



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 30, 2025

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Christmas Gift Ministry

ElizaBeth Phillips

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

"Give Thanks"

Henry Smith

* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 24:36-44)

Tim Farley

Leader: Keep awake. Be ready. For the Son of Man is coming.

People: Thanks be to God! Let us worship and prepare.

Turn your ear to heaven and hear the noise inside
The sound of angels' awe, the sound of angels' songs
And all this for a king; we could join and sing all to Christ the King

How constant, how divine
This song of ours will rise
O, how constant, how divine
This song of ours will rise, will rise
O praise Him, O praise Him,
He is holy, He is holy
O praise Him, O praise Him,
He is holy, He is holy

Turn your gaze to heaven and raise a joyous noise
The sound of salvation come, the sound of rescued ones
And all this for a king; Angels join to sing all for Christ our King

O praise Him, O praise Him,
He is holy, He is holy
O praise Him, O praise Him,
He is holy, He is holy
How infinite and sweet,
This love so rescuing
O how infinitely and sweet,
This great love that has redeemed
As one, we sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!
He is holy, He is holy.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
He is holy, He is holy.
O praise Him, O praise Him,
He is holy, He is holy

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Tim Farley

Leader: Let us honestly examine our lives and our hearts before Christ comes. Let us turn to God in prayer as we confess our sins.

All: Prince of Peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve your judgment and condemnation. Yet, you remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace amid our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and his path of peace. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

silence

Leader: “Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.” Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Mary Miller and Cathy Wide

UNISON ADVENT PRAYER

All: We stand in awe of a hope that endures. Though shadows lengthen, the light will not fail. Though our waiting feels long, your coming is sure. We join the chorus of saints across time, singing of hope, longing for redemption, trusting that even now, Christ is near. Come, Lord Jesus, and make hope our song. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Advent Carol"

Dale Wood

Sanctuary Choir

"Drop down dew, O gracious heaven! Let the clouds rain down the Just!
Let the earth bud forth the Savior! In Thy promise Lord we trust."

Thus the patriarchs were crying, when the earth in bondage sighing sought in vain for heaven's gate,
Closed by sin and Satan's hate.

God the Father in His mercy planned to save our fallen race,
Whilst the burden of our sinning God the Son deigned to embrace.
God the Spirit gave his token through the Virgin who had spoken: "Lo thy handmaid, Lord, has heard,
Work in me thy wondrous word."

Then the Son took our frail nature, was made flesh and dwelled on earth.
Life and light with grace abundant He bestowed of priceless worth.
Earth rejoice, exult with gladness; a new sun dispels our sadness.
Let us then our voices raise, let us sing our Savior's praise!

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, children 4 years old through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School in Room 205 and Room 207.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(verses 1, 3, 5, and 7)

No. 88
Glory to God



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
5 O come, thou key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
wide our hea - ven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
in one hea - rt and mind; bid en - vy strife and dis - cord



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe. Re-joice! Re-joice!
high, and close the path to mi - se - ry.
cease, fill the whole world with hea - ven's peace.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

SERMON

Just Around the Corner

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

* SONG

“Even So Come”

Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates
and Jason Ingram

All of creation, all of the earth,
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint
Let every nation shout out Your name
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come

So we wait. We wait for You
God, we wait. You're coming soon.
So we wait. We wait for You
God, we wait. You're coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come

OFFERTORY

“Emmanuel Comes”

arr. Mark Hayes

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Christ is coming. He is coming to make all things new.

Eternal God, during this season of Advent, help us prepare Christ's way, help us center our hearts, minds and prayers on your holy presence in our midst.

God of our salvation,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: As the days grow short and the nights loom long, we praise you for these seasonal reminders that there is time for work and for rest. For those of us who know warm homes and soft places to sleep, we give thanks for these precious gifts. We pray for those who are unhoused and those whose homes are unsafe or financially insecure. May all your children get the rest they need to thrive.

God of our salvation,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: As divisiveness and conflict plague us, and wars rage across the world, Holy God, we focus on the generosity, kindness and care you encourage within us. As we contemplate the vulnerability of Christ, born a fragile infant in a violent world, let us drop our façades and the masks of strength we hide behind. May this season of Advent prepare us to celebrate the strength that can be found in weakness and the power held in humility and love.

God of our salvation,

People: hear our prayers.

Pastor: As your people gather in homes and churches to celebrate this season, let us be reminded of all the reasons we have to rejoice in you. Let us be reminded of your protective presence, of your gentleness and love, of your peace which passes all understanding. Guard our hearts and minds this Advent, Savior God, so we can rejoice in your faithfulness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

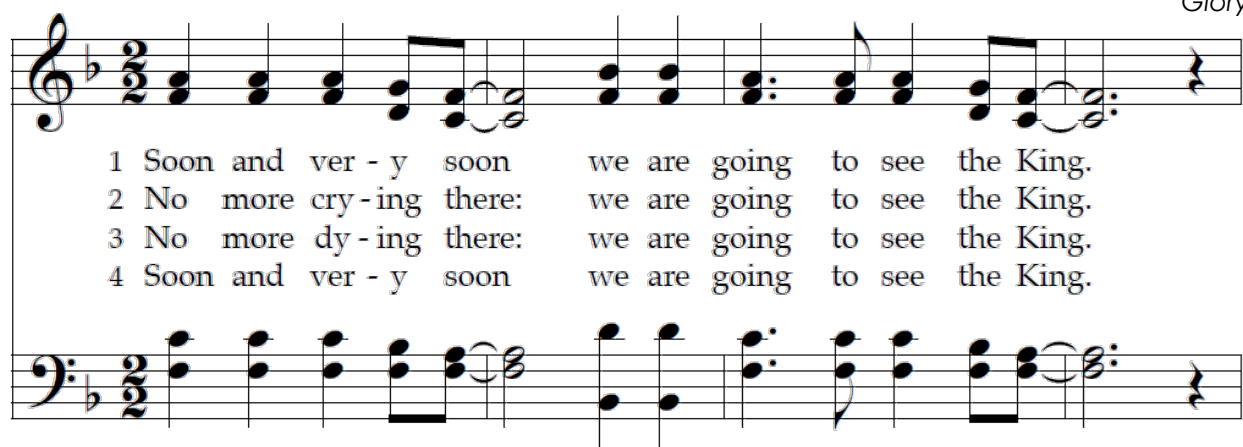
God of our salvation,

People: hear our prayers.

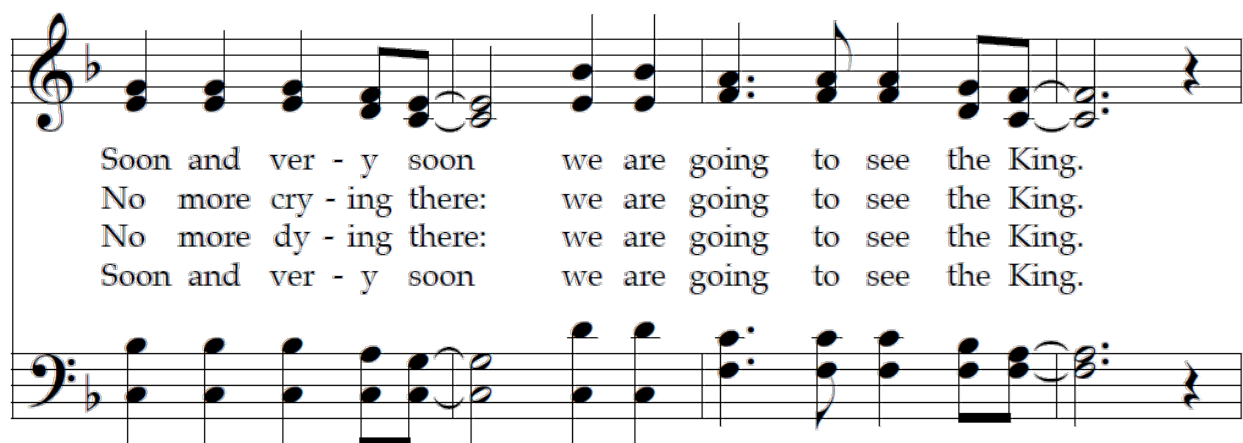
Pastor: As a people of faith, we lift these prayers to you, trusting you hear us and receive us. Finally, hear us now, as we pray as Christ taught us,

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

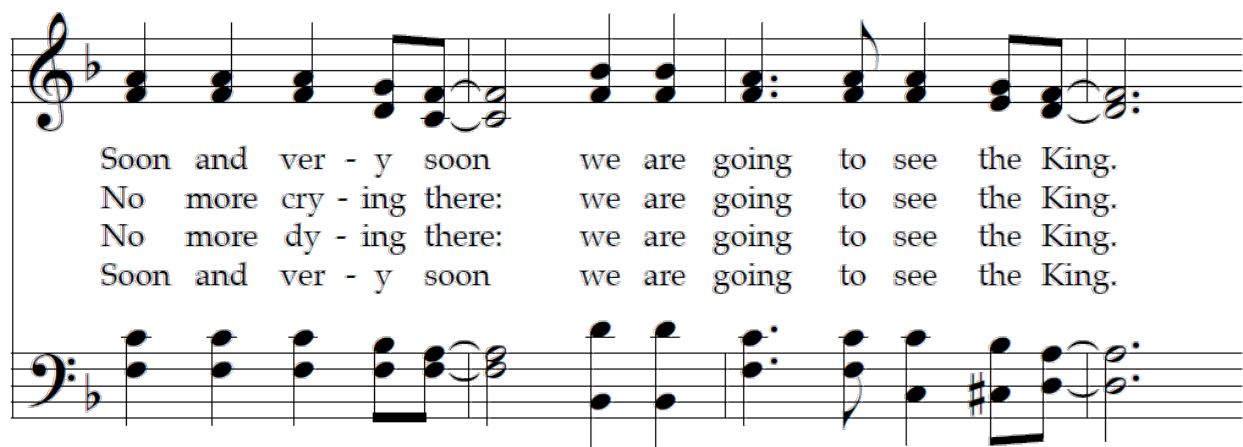
If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister.



1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



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Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

arr. Don Hustad

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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