

Notes:

Sermon Text

Subject

Spiritual “To Do List”
(things God has shown me today)

Enter to Worship. Depart to Serve.

John Wesley’s Covenant Prayer for the New Year

I am no longer my own, but thine.
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

*Wesley and the early Methodists prayed this Covenant Prayer
every New Year’s Eve in the Watchnight Service.*

*Once again, many thanks to all of you for your countless kindnesses to us
through the past year. Many thanks, too, for the Christmas cards and the
gifts. They will be put to good use!*
—Pastor Owens

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The First Noel, The Angel Did Say

THE FIRST NOEL. Irregular, with Refrain

Old English Carol

Traditional melody, from
W. SANDYS' CHRISTMAS CAROLS, 1833

1. The first No - el, the an - gel did say, Was to
2. They look - ed up and saw a star Shin - ing
3. And by the light of that same star Three
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er
5. Then en - tered in those wise - men three, Fall

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In fields where
in the east be - yond them far, And to the
wise - men came from coun - try far; To seek for a
Beth - le - hem it took its rest, And there it
rev - er - ent - ly up - on the knee, And of - fered

they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's
earth it gave great light, And so it con -
king was their in - tent, And to fol - low the
did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the
there in his pres - ence, Their gold and

REFRAIN

night that was so deep.
tin - ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX. 7. 7. 7. 7. 7.

WILLIAM C. DIX, 1837-1898

Abridged from a chorale by
CONRAD KOCHER, 1786-1872

1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing
2. As with joy - ous steps they sped To that low - ly
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day Keep us in the

star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light,
man - ger bed, There to bend the knee be - fore
rude and bare, So may we with ho - ly joy,
nar - row way; And when earth - ly things are past,

Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright; So, most gra - cious
Him whom heaven and earth a - dore; So may we with
Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest
Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no

Lord, may we Ev - er - more be led to thee.
will - ing feet Ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
treas - ures bring, Christ to thee, our heaven - ly King.
star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.