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If you want to reach your Neighbors through Christmas caroling, then follow the 7 Easy Steps on page 3 and use the provided Caroling Song Lyric Sheets!

Keith Getty said, "For every 1 car that drives into your church 99 drive past—and I bet almost all love Christmas music." The acceptance of Christmas music in certain parts of our wider culture allows a unique occasion for witness. Christmas is a huge opportunity for the church, and if we can get that right, it sets us up for the next year and helps us re-adjust our thinking to ensure other things can find their rightful place.

Take some time this year and reach out to your neighbors with some Christmas carols. Be sure to introduce yourselves and provide invitations to East White Oak for our Christmas Concert or Christmas Eve Services. It will take a little planning ahead, but everyone will appreciate it. Following these 7 Easy Steps will guarantee that your Christmas caroling is something that will be remembered—both by the carolers and those who are blessed to hear the Christmas carols.

- Paytor Justin

#### Reach your Neighbors through Christmas Caroling in 7 Easy Steps!

#### 1. Invite your Neighbors early

The holiday season is very busy, so invite neighbors and other friends early. Go visit and ask neighbors to join you 2-3 weeks early!

#### 2. Use the following Carol Song List

You will find 8 well-known and classic carols on the following pages. Not everyone knows the lyrics to every Christmas song. If viewing online, print out and staple multiple copies of this document and refer to the page numbers when choosing the next song.

# 3. Determine what homes you want to visit

Choose your block or homes of those you are becoming more acquainted with in your community. Plan to make a loop around a certain area and end up back at everyone's vehicles or someone's home for hot cocoa and cookies! Bad weather won't stop Christmas caroling, so choose a nursing home, retirement community, or hospital. Be sure to ask permission from the facility before you go.

#### 4. Practice one time before you go caroling

Sing through the 8 songs in this document so everyone is on the same page. Literally! Then be sure everyone knows the tune and can sing together. This will bring great joy to the carolers and the listeners!

#### 5. Dress weather appropriate

Wear warm clothes as needed and be sure to bring some Christmas cheer along the way! Festive hats or gloves will do the trick or just wear a joyful Christmas sweater!

# 6. Everyone should go caroling, even if they can't sing

If you know someone who doesn't enjoy singing, invite them along to hand out candy canes, tracts, or invitations to our Christmas Concert and Christmas Eve Services at 4:00 and 5:30 PM.

#### 7. Be sure to bring some flashlights

Bring a few glowsticks or flashlights to light the way. Most neighborhoods are well-lit, but this will keep cars alert of families walking around at night.



## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appears

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel

O come, thou rod of Jesse, free Thine own from Satan's tyranny From depths of of hell thy people save And give them vict'ry o'er the grave

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer Our spirits by thine advent here And drive away the shades of night And pierce the clouds and bring us light

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel

O come, Thou Key of David, come And open wide our heavenly home Make safe the way that leads on high And close the path to misery

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel O come, O come, Thou Lord of might Who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height In ancient times did'st give the law In cloud and majesty and awe

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel



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## **Oh, Little Town of Bethlehem**

Oh little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by Yet in the dark streets shineth, the everlasting light The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wondering love Oh morning stars together, proclaim the holy birth. And praises sing to God the king, and peace to men on earth.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin Where meek souls will receive him still, the dear Christ enters in.

Oh 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.

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## **Angels We Have Heard On High**

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

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the newborn king Gloria In excelsis Deo Gloria In excelsis Deo

See within a manger laid Jesus Lord of heav'n and earth Mary, Joseph, lend your aid With us sing our Savior's birth Gloria In excelsis Deo Gloria In excelsis Deo

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strains of Gloria In excelsis Deo Gloria In excelsis Deo

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#### **Silent Night**

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia, Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face With dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus Lord, at Thy birth



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## **O, Holy Night**

Oh holy night! The stars are brightly shining It is the night of the dear Savior's birth! Long lay the world in sin and error pining Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees Oh hear the angel voices Oh night divine Oh night when Christ was born Oh night divine O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light, of Faith serenely beaming With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming Here come the wise men from Orient land The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger In all our trials born to be our friend.

He knows our need To our weakness is no stranger Behold your King Before Him lowly bend Behold your King Before Him lowly bend

Truly He taught us, to love one another His law is love and His gospel is peace Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother And in His name all oppression shall cease Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, Let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord O praise His name forever His power and glory Evermore proclaim His power and glory Evermore proclaim

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## **Hark! the Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled." Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With th' angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem." Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!

Christ, by highest heav'n adored: Christ, the everlasting Lord; Late in time behold him come, Offspring of the favored one. Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see; Hail, th'incarnate Deity: Pleased, as man, with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel! Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!

Hail! the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail! the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Risen with healing in his wings Mild he lays his glory by, Born that man no more may die: Born to raise the son of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!



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#### Joy to The World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make His blessing flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

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## O, Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem. Come and behold Him, Born the King of Angels!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Sing, alleluia, All ye choirs of angels; O sing, all ye blissful ones of heav'n above. Glory to God In the highest glory!

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be the glory giv'n; Word of the Father, Now in the flesh appearing,

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O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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