

Second Sunday of Advent



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Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...
an adventure for life!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

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WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

(a time for reflection and preparation for worship)

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People arr. Paul Manz

Advent Candle Lighting

Christ, Be Our Light

2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your
church gath - ered to - day.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first three staves contain the main body of the hymn, and the last three staves contain the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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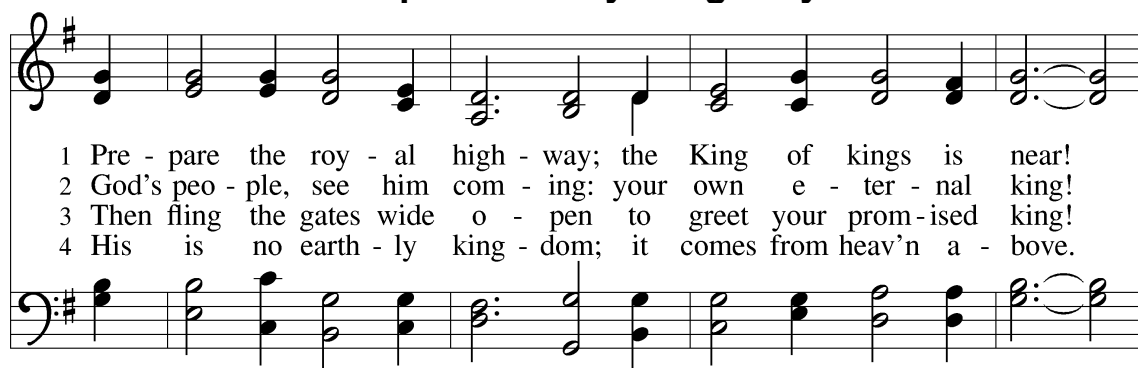
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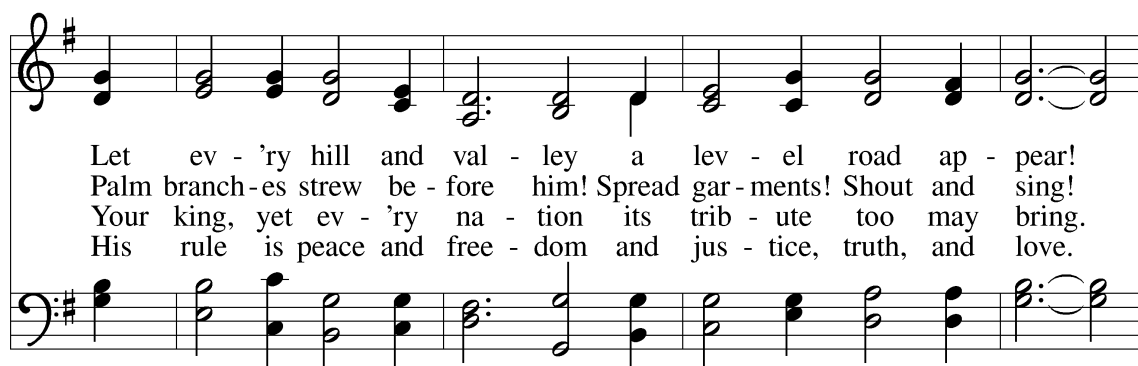
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Hymn

Prepare the Royal Highway



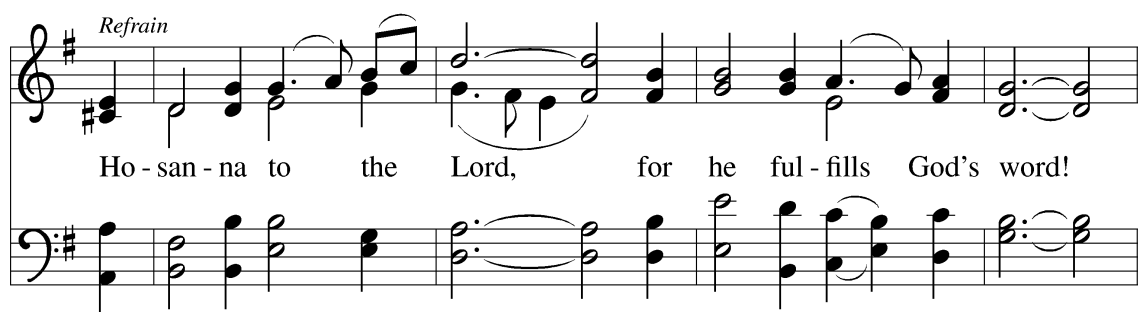
1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch-es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:



Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Please be seated

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10 (Contemporary English Version,
adapted and inclusivized)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Like a branch that sprouts from a stump,
someone from David's family will someday rule.
The Spirit of the Lord will be with this leader
to give understanding, wisdom, and insight.
This leader, whose greatest joy will be to obey the Lord,
will be powerful, will know and honor the Lord,
This leader won't judge by appearances or listen to rumors.
The poor and the needy
will be treated with fairness and with justice.
The word of this leader will be law everywhere in the land,
and a breath from this leader will slay the wicked.
Honesty and fairness will be royal robes.
Leopards will lie down with young goats,
and wolves will rest with lambs.
Calves and lions will eat together
and be cared for by little children.
Cows and bears will share the same pasture;
their young will rest side by side.
Lions and oxen will both eat straw.
Little children will play near snake holes.
They will stick their hands into dens of poisonous snakes
and never be hurt.
Nothing harmful will take place on the Lord's holy mountain.
Just as water fills the sea, the land will be filled
with people who know and honor the Lord.
The time is coming when one of David's descendants will be the signal for
the people of all nations to come together. They will follow the advice of
this descendant, whose own nation will become famous.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19



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Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;
that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.
May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon shall | be no more.
Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!
And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A- | men. Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12 (Contemporary English Version,
adapted and inclusivized)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Years [after Jesus and his family moved to Nazareth], John the Baptist started preaching in the desert of Judea. He said, "Repent! The beloved community will soon be here."

John was the one the prophet Isaiah was talking about, when he said,
"In the desert someone is shouting,
'Get the road ready for the Lord!
Make the Lord a straight path.'"

John wore clothes made of camel's hair. He had a leather strap around his waist and ate grasshoppers and wild honey.

From Jerusalem and all Judea and from the Jordan River Valley crowds of people went to John. They told how sorry they were for their sins, and he baptized them in the river.

Many Pharisees and Sadducees also came to be baptized. But John said to them:

"You bunch of snakes! Who warned you to run from the coming judgment? Do something to show you have really given up your sins. And don't start telling yourselves that you belong to Abraham and Sarah's family. I tell you that God can turn these stones into children for Abraham and Sarah. An ax is ready to cut the trees down at their roots. Any tree that doesn't produce good fruit will be chopped down and thrown into a fire.

"I baptize you with water so you will give up your sins. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His threshing fork is in his hand, and he is ready to separate the wheat from the husks. He will store the wheat in a barn and burn the husks in a fire that never goes out."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Message

GOING BEYOND THE MINDS THAT WE HAVE

Musical Reflection

Awaken and Prepare Us

Mark Hayes
Senior Choir

Awaken and prepare us, O God, for the light of Your saving Son.
We look for the light, the light of the world, the light of the Promised One.
Awaken and prepare us, O God, for the love of Your living Son.
We wait for Your love, for Your love to appear, the love of the Chosen One.

Prepare us for the Promised One, the Chosen One, Emmanuel.
Prepare us for the presence of God.
Prepare us for the Promised One, the Chosen One, Emmanuel.
Prepare us for the presence of God; ready our hearts for Him to dwell.

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Awaken and prepare us, O God, for the gift of Your giving Son.
We watch for Your gift, for Your gift with hope, the gift meant for ev'ryone.

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Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

Community Prayers

Let us pray....

Amen.

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

Bebe McCoy, Robin Stokes, Bonnie Hegreness, Heidi Carman, Mary Kennedy,
Kevin Bailey's sister Kleta Childs, Kathie and Nancy Ehrich and their sister Betty Weaver,
Jeremy Davis, Bebe McCoy's brother-in-law Walt and sister Jan, Brittany Parsons,
Mary Bowling's sister Val, John Kennedy's niece Michele Wolfe, Sam Hudson, nephew of
Laura and Terry Warren who is deployed to Bulgaria, Kelley Frank, Becky Trover's sister
Maddie Sutphin, Skye Andree
The people of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Westerville; Redeemer community members Julie,
Jon, and Danica Denniss

Children's Time

Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Share signs of peace with each other.

WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

*Jesus invited all who were hungry for food, healing, justice, and joy to
share this communion meal.*

Since this is his meal, and he is present to us in it, all are welcome.

In body or spirit, please stand

Offertory

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

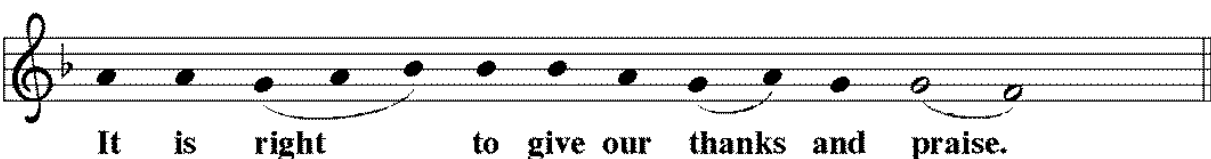
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Great Thanksgiving

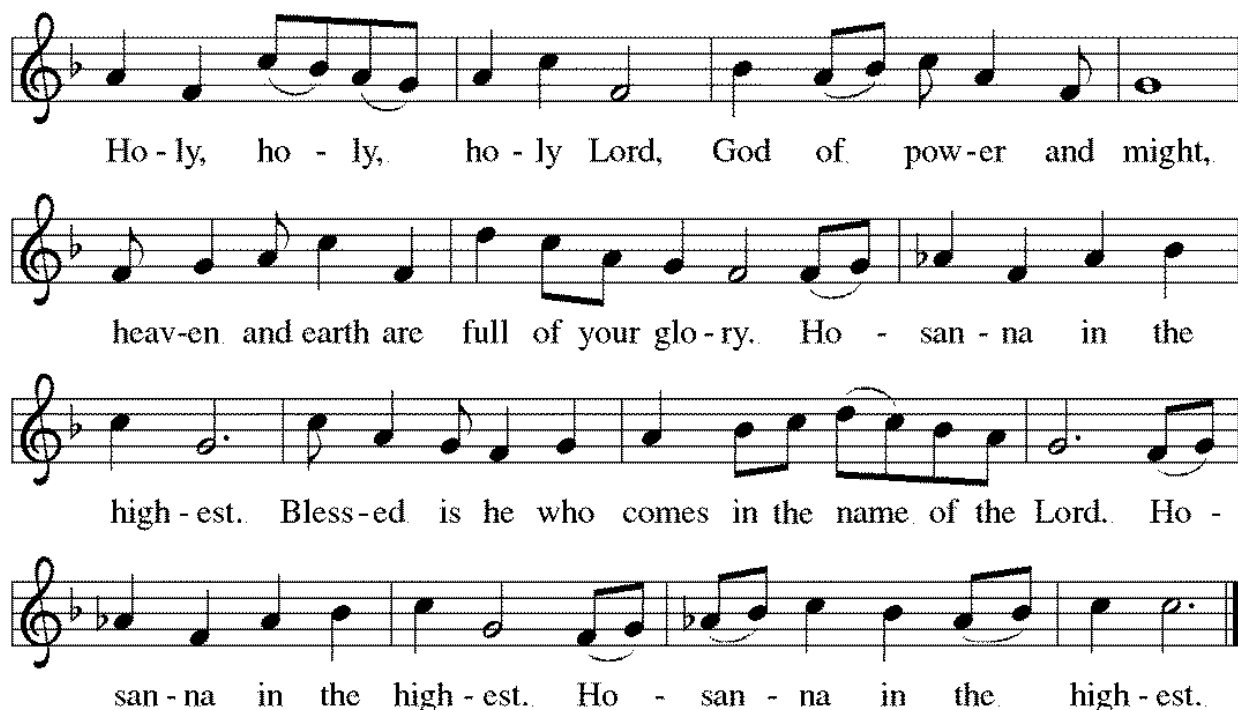


This is the table of Emmanuel -- God-with-us. This is the place where bread and wine remind us how to live and love as those who inhabit God's time, and work to build God's Beloved Community. This is the place where we recognize that the one for whom we wait is also the one who is already, and always, here with us.

So come! Whether you are watching for the dawn, or dreading first light, whether you are waiting with hope, or hiding your face, come with quiet confidence. Here Emmanuel watches for our coming, and waits with love and joy to welcome us in.

The story of Emmanuel is the story of God – waiting to inhabit time, who took on flesh and form, and lived among us, so that we might re-imagine life. It is the story of Jesus – waiting to be betrayed, who shared supper with his friends, where he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this and eat. This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” And after supper he took the cup and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.”

And so, taking this bread and wine, we remember and celebrate the waiting which began to change the world; and we join our voices with all who still wait and work for that change to come to completion:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

God of grace, as we follow the example of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May we find the imagination, the courage, and the strength to use our waiting times to build your Beloved Community of joy, justice, and peace, for which we now pray:

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.**

Sharing the Meal

The gifts of God, for the people of God. Jesus welcomed all to this meal.
So do we.

You may come forward to receive the elements, remain seated and use the pre-filled communion cups available at the door, or let an usher know you'd like to be served in your seat.

Hymn

What Feast of Love



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Hymn

Taste and See

Refrain – All

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall

al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

Lord; for God has been so good to me.

2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth-er let us

all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered

me; from all my trou-bles I was set free.

3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for
noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is
good; in God we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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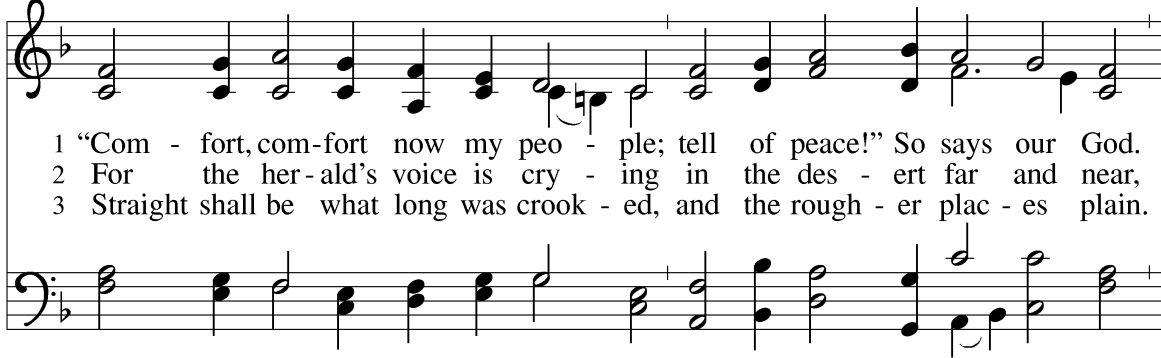
Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy Mystery, the earth still waits for its healing. May we who are part of that waiting take and use the waiting times to re-imagine how we can be healers of creation. Open our hands and hearts to embrace and use the uncertain times to learn how to live and love. So may our watching and waiting join with that of Emmanuel to realize your beloved community here on earth. **Amen.**

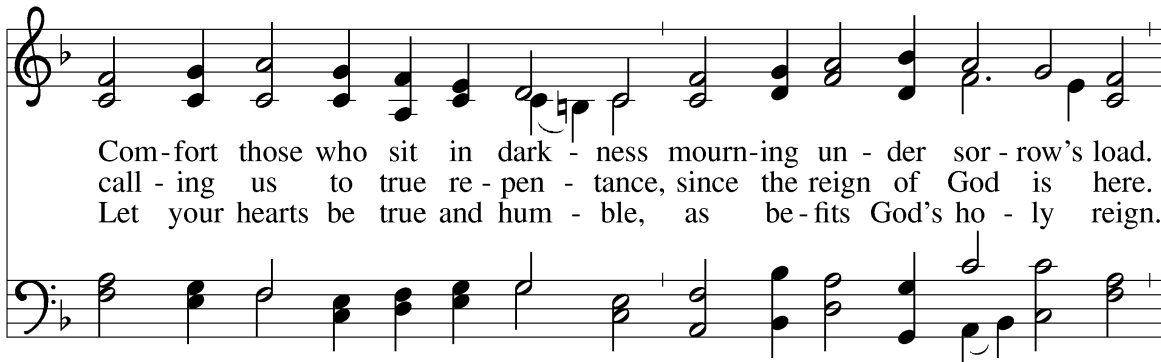
WE ARE SENT

Hymn

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People



1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load.
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be-fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Blessing

Amen.

Announcements

Postlude

Prepare the Way O Zion

arr. John Carter

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Redeemer's mission: To be followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all
Redeemer's vision: To foster understanding and healing in community



Sunday Adult Ed November – December

The class will welcome people who work for organizations who walk alongside those on the margins so we might know more about the realities these neighbors face, what their lives are like, what these organizations are doing, and how any of us who wish might explore these ministries.

December 4:

*Malik Moore, Manager, Barnett Branch
Columbus Metropolitan Public Library
Realities of life in our neighborhood, possibilities
for partnerships and engagement*

Zoom link:

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The Littlest Angels

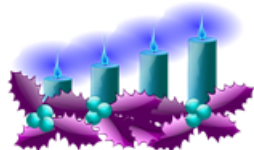
Children's Christmas Program

December 18

during 10 am worship



Monthly Sunday School for all ages!
Sunday, December 11 == 11:15 am



Advent Wednesday evenings
November 30, December 7, 14, 21
6:15 Advent Desserts
7:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the library to share your story, to serve as cantor, or to provide dessert at 6:15



"The Book of Hebrews"

Bible Study

Tuesdays

1:00 pm

Join us in-person or on Zoom, from 1-2:30.

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Phone only: 646-876-9923



Are you interested in joining Redeemer, or exploring that?

Someone here has told Pastor Dave they'd like to join Redeemer. Are there others of you who either would like to join Redeemer or learn more about Redeemer and what membership looks like? If so, contact Pastor Dave. He will set up a dinner at his home with you and several folks from Redeemer who will talk about their experiences and how they came to find a meaningful faith community here.

Please let Dave know by the beginning of January.



LSS Food Pantry

First Wednesdays

12:30-3:30 pm

Contact Kathleen Zwanziger to volunteer



Sunday, January 22
In conjunction with
11:15 Adult Ed class

Lest Innocent Blood be Shed

Philip Hallie

At 11:15, we'll watch the documentary "Weapons of the Spirit," which tells the story of the book. We'll watch the film, enjoy a potluck, discuss it, and discuss the book. Those who don't wish to stay for the book discussion can leave at any time. We plan to be finished by 2 pm.

IN-PERSON and ZOOM

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Birthdays this week:

4 - Hitoshi Phillips
6 - Isabella Skoog
6 - Sophia Skoog
8 - Payton Friederich
8 - Bob Rapp
10 - Eric Hutton



Wittenberg University

Lessons and Carols for Advent and Christmas

Weaver Chapel

7:30pm - Friday December 9

You are cordially invited to join us for our Lessons and Carols service of song. The Wittenberg Choir, Wittenberg Singers, and Brass quintet will offer music under the theme of **JOY**.

Lessons and Carols is a special tradition at Wittenberg, with music for the Advent and Christmas season interspersed with scripture readings, closing with a candlelit singing of *Silent Night*.

Doors open at 6:30, with preservice music offered. Tickets are NOT required this year.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Presiding Minister	David Shull, Pastor
Assisting Minister	Kay Ernsthause
Cantor	Emily Kent
ASL Interpreter	Bryan Neal / Kiara Santiago
Organist & Senior Choir Director	Kathy Rapp
Pianist & Chime Choir Director	Karen Kent
Usher	Ashley Bird
Verger	Michelle Clemence / Wendy Stoica
Communion Prep	Michele Disbro, Eileen Day, Becky Fisher
Producers	Michele Disbro, Tom Mimplitch
Hospitality	Michelle Clemence

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Noisy Offering will go to Lutheran Disaster Response.*

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER DECEMBER 4 - 11

Today	8:45 am	Chime Choir Rehearsal
	10:00 am	IN-PERSON and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Senior Choir Rehearsal
	11:15 am	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Adult Education
Monday	7:00 pm	Personnel Team, Magargal home
Tuesday	1:00 pm	IN-PERSON and ZOOM Bible Study
Wednesday	6:15 pm	Advent Desserts
	7:00 pm	Holden Evening Prayer
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