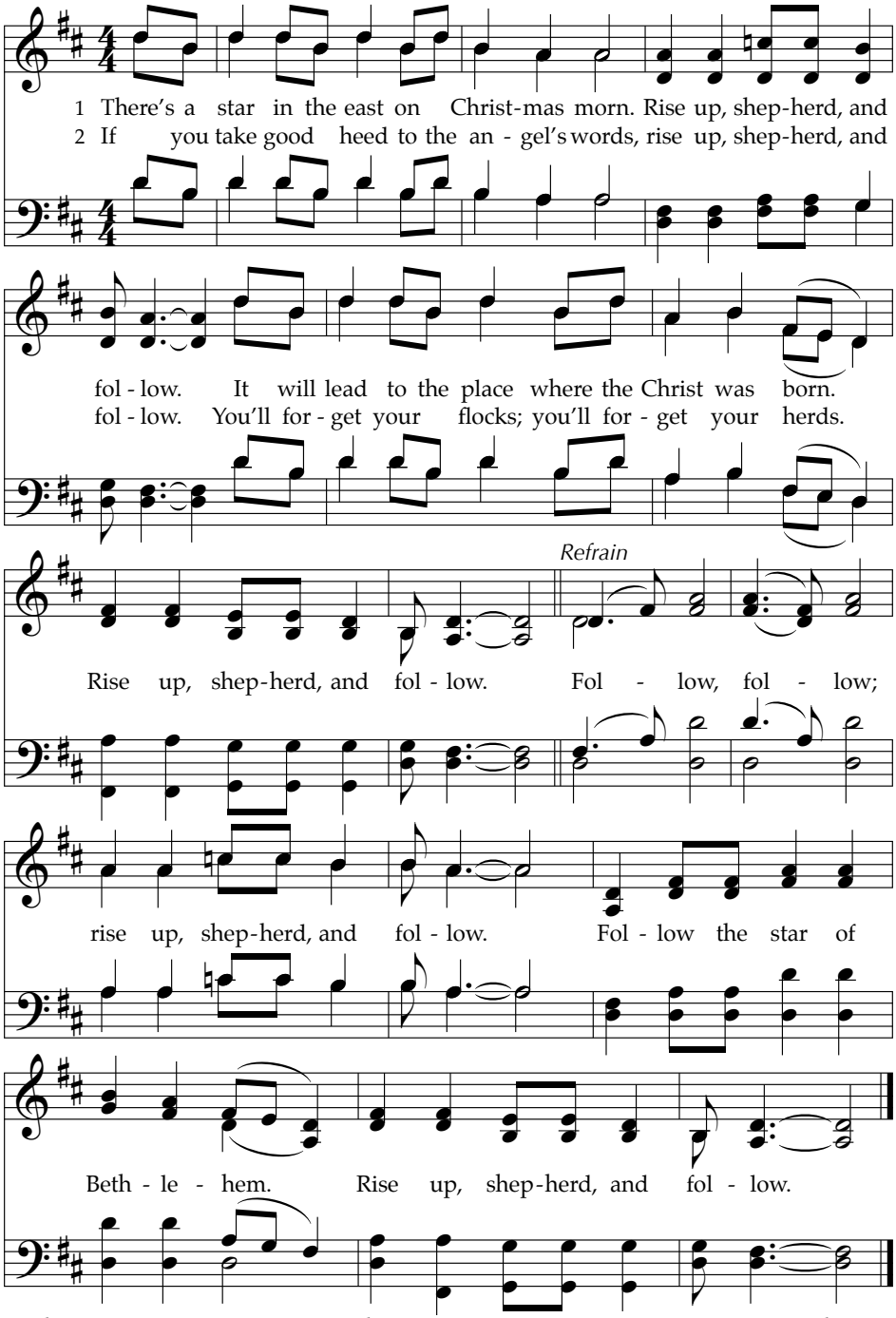
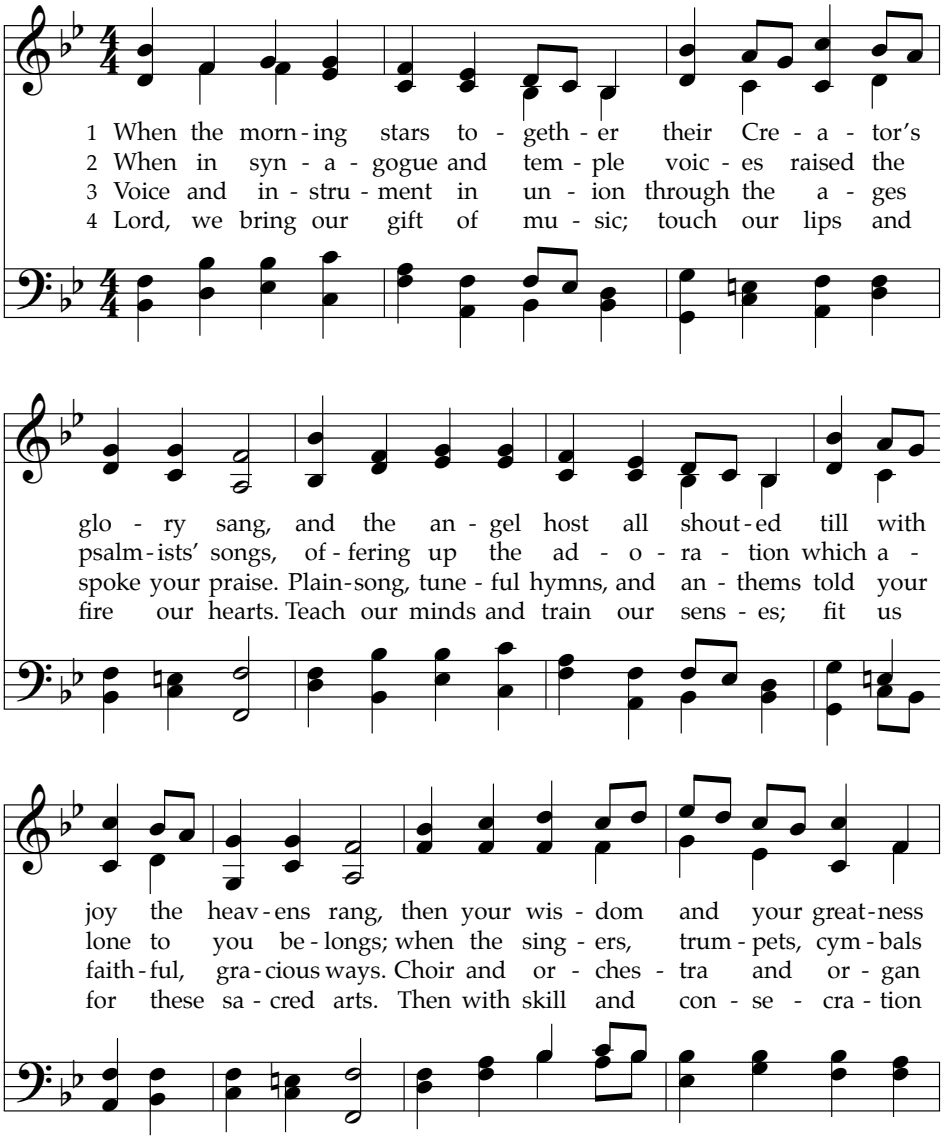
There's a Star in the East 135

Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow

This African American spiritual, cast in a characteristic call-and-response style, provides a reminder that the good news of the Incarnation should lead Christians not only to awe and adoration but also to living and acting in ways that make God's purposes known to others.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

FOLLOW
Irregular

689 When the Morning Stars Together

Opening with imagery from Job 38:7, this text celebrates the role of music in worship from earliest times to the present. It is set to a German tune that may have originated as a folk melody. The tune name, German for "white flags," comes from one of the early texts set to it.

TEXT: Albert F. Bayly, 1966, alt.
MUSIC: German melody; harm. *Tochter Sion,* 1741
Text © 1966 Oxford University Press

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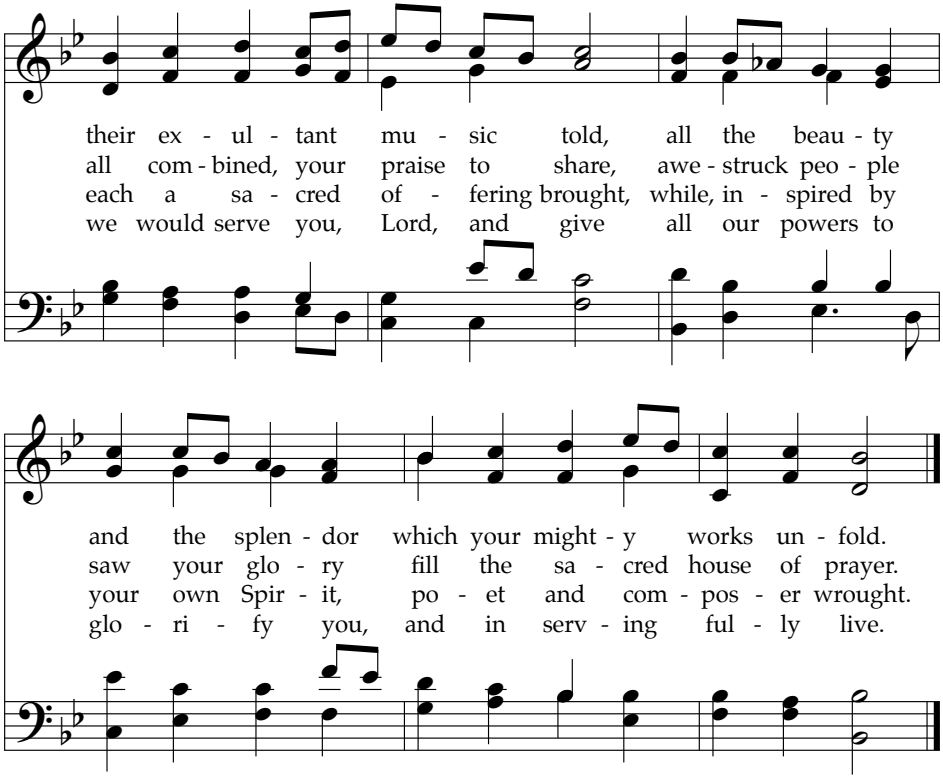
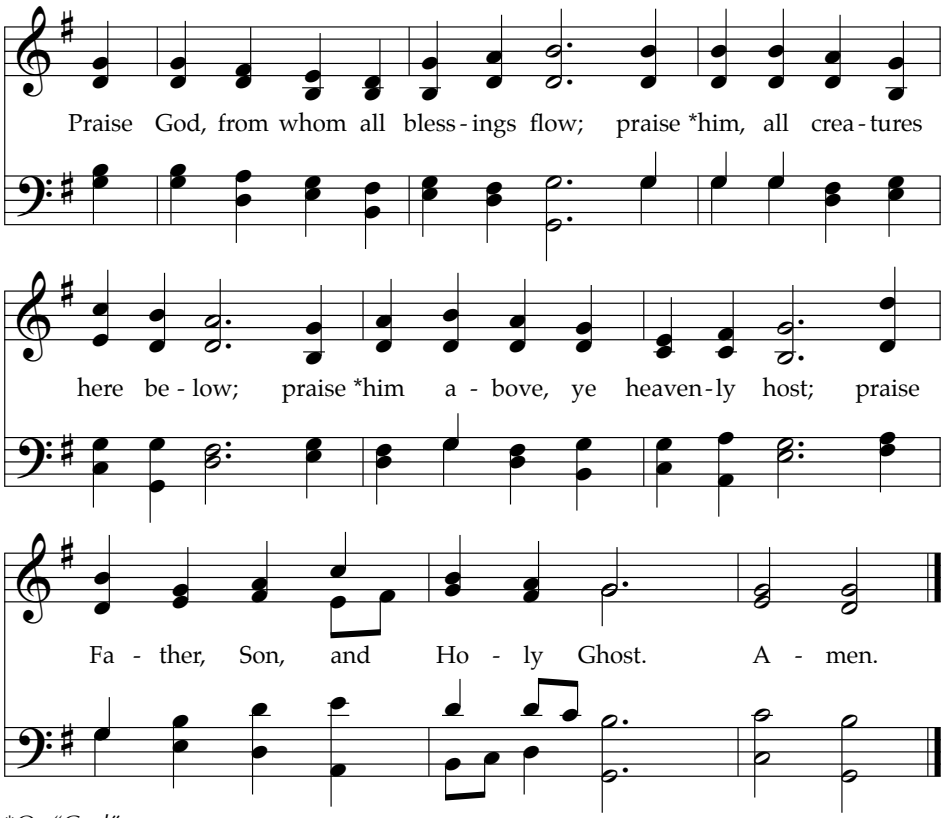

their ex - ul - tant mu - sic told, all the beau - ty
all com - bined, your praise to share, awe - struck peo - ple
each a sa - cred of - fering brought, while, in - spired by
we would serve you, Lord, and give all our powers to
and the splen - dor which your might - y works un - fold.
saw your glo - ry fill the sa - cred house of prayer.
your own Spir - it, po - et and com - pos - er wrought.
glo - ri - fy you, and in serv - ing ful - ly live.

606 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

**Or "God"*

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

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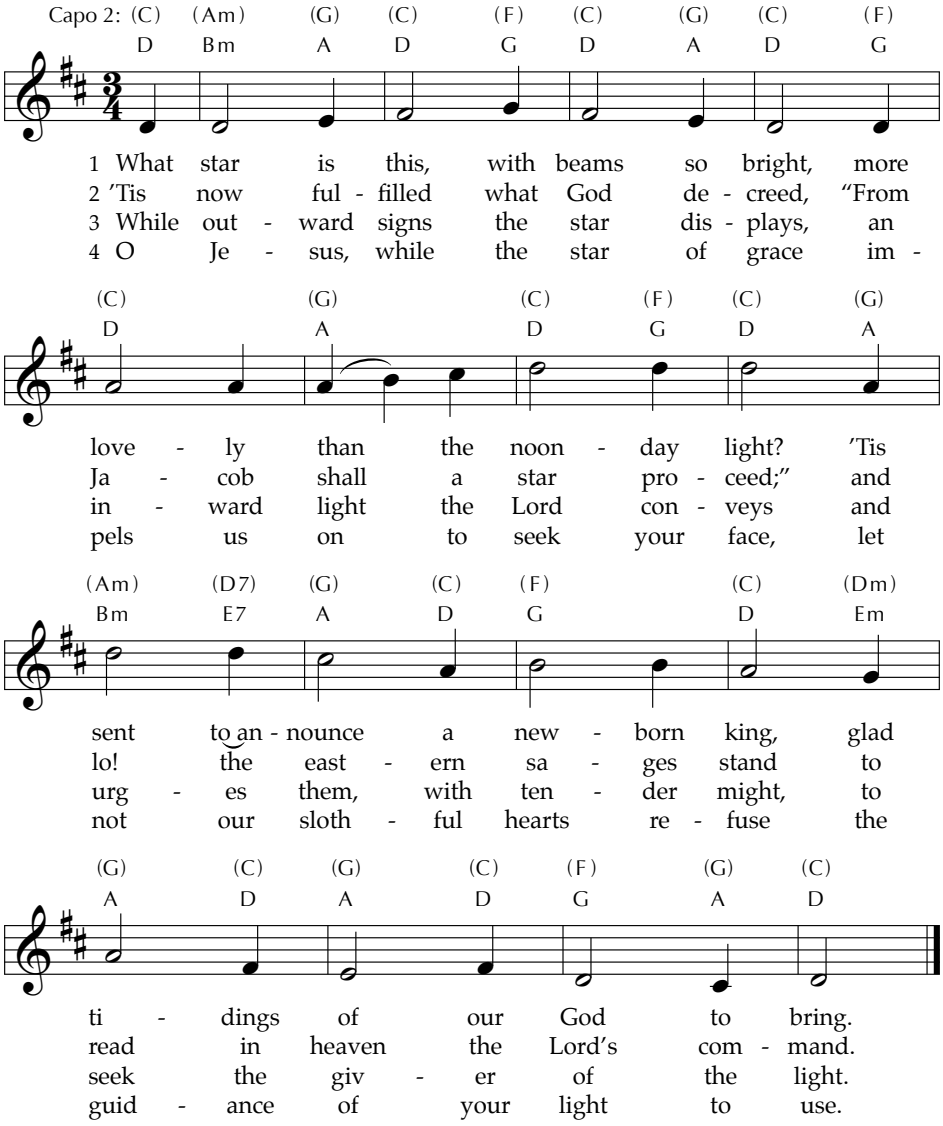
What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

This 18th-century Latin text calls attention to three kinds of light: the light of the star leading the Magi to the Christ-child, the inward light inspiring their journey, and Christ who is the Light of the world. The simple unison melody unites everything in a gentle arc.

TEXT: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.
MUSIC: Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1910

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(alternate harmonization, 254)