

**Peacham Congregational Church**  
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Refugees: La Sagrada Familia

*Interim Pastor, Nicole Klosterman*

*We are an Open and Affirming Church*

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here.*

[www.peachamchurch.org](http://www.peachamchurch.org)

**Order of Worship**  
November 9, 2025  
Nicole Klosterman – Interim Pastor

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude- Jubilate Deo (J. McGrath, 1936)

Lighting of the Candles

**RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Invitation to Worship<sup>1</sup>

Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, “What now?”

**We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.**

In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

**We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.**

With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

**We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.**

As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

**We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: #S-3 “How Great Thou Art” (in front supplement)**

**Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Leader: Now share the Peace of Christ with one another. This can be done with a smile, a wave, or a handshake, and the words, Peace be with you.

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<sup>1</sup> Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, UMC Discipleship Ministries, June 2025.

Joys & Concerns  
Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

Response  
*Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer O god.  
Incline Your ear to us and grant us Your peace.*

Offering & Mission (CWS)

Doxology #46 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done;  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication<sup>2</sup>  
**Wise God, we present these offerings to you and dedicate our time, talents, and treasures for your kindom. May your will be done, our siblings needs be met, and your name be known through what we share in praise and thanksgiving for all you have given to us. Amen.**

Hymn #153 – “What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest”

Reading: Living Psalm 148 by Sam Houser  
Message – The Rhythm of Letting Go

**Closing Hymn #97 – “He’s Got the Whole World”**  
Responsive Benediction<sup>3</sup>

When we leave this place, **we keep our connection to one another.**  
When we leave this time, **we keep our focus on the God we trust.**  
When we leave this service, **we keep our worship going in service in the world.**  
May our commitments bloom, our hope flourish, **and our ministry prosper as we go forth in God’s love.**  
**Response #345– God Be with You Til We Meet Again, vs. 1**

Postlude - Variations on "Lo, How a Rose"

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Announcements  
December 28, 2025

Our 4th quarter mission is Church World Service. If you would like to donate to CWS please indicate on your check in the memo line “CWS”.

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<sup>2</sup> Written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.  
<sup>3</sup> Cheryl A. Lindsay

12/28/25     Nicole gives the message  
Coffee Hour: Ellie Blachly  
1/4/26       Rhoda Donovan gives the message  
Communion with Carol Fox  
Coffee Hour: Nancy & Brad Toney

### **Information about Peacham Congregational Church**

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

*Interim Pastor.....Nicole Klosterman (802)-227-4956*

*Email: [peachamchurchpastor@gmail.com](mailto:peachamchurchpastor@gmail.com)*

*Please contact Nicole to schedule a visit or call.*

*Mon - availability varies*

*Tues 11 am - 2:30 pm*

*Weds - unavailable*

*Thurs - availability varies*

*Fri 9-11 am*

*Here is a link to schedule a pastoral care visit with*

*Nicole: <https://calendly.com/peachamchurchpastor/30min>*

Email: [peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com](mailto:peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com) for general inquiries

Church Admin.....Patty Gardner

Treasurer.....Bruce Westcott

Collector.....Ann Goss

Accompanist .....Bruce Westcott

Sexton.....Jeff Lane

Church Council President

& Moderator .....John Marshall

Web Ministry .....Jonathan R. Potter

Deacons: Susan Chandler, Chris Danielson, Carolyn Deasy, Patty Gardner,  
Anita Vann, Rick Witt, Bruce Maclean, Deacon Emeritus

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## How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won - der  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der,  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,  
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur  
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,

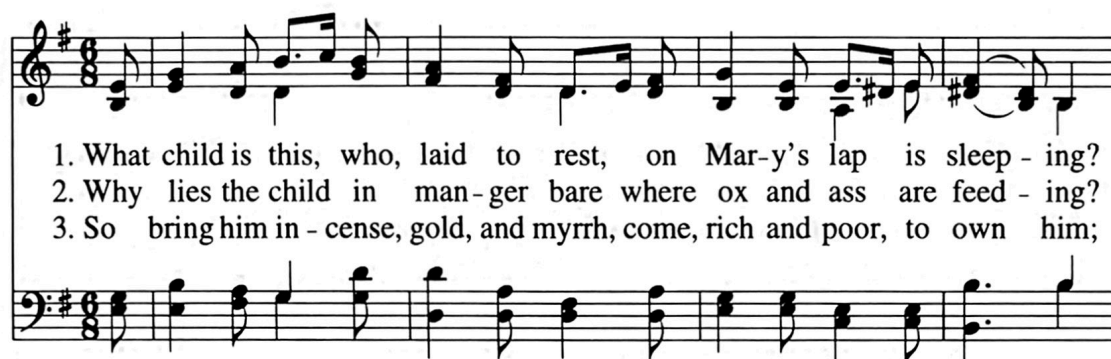
thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played.  
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art!

WORDS: Carl Boberg, 1859-1940; trans. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989  
 MUSIC: Swedish folk melody arr. Stuart K. Hine

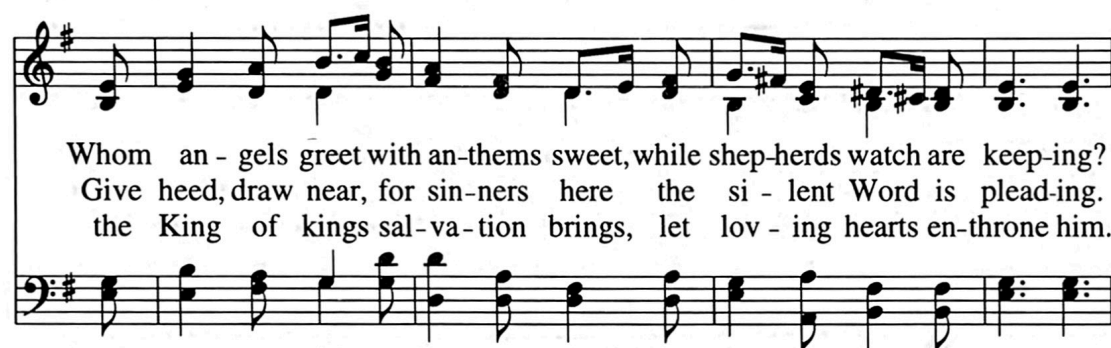
O STORE GUD  
 11 10.11 10 w. refrain

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# 153 What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest

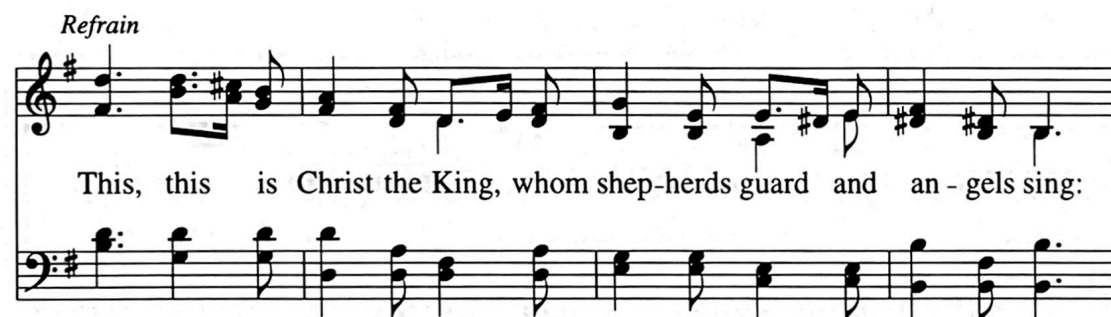


1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep - ing?  
 2. Why lies the child in man-ger bare where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come, rich and poor, to own him;

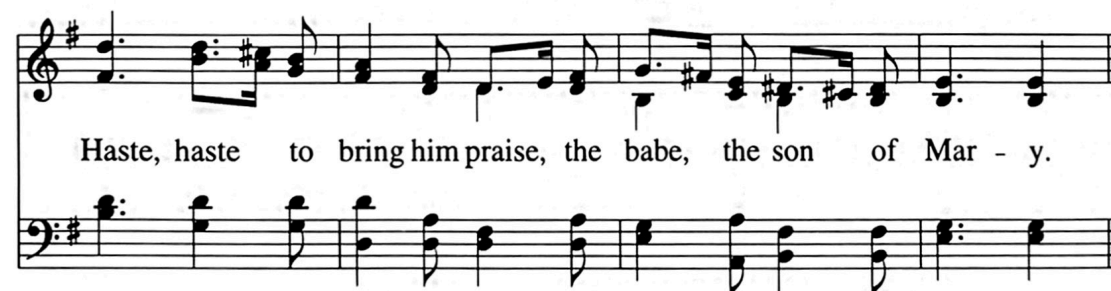


Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?  
 Give heed, draw near, for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead-ing.  
 the King of kings sal - va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.

*Refrain*



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:



Haste, haste to bring him praise, the babe, the son of Mar - y.

WORDS: William C. Dix, c. 1865, alt.; st. 2, *The New Century Hymnal*, 1995  
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody, 16th century

GREENSLEEVES  
 87.87 w. refrain

(For author William Dix see 'As with Gladness.') GREENSLEEVES,  
 a popular English ballad tune, was first sung to a love-song text.

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# He's Got the Whole World

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*Unison*

1. He's got the whole world in his hands,  
 2. He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,  
 3. He's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in his hands,  
 4. He's got you and me, broth - er, in his hands,

he's got the whole world in his hands,  
 he's got the wind and the rain in his hands,  
 he's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in his hands,  
 he's got you and me, sis - ter, in his hands,

he's got the whole world in his hands,  
 he's got the wind and the rain in his hands,  
 he's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in his hands,  
 he's got you and me, broth - er, in his hands,

he's got the whole world in his hands

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

WHOLE WORLD  
Irr.

An element common to many spirituals is syncopated rhythm, which has greatly influenced American gospel, jazz and symphonic music.

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