



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 11, 2022

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

9:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Toccata on ‘Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates’”

Martin

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance

* CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 35:10)

ElizaBeth Phillips

Leader: The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing

People: Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Leader: Let us worship our God with joy!

* OPENING SONG

“People Look East”

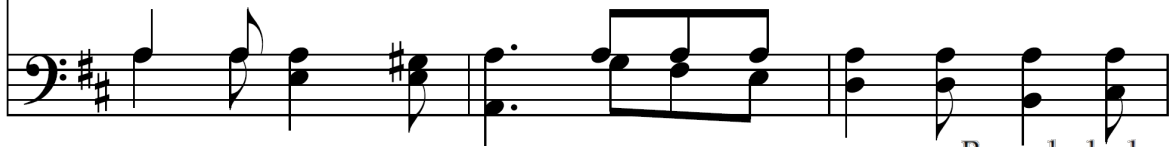
No. 105
Glory to God



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.)



CONFESSION AND PARDON

ElizaBeth Phillips

Leader: As we continue to prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ, let us confess the sins that keep us from glorifying and enjoying our God.

All: Gracious God, our doubt and despair lead us to low and longsuffering places. Our eyes downcast, we find nothing for which to give thanks, we find no reason to rejoice. Yet, you call us to resist the overwhelming forces that drag us down. You call us to rejoice in a babe about to be born. You call us to lift our eyes in hopeful anticipation of your kin-dom to come. Forgive us. Help us. Save us. Amen.

Silence

Leader: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

"Gloria Patri"

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end,
Amen, Amen.

DRAMA PRESENTATION

A Christmas Poem

Anne Parker & Bobby Brow
Sanctuary Choir
Directed by Karen Orlando
Inspired by Lisa Benadom

*(At the conclusion of the drama presentation, children age 4-5th grade
will be invited to attend Sunday School in Room 206)*

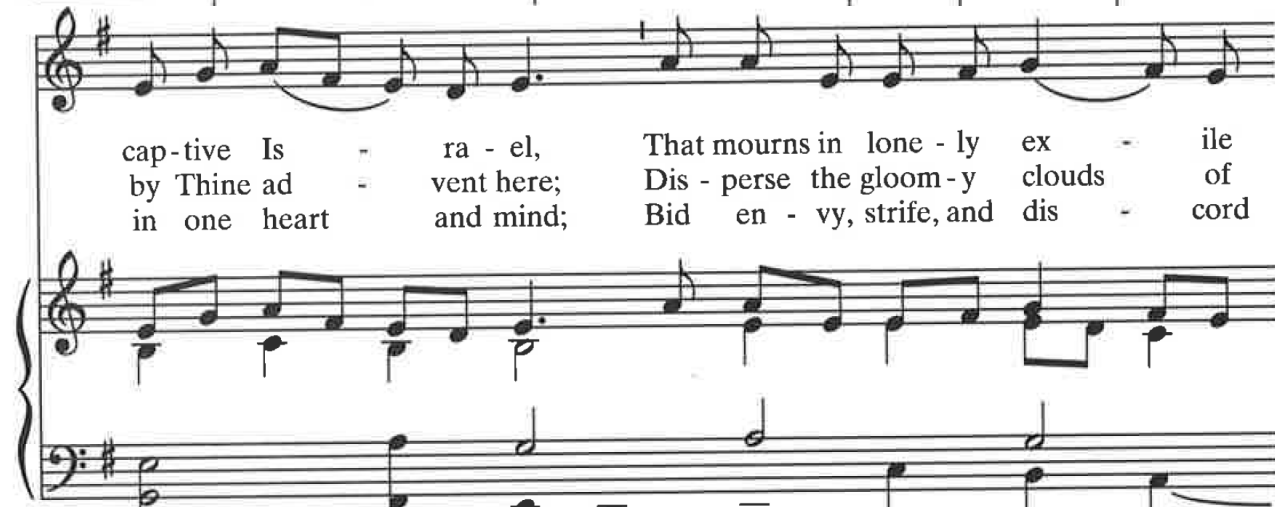
SONG

"O Come, Emmanuel"

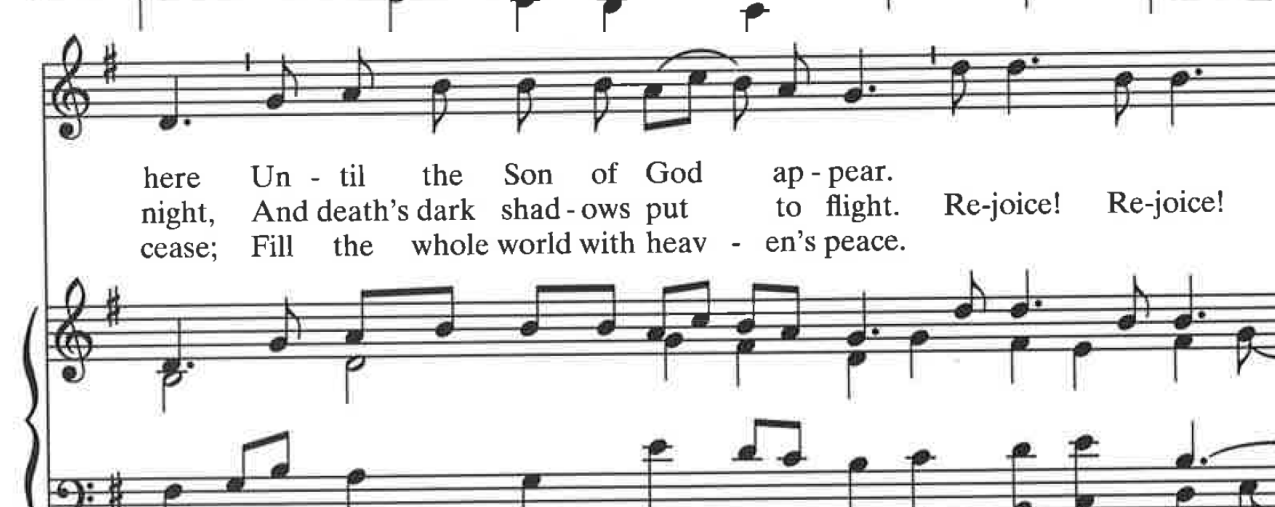
No. 9
Presbyterian Hymnal



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord



here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

ADVENT PRAYER

All: O God of Joy, may your Spirit renew in us the joy of your salvation. We thank today for choosing humble shepherds to receive this announcement of joy that surely is coming. Lead us during this season of Advent to share this joy with those around us. This we pray in the joyous name of Jesus Christ! Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46b-55

⁴⁶ 'My soul magnifies the Lord,
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
⁴⁸ for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Christmas Joy Offering

Barbara Farley

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: On this third Sunday of Advent, we rejoice, Holy God. We rejoice in body, mind and spirit because we recognize your presence among us. As you restored the people of Israel, returning them to the promised land, you also are at work among the wilderness and despair of our lives. May the joy you graciously offer serve as steppingstones through our wilderness experiences. May the joy of love and life surround us when suffering overwhelms.

Merciful God, you know us and love us despite our faults and failings. You look upon our hearts and discern our honest intentions. As we turn to you now in prayer, guide us by your Holy Spirit, that our petitions for others may serve your will and show your steadfast love.

God, hear us as we pray for our world.

We pray for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine. We pray for an end to nuclear proliferation, for nations to value diplomacy more than saber-rattling. We pray for hearts hardened by violence be healed by love and grace. We pray for evil powers to be overthrown, for wrongs to be made right, for those thirsty for justice to be satisfied.

God, hear us as we pray for the church.

Gracious God, you have called us to be the church of Jesus Christ, yet disagreements and division mar our unity. Hold us together in faith and service, breaking bread together, and proclaiming the good news to the world. May our conversations be faithful and meaningful, taking on the tough topics, open to hearing diverse perspectives and welcoming the disturbance of Christ's counter-cultural call.

God, hear us as we pray for our nation.

God of comfort, stand with those who grieve those lost to senseless violence. Open us to legislative solutions, so we can cease the mass shootings. Overthrow the powerful forces that feed our addiction to guns and profit off of our fear. Help our leaders value the lives of our nation's people over their political positions.

God, hear us as we pray for our loved ones.

God of compassion, bless us and those we love. Heal the sick. Comfort the grieving. Strengthen the weak. Calm the anxious. Renew the weary. Mighty God, whose Word we trust and whose Spirit enables us to pray, accept our requests and further those which will bring about your purpose for our world.

Finally, hear us as we pray together the prayer Christ taught us,

All: 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.

(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister)

* CLOSING SONG

“Prepare Him Room”

Rebecca Elliott & Dave Fournier

O behold, the mystery now unfolds
See the star shine on the virgin foretold
Angels sing and light up the sky
Hope rings out in a newborn's cry
Swing wide, you ancient gates
For Christ is born today!

Prepare Him room; Prepare Him room
Let the King of glory enter in

God with us, the promise has come to be
This, the one the prophets were longing to see
In the darkness a blazing light
To the hungry the words of life
His kingdom now is near
For those with ears to hear

Oh, our hearts, as busy as Bethlehem
Hear Him knock, don't say there's no room in the inn
Through the cradle, cross, and grave
See the love of God displayed
Now He's risen and He reigns
Praise the Name above all names!

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Guitar: Michael Schwab

Bass: Matthew Major

Vocal: Beth Lindley and Julie Ueltzen