



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do Justice · Love Kindness · Walk Humbly

Durham, North Carolina

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent – Advent Lessons and Carols



The Service of Worship

* *Please rise in body or in spirit as you are able.*

Please observe silence and turn off mobile devices during the preludes.

Large print Bibles and hymnals and assistive listening devices are available upon request. Please see an usher.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

ORGAN PRELUDES

Partita on the Chorale *Freu dich sehr* (Comfort, Comfort)

Chorale Prelude: *Nun komm der Heiden Heiland* (Savior of the Nations, Come; BWV 659)

Monica Umstaedt Rossman

Georg Böhm

J.S. Bach

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Tuttle

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Psalm 85:8*

Harrison-Truscott family

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,

For he will speak peace to his people,

To his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

This Advent, we wait for love.

Hymn 92, vs. 2

Waiting

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.

Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

After the candle-lighting, children 4 yrs–1st grade are invited to Godly Play in the Church Parlor.

Younger children may join the nursery in Mission Center Room G7.

• THE HYMN NO. 105 PEOPLE, LOOK EAST

Besançon

A SERVICE OF ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-5

Jim Bear

* THE HYMN NO. 87 COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE

Genevan 42

SECOND LESSON: I John 4:7-12

Pru Meyer

Anthem: God is Here!

Tune: Abbot's Leigh by Cyril Vincent Taylor; arr. John Ferguson

Text by Fred Pratt Green

The Chancel Choir and Congregation

Congregation joins in singing vs. 1 and 4, as printed on the music insert.

THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 11:6-9

Mark Foskey

THE HYMN NO. 77 ISAIAH THE PROPHET HAS WRITTEN OF OLD (*remain seated*)

Samanthra

FOURTH LESSON: Isaiah 35:1-4

Jim Broyles

Anthem: Advent Carol

Tune: *Orientis Partibus*; arr. Alfred V. Fedak

Text by Carol McClure (based on Isaiah 35)

Desert, blossom as a rose rising, radiant as it grows,

All arrayed in crimson show; Come to us, O God of Hope.

Thirsty land, become a stream, flowing fountain, calm, serene,

Clear cascade from heav'n above; Come to us, O God of Love. Alleluia!

Weakened hands, be now made strong; silent tongues, break forth in song;

Blinded eyes, your sight employ; Come to us, O God of Joy.

Soon a pathway shall be found; for the faithful, holy ground,

Safe from angry, warring beast; Come to us, O God of Peace. Alleluia!

Sing God's praise, Jerusalem! Hope, joy, love and peace shall come;

Sorrow, sighing now dispel; Come to us, Emmanuel.

King of glory, Soul of bliss, everlasting life is this:

Thee to know, thy power to prove, thus to sing, and thus to love! Alleluia!

The Chancel Choir

FIFTH LESSON: Mark 1:1-8

Ellen Vogel

* THE HYMN NO. 163 WILD AND LONE THE PROPHET'S VOICE

Aberystwyth

SIXTH LESSON: Isaiah 9:2a-7

Louise Specht

Anthem: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Tune: Veni Emmanuel; arr. Andrew Carter

Text from Latin Advent Antiphons; transl. J. M. Neale

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear:
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 hell thy people save, and give them victory o'er the grave:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight:
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 give the law in cloud and majesty and awe:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
The Chancel Choir

SEVENTH LESSON: Isaiah 11:1-2

Cheryl Barton Henry

THE HYMN NO. 129 LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING (*seated*)

Es ist ein' Ros'

EIGHTH LESSON: John 1:1-5; 14

Helen Harrison

THE HYMN NO. 108 OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN (*seated*)

Divinum mysterium

Verse 1: All Verse 4: Pulpit side
Verse 2: Men Verse 5: Lectern side
Verse 3: Women Verse 6: All

NINTH LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8

Chris Tuttle

Anthem: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Tune: Helmsley by Thomas Arne; arr. R. E. Martin

Text by Charles Wesley

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending, once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, shall the true Messiah see.
Those dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
With what rapture gaze we on those glorious scars!
Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory; claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and thou alone. Amen.
The Chancel Choir

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Alex Stayer-Brewington

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.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

If you would like to give your offering online, please visit <https://www.wpcdurham.org/give>.

OFFERTORY

The Hunter (from *Songs of Mary*, op. 22, no. 4)

Music by Johannes Brahms
Text transl. from the German by Paul England

A hunter went a-hunting, he came from heaven's height,
and in the way one met him, 'twas Mary the Virgin bright.
The hunter from the heavens, right well we know his fame,
An angel hunts beside him, and Gabriel is his name.
Upon his horn he soundeth; the sound fills all the place:
"All hail to thee, O Mary, thou Virgin full of grace!
All hail to thee, O Mary, thou Virgin pure and fair!
Within thy spotless body, a Babe thou soon shalt bear.
For thou shalt bear within thee a Babe of tender mold,
Who in his mystic being shall earth and heaven enfold."
Then Mary, meek and lowly, knelt down upon her knee:
"As God my Lord ordaineth, so be it unto me!"

The Chancel Choir

* DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GO IN GOD'S NAME

* THE HYMN NO. 93 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

Truro

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Magnificat Fugue (BWV 733)

J.S. Bach

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Many thanks to the members of our Chancel Choir and to our trumpeters – Jim Ketch and Jack Walker – for the generous sharing of their time and talents as they prepared the beautiful music for this morning's services.
May these lessons and carols be a blessing on our Advent journey!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Today

8:30am Service

Ushers Michael Klein, Diana Monroe,
Elsa Woods

Offering Counter Betsy Ahern

11:00am Service

Welcome Station Ashley Barnes
Ushers Jami Howell, Jim & Susan Ketch
Offering Counters Barb & Bill Burig
AV Technician Ryan Steck

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8:30am Service

Ushers Jessica Buono, The Motsinger Family

Lector Bill Stokes

Offering Counter Jessica Buono

11:00am Service

Welcome Station *Volunteer needed*

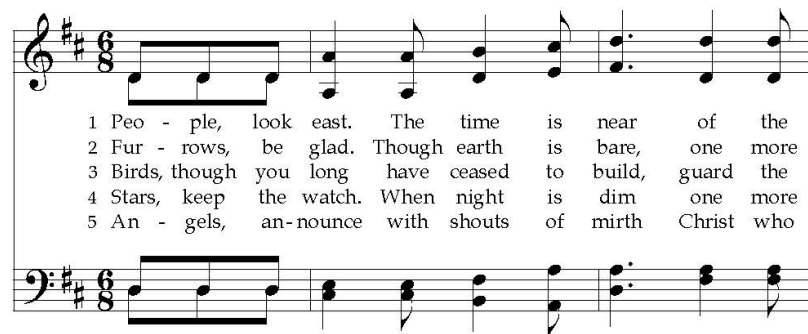
Ushers John & Ruth Caccavale,
Rachel Chang, *Volunteer needed*

Lector Jim Ketch

Offering Counters *Volunteers needed*

AV Technicians Blair Chesnut, Mark Hill

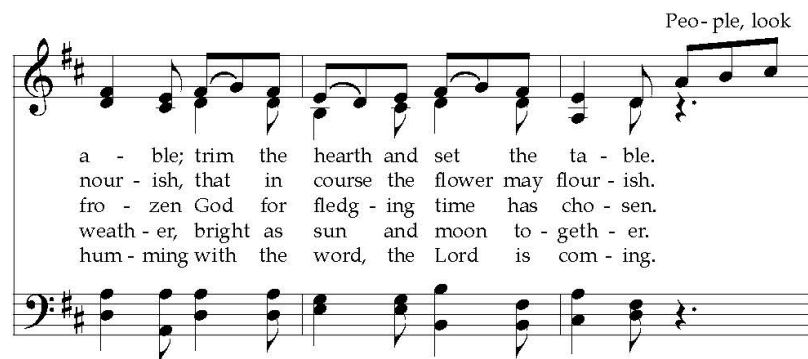
People, Look East



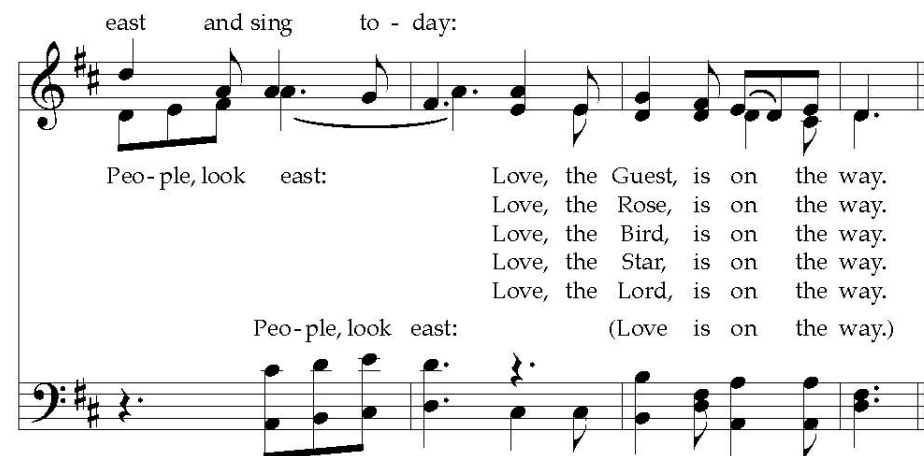
1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



Peo - ple, look
 a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.



east and sing to - day:
 Peo - ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.
 Peo - ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928, alt.

MUSIC: French folk melody; harm. Martin Shaw, 1928

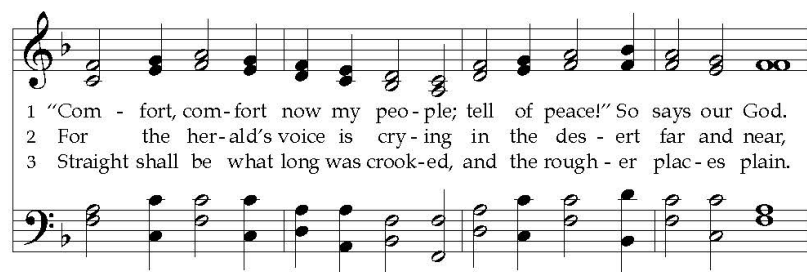
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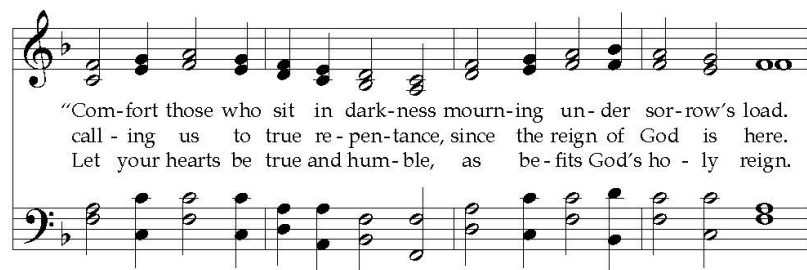
BESANÇON

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Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



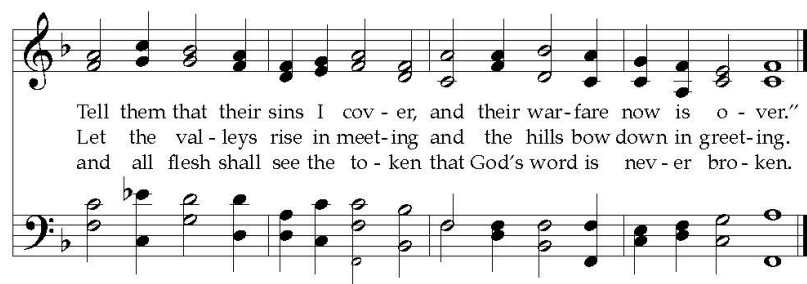
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"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 my peo - ple now pro-claim that my par - don waits for them!
 O, 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 sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver."
 Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing and the hills bow down in greet-ing.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

TEXT: Johannes Olearius, 1671; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

GENEVAN 42
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GOD IS HERE!

A Hymn Concertato

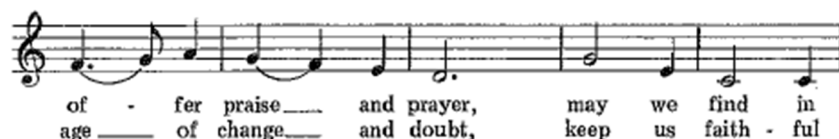
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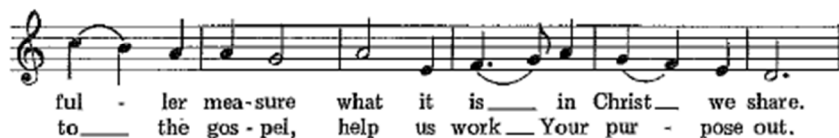
ABBOT'S LEIGH
 Cyril Vincent Taylor
 Setting by JOHN FERGUSON



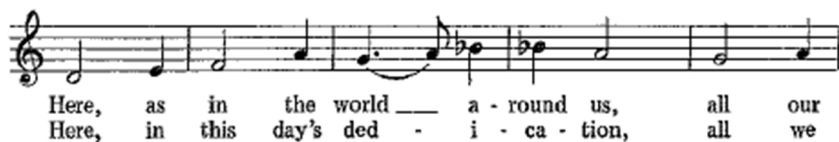
1. God is here! As we — Your peo - ple meet to
 4. Lord of all, of Church — and King - dom in an



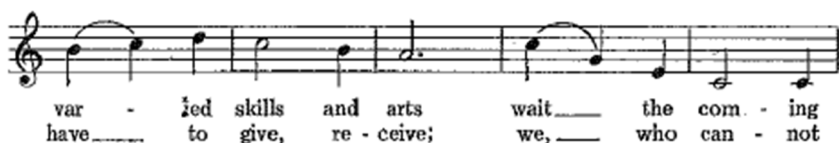
of - fer praise — and prayer, may we find in
 age — of change — and doubt, keep us faith - ful



ful - ler mea - sure what it is — in Christ — we share.
 to — the gos - pel, help us work — Your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world — a - round us, all our
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait — the com - ing
 have — to give, re - ceive; we, — who can - not



of — the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 live — with-out You, we — a - dore — You! We be - lieve!

(Choir only)

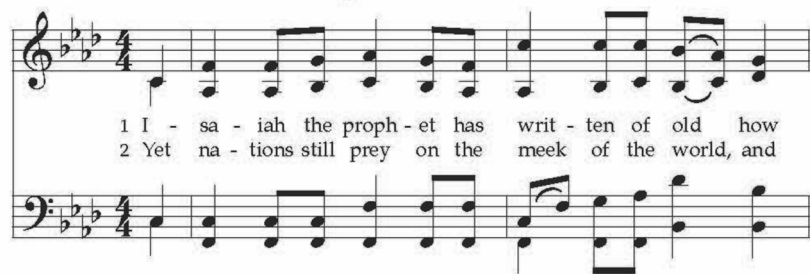
2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;
 here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.
 Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,
 here, in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold,
 here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old.
 Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore.
 What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

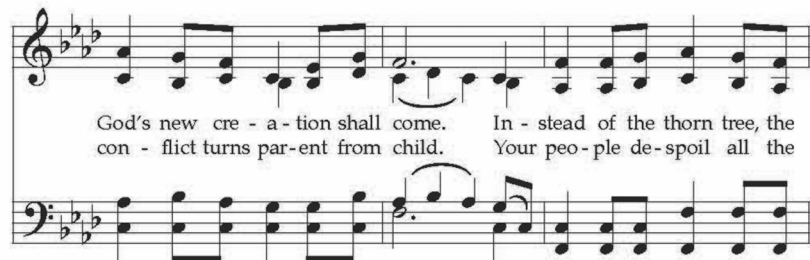
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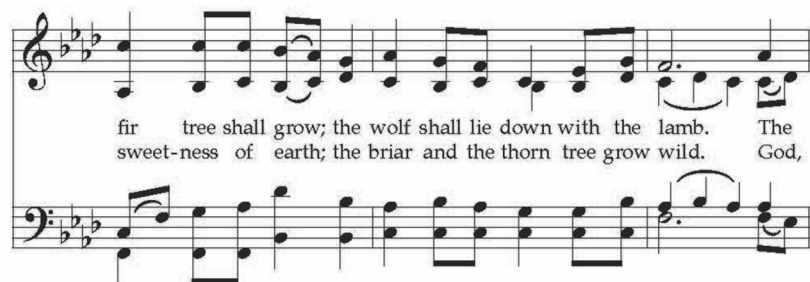
77 Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old



1 I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how
2 Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world, and



God's new cre - a - tion shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree, the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the



fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth; the briar and the thorn tree grow wild. God,

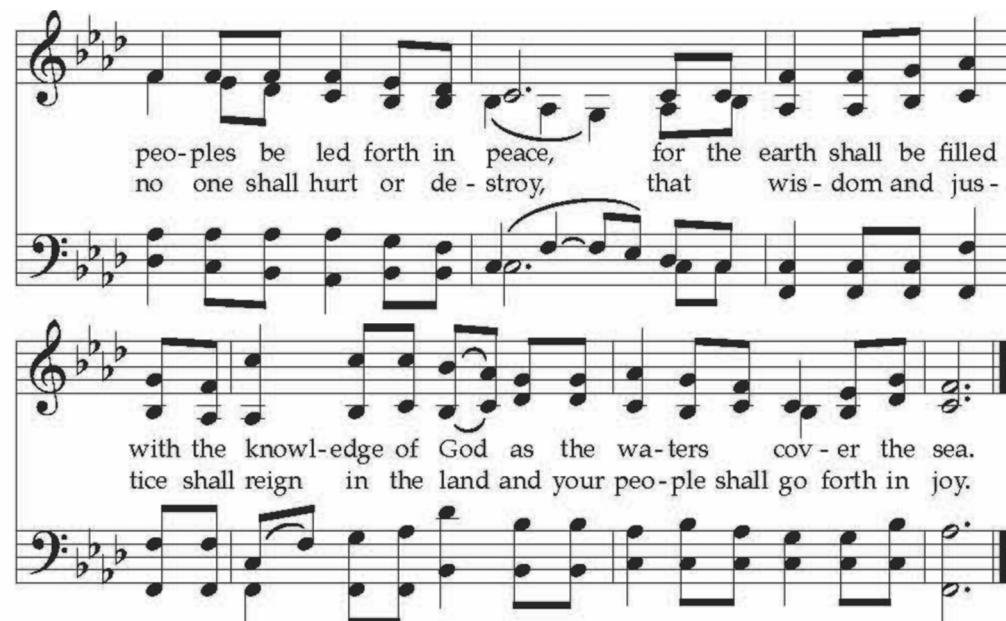


moun - tains and hills shall burst forth in - to song, the
bring to fru - i - tion your will for the earth, that

This 20th-century paraphrase of Isaiah 11:6-9 and 55:11-13 was created specifically for this anonymous shape note tune (whose name is Hebrew for "listener"). The movement from near rhymes in stanza one to exact rhymes in stanza two reinforces the theme of fulfilled prophecy.

TEXT: Joy F. Patterson, 1962
MUSIC: American folk melody; arr. Robert Shaw and Alice Parker, 1961
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Music Arr. © 1961, ren. Lawson-Gould Music Publishers, Inc. (admin. Alfred Music Publishing)

SAMANTHRA
11.8.11.8.D



peo - ples be led forth in peace, for the earth shall be filled
no one shall hurt or de - stroy, that wis - dom and jus -
with the knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the sea.
tice shall reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice



1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des - ert still,
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,

call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will:
 Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove.
 and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.

"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Soon the Lord will come in power; burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:
 So we dare to jour-ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,

Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.
 then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
 till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God.

While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1-12. The final lines recall that he was the first to name Jesus "the Lamb of God" (John 1:29, 36).

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1985
 MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876
 Text © 1989 Hope Publishing Company

ABERYSTWYTH
 7.7.7.7.D

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 129



1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,

of Jes - se's lin-eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.
 dis - pels with glo-rious splen-dor the dark-ness ev - ery-where.

It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he

win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

TEXT: German carol; stanzas 1, 2 trans. Theodore Baker, 1894, alt.; stanza 3 trans. Harriet Knuth Spaeth, 1985, alt. ES IST EIN' ROS'
 MUSIC: Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang, 1599; arr. Michael Praetorius, 1609 7.6.7.6.6.7.6

Of the Father's Love Begotten 108



1 Of the Fa-ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be - gan
 2 By his Word was all cre - at - ed; he com-mand-ed; it
 3 O, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the Vir - gin, full
 4 This is he whom seers in old time chant-ed of with one
 5 O ye heights of heaven, a - dore him. An - gel hosts, his prais -
 6 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly Ghost,



to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga; he the
 was done: heaven and earth and depths of o - cean, u - ni -
 of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing, bore the
 ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets prom-ised
 es sing. Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him, and ex -
 to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks-giv - ing and un -



source, the end - ing he, of the things that are, that
 verse of three in one, all that sees the moon's soft
 Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's Re -
 in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
 tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be
 wea - ried prais - es be. Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 shin - ing, all that breathes be - neath the sun,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed. Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord,
 si - lent; ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.

Seldom has the wonder of the Incarnation been expressed so beautifully as in this text, created in the era when the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds were being codified and mindful of similar theological affirmations. It is set here to a plainchant melody from the late Middle Ages.

TEXT: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 5th cent.;
 trans. John Mason Neale, 1854; alt. and Henry Williams Baker, 1859; alt.
 MUSIC: Plainsong, Mode V; harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940
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DIVINUM MYSTERIUM
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Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



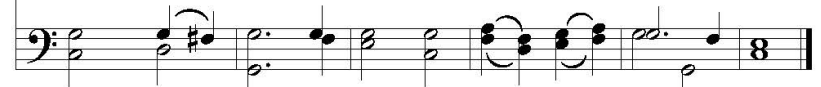
1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.



Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7-10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

TEXT: Georg Weissel, 1642; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863
 MUSIC: Musica Sacra, c. 1778

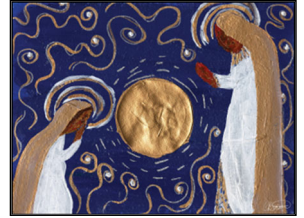
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What's up at Westminster

OPPORTUNITIES TO
WORSHIP, GROW, CONNECT, SERVE

Devotionals, Art Projects, Music, and Practices to Deepen Your Advent Journey

Advent is the season when we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth, and we await with expectation and hope for the day our Lord will return. WPC's Christian Education Director Marietta has assembled a number of online and in-person, church- and home-based Advent activities you can enjoy on your own or with your family. Resources for all ages are available on our [Faith @Home webpage](#) (under the "Grow" tab).



There are just a few copies left of this year's Marietta-recommended Advent devotional, *Low: An Honest Advent Devotional*, by local best-selling author John Pavlovitz, but you can download a free online reflection guide at <https://johnpavlovitz.com/low-an-honest-advent-devotional> to guide your daily devotions. Drop by the Monday Morning Bible Study class (9:30am, Room 105) to join a group conversation about the book. In this refreshingly different book of Advent reflections, Pavlovitz reminds us that God came to meet us in the low places in our lives, in the gritty, messy reality of the world.

THURSDAY: Make a Joyful Noise! Caroling for All Ages, December 14, 6:00pm

Bring Christmas cheer to the homes of some of our beloved church family members! All ages are invited to join in this Westminster tradition organized by our Congregational Care Committee. A great singing voice is not required; simply grab your favorite Christmas sweater and a flashlight to meet us in the parking lot by the Sanctuary. Carolbooks will be provided. No sign-up is required – just show up! Contact Cherrie Barton Henry with any questions (cherrie@wpcdurham.org).



NEXT SUNDAY: Westminster Ringers at 8:30 & 11:00am "Star Bright" Christmas Pageant & Potluck Reception at 4:30pm



We've got a big Sunday coming up next week! The Westminster Ringers will play at both of our morning worship services. Come to hear beautiful handbell music of the season!

All are also invited to "Star Bright," our All-Ages Christmas Pageant and Fellowship Reception at 4:30pm! join us to experience this dramatization of the Christmas Story! Hear the Scriptures, sing the carols, and journey to Bethlehem along with Mary and Joseph, the Friendly Beasts, shepherds, and Wise Ones. There will be a **potluck Fellowship Reception immediately following the Pageant**, so bring a snack to share and come catch up with your WPC friends. You can drop your dish off in the Fellowship Hall kitchen before the Pageant.

Prayer Service of Healing & Wholeness – Wednesday, December 20, 5:30pm

"Come to me all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

As we prepare to receive the love that comes at Christmas, a simple Prayer Service of Healing & Wholeness will be held on Wednesday, December 20, at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. This informal, "come-as-you-are" 30-minute service provides a prayerful breathing space where, among candles, gentle music, and the gathering darkness, we can find rest in Jesus' love. Bring whatever burdens or grief you are carrying this season and join us as we pray for ourselves and others.



Honor a Loved One with a Poinsettia & Donation to WPC Flower Guild

You are invited to offer a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one by making a \$10 donation to the WPC Flower Guild. Visit <https://bit.ly/23poinsettias> to submit your donation and honorarium/memorial information and payment. Dedications received by **Sunday, December 17**, will be included in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin. Poinsettias will be available for pick-up after Christmas Eve 8:00pm service. Please contact Bonnie Derr (bbderr@nc.rr.com) with any questions. Thank you!



Announcing Our 2023 Christmas Offering Recipient: Emanuel Food Pantry

The mission of the [Emanuel Food Pantry](#) is to provide fresh, nutritious food to families facing food insecurity, with a particular focus on underserved communities in Durham and the surrounding area. Emanuel Food Pantry was born through and maintained by Iglesia Emanuel Church. WPC's special relationship with IEC makes this Christmas offering even more meaningful! Many volunteers from Westminster Presbyterian Church spend hours supporting the food pantry each week by bagging rice and beans, putting boxes together, directing traffic, and placing boxes of nutritious food in recipients' cars.

Recently, Emanuel Food Pantry became its own 504c organization. They need our help to get off to a great start! One hundred percent of donations received by Emanuel Food Pantry go towards feeding people.

The Local Missions Committee is excited to provide this kickstart to a new organization that does so much for our community! You may contribute to the Christmas Offering at any time this month. Options for giving:

- Give online at www.wpcdurham.org/give.
- Text the words WPCDURHAM CHRISTMAS and your donation amount to 73256 (standard text message rates may apply).
- By a check mailed or delivered to the church (Make checks payable to WPC with "Christmas Offering" on the memo line).



You're invited to the Annual Gala in support of Families Moving Forward!

December 12, 7:00pm, The Cookery

**Unforgettable 3-course meal
by Chef Trent Shank of Plum**

**Silent Auction for incredible Durham
(and beyond!) experiences**

**Help support FMF as it helps families
find their way home**

Purchase tickets at <https://fmfnc.org/tickets>



Advent & Christmas Worship Services

Sunday, December 17
8:30 & 11:00am Westminster Ringers
4:30pm "Star Bright" Christmas Pageant & Potluck Reception
Childcare available

Wednesday, December 20, 5:30pm Prayer Service of Healing & Wholeness

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve
11:00am Regular Sunday Worship
No 8:30am worship, No Church School for children/youth, Godly Play, or childcare
5:00pm Family Service of Carols and Readings
Childcare available
8:00pm Service of Readings, Carols, and Lights with the Chancel Choir and Brass Ensemble
Preludes begin at 7:30pm - Childcare available
Watch the live stream on YouTube

Sunday, December 31, New Year's Eve
11:00am Worship
No 8:30am worship, No Church School for children/youth, Godly Play, or childcare

CSA Subscription for Winter 2024 from Huanong Eco-Organic Farm

Pick up your pre-ordered CSA box after church on Sundays starting January 7

Our WPC Earth Care Team is delighted to offer our congregation this opportunity to take home healthy, delicious, fresh, and safe Asian produce. Dr. Changhe Zhou and family own Huanong Eco-Organic Farm in Hurdle Mills and grow more than 60 varieties of Asian vegetables year-round, pesticide-free and farmed at a higher standard than grocery store organic!



Ordering Details & Info

- Pay ahead for one, two, or *all three months* so that Changhe Zhou can plant enough vegetables for our boxes and care for the plants through all kinds of weather situations.
- Dates for Winter 2024:
 - January (4 weeks): 7, 14, 21, 28
 - February (4 weeks): 4, 11, 18, 25
 - March (4 weeks): 3, 10, 17, 24
 - Cost:
 - Small Share Size \$25/week - 8 varieties (fewer items) - \$100/month; pay \$200 for 2 months or \$300 for 3 months
 - Regular Share Size \$35/week - 8 varieties - \$140/month; pay \$280 for 2 months or \$420 for 3 months
 - Large Share Size \$45/week - 11 varieties - \$180/month; pay \$360 for 2 months or \$540 for 3 months
- Purchase your subscription by prepaying by December 31:
 - Send an email message with your order preferences to zhouch16@yahoo.com
 - Prepay by Paypal (Changhe Zhou, zhouch16@yahoo.com) or Zelle (Changhe Zhou, 5405536188), or mail a check to 208 Ginkgo Trail, Chapel Hill, NC 27516
 - If you share a box between two families, then one person subscribes and prepays for both, but either family can pick up the box
- Box delivery: Sundays at 8:30 am on the WPC Terrace, along the window wall of the Fellowship Hall. Locate your BOX with your name written on it.
- Leave your box from the previous week (and/or the current box) on the Terrace.
- If you won't be there to pick up a full box, make plans for someone else to pick it up. Or, contact the farmer and ask for a double box on the week before or after the week that you'll miss.
- We will send out a list of the vegetables included in the boxes on that Sunday so you can make plans to use the veggies during the week. Our group of subscribers often share recipe ideas! We'll store the recipes in a Google Drive Folder.

Questions? Contact Diana Monroe (dianamonroe@gmail.com)

WESTMINSTER THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – G7
- 8:30am Worship: Advent Lessons & Carols – Sanctuary
- 9:45am Church School for All Ages – Mission Center
- Confirmation Class – Youth Suite
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary/YouTube
- Advent Lessons & Carols
- Godly Play (4 yrs - 1st grade)
- 12:00pm Cider, Doughnuts, and Fellowship – Courtyard
- 2:30pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – Sanctuary,
Music Room, Rooms 105, 205, and 208
- 5:00pm WPC Youth Group Christmas Party

Monday, December 11

- 9:30am Monday Morning Bible Study – Room 105
- 7:00pm Westminster Ringers – Music Room & Sanctuary
- 7:15pm Seekers – Room 208/Zoom

Tuesday, December 12

- 10:00am WPC Staff Meeting – Room 105
- Birthday Committee – WPC Library
- 4:00pm Pageant Rehearsal – Sanctuary, Music Room,
Rooms 105, 205, and 208

Wednesday, December 13

- 2:00pm Emanuel Food Pantry Grocery Distribution
- Sign up:** <https://bit.ly/IglesiaPresEmanuel>
- Donate beans & rice:** <https://bit.ly/EFPbeans-rice>
- 7:00pm Local Missions Committee – Zoom

Thursday, December 14

- 9:30am Doorways – Parlor
- 6:00pm Christmas Caroling for All Ages – Upper Parking Lot

Saturday, December 16

- 9:00am Westminster Ringers Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

- 8:15am Nursery opens for infants and toddlers – G7
- 8:30am Worship – Sanctuary
- Westminster Ringers, Suggs family baptism
- 9:45am Church School for All Ages – Mission Center
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary/YouTube
- Westminster Ringers
- Godly Play (4 yrs - 1st grade)
- 12:00pm Cider, Doughnuts, and Fellowship – Courtyard
- 3:00pm Final Pageant Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 4:30pm “Star Bright” Christmas Pageant & Potluck
Reception – Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

WESTMINSTER LEADERSHIP

SESSION

Pastor Moderator: Chris Tuttle **Clerk:** Sally Keener

Pastor Members: Cheryl Barton Henry, Alex Stayer-Brewington

2024 Class: Rayner England, Michelle Ferguson, Mark Hill, Helen Tharrington

2025 Class: Mary DuBard, Gray King, Logan Toms, Laurel Trantham

2026 Class: Elizabeth Aldridge, Andy Dunk, Mike Page, Kevin Rosemond

DIACONATE

Moderator: Ashley Barnes **Clerk:** Wes Bolton

2024 Class: Shannon Allee, Charlie Atwater, Ashley Barnes, Sam Bryan Jr, Suzanne Graham, Sarah Reuning

2025 Class: Melissa Katrincic, Page Page, Madison Rauscher, Bill Stokes, Nathan Swiggett, Kaitie Yeoman

2026 Class: Wes Bolton, Ryan Craig, John High, Tracey Holsinger, Hannah Overholt, Bekah Perry, Matt Warren

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