



SECOND SUNDAY OF  
**ADVENT**  
CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**December 7, 2025**

***Livestream & In-Person***

**10:00 a.m.**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

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MOMENT FOR CPC

Madrigal Concert

Lisa Benadom

\* GREETING ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

arr. Paul Manz

\* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 11:1-10)

Anita Lawson

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice before the God of all peoples,

**People: For God comes in power to judge the earth.**

Leader: Let us open our hearts and offer our lives in willing service,

**People: For God shall judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

Leader: The wolf and the lamb will live peacefully together,

**People: The leopard and the kid will lie down side by side.**

Leader: Under the rule of God, we are filled with all joy and peace,

**People: and abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

\* OPENING SONG

**"Prince of Peace"**

Marc Imboden & Tammi Rhoton

You are holy. You are mighty. You are worthy, worthy of praise.

I will follow. I will listen. I will love You all of my days.

Group 1:

I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
I will love and adore Him  
I will bow down before Him  
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Group 2:

You're the Lord of Lords, You're the King of Kings  
You're the Mighty God, Lord of everything  
You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I Am  
You're my Prince of Peace who is the Lamb  
You're the Living God, You're the Saving Grace  
You will reign forever; You're the Ancient of Days  
You're the Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End  
You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend

You're my Prince of Peace and I will live my life for You.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Anita Lawson

Leader: We hear the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord and make God's paths straight." Let us prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ as we confess our sin together:  
Wild animals flourish around us,

**People: and prowl within us.**

Leader: Injustice and inequity surround us,

**People: and hide within us.**

Leader: Vanity and pride divide us,

**People: and fester within us.**

Leader: O God, may your love free us,

**People: and may your Spirit live within us.**

**silence**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. Before we change our hearts or our ways, God's love has already claimed us as God's own.

**People: We proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and at peace with God and each other.**

\* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"**

No. 82

Glory to God

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.  
Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.

## UNISON ADVENT PRAYER

**All:** We long for your peace to flow like water, quenching our thirst. Teach us to live as peacemakers, agents of your reconciling love. Come, Lord Jesus, and make peace our way.

## TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

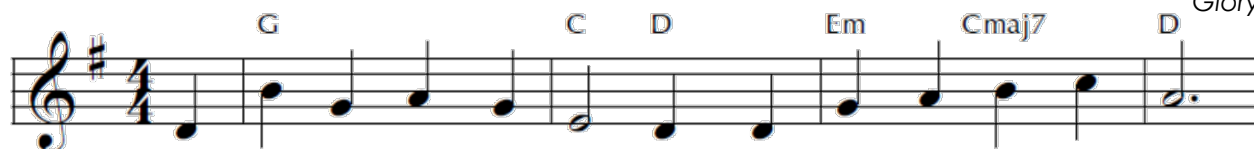
(All children are invited to the front of the church. Afterwards, they may return to their seats to participate in the remainder of worship and Communion.)

\* HYMN

## "We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom"

No. 378

Glory to God



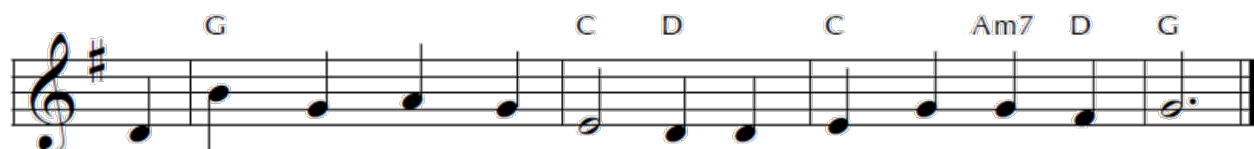
1 We wait the peace-ful king-dom, when wolf and lamb shall lie  
 2 Where is the peace-ful king-dom? When will this new day start?  
 3 When wars of des-o-la-tion and hate come to an end,  
 4 That lit-tle child shall lead us to walk the cho-sen way,



in gen-tle-ness and friend-ship with-out a fear or sigh,  
 We long for peace and com-fort to reign with-in each heart.  
 when na-tion meets with na-tion and calls the oth-er "friend,"  
 to share the peace-ful king-dom, to greet God's new-born day.



when li-on shall be graz-ing, when snake shall nev-er strike;  
 Yet not in our lives on-ly, nor sim-ply in our home:  
 still peace in all its full-ness will on-ly have be-gun:  
 The child born in a sta-ble is sent to break our chains,



a lit-tle child shall lead us both strong and weak a-like.  
 we pray that all cre-a-tion will one day find sha-lom.  
 sha-lom for all cre-a-tion be-gins with jus-tice done.  
 to bring through word and ta-ble the day when jus-tice reigns.

# SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

# SERMON

## *The Peaceable Kingdom*

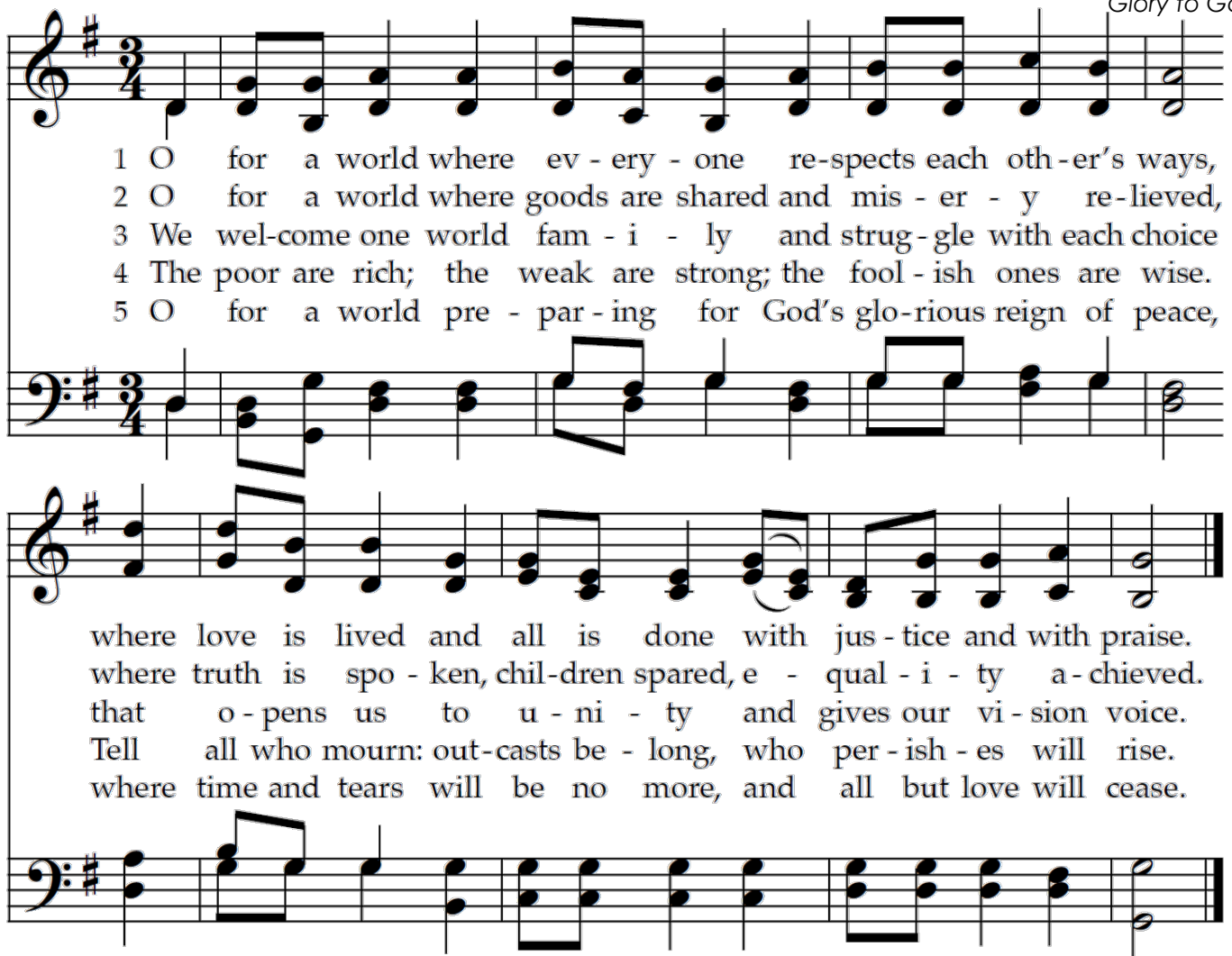
Pastor Ivan N. Herman

# \* HYMN

## "O For a World"

No. 372

Glory to God



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re-spects each oth - er's ways,  
 2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re-lieved,  
 3 We wel-come one world fam - i - ly and strug-gle with each choice  
 4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.  
 5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo-rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.  
 where truth is spo - ken, chil-dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.  
 that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.  
 Tell all who mourn: out-casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.  
 where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: God be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God.

**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Pastor: In the rich dark of winter, God makes an astounding promise: "I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up." (Jeremiah 33:15) In the wilderness, a voice cries out, longing for the Refiner's fire, repair, and renewal, the promised birth (and rebirth) of hope. Called to bear the weight and fruit of promise, Mary sings ancient trust—the song of generations—that God comes to fill the hungry and lift the humble. She sings that love and truth will meet, that justice and peace will kiss.

In the midst of uncertainty, Jesus assures his disciples: Just as the tree blooms, so the signs are clear that the kingdom of God is near. In the deep of our own winter, we look for them: bud of hope, branch of peace, sprig of joy, blossom of love.

While around us the snares of fear and conflict lie in wait of infant hope, you, O Wisdom, O Endless Love, O Radiant Dawn, are there, keeping vigil with us, in this season of expectation.

We gather at this table, praying that crooked ways be made straight, that valley's peace be lifted up and mountain's might be brought low so that all God's people might rejoice together, singing:

**People:**

#### "Holy, Holy, Holy"

No. 552

*Glory to God*

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of". The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: "pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are". The third staff concludes the phrase with lyrics: "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

1 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.

Pastor: We give thanks for the mystery and wonder revealed that first night, as humble people led by hope gathered in a quiet stable and were witnesses to your promise reborn. We give thanks for the blessing and love Jesus shared with all whom he met, in food and story. Revealed in stable, cross, and empty tomb, we give thanks, O God, for your limitless love for all.



With your people of all times and places, we await with hope the fulfillment of your vision for all creation. Bless us, O God, and these your gifts. Encourage us to share your life and love, which make us, and the gifts we share, truly holy. Transform us, God, and your world, and bless your children: those who feel alone or afraid, those whose souls and homes are broken by violence, those who will go hungry, thirsty, and cold tonight, those who long only to hear that they are loved.

God made known in Jesus Christ, hear our prayer. We pray these things, trusting in God's faithfulness revealed:

**People:**

**"Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen"**

No. 553

Glory to God



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

**Pastor:** Strengthen us, O God, in the power of your Spirit to bring good news to the poor and loose the chains that bind. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your peaceable kingdom.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**People:**

**"Amen"**

No. 554

Glory to God



A - men, a - men, a - men.

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*If you are worshiping via live stream, place a plate with bread or crackers and a cup with juice, wine, water, or other common beverage in your home worship space. Wherever you are, you are invited to partake of the bread and the cup.*

*If you are worshiping in person, please come down the center aisle to receive the communion elements. You can choose intinction (dipping the bread into the cup) from the servers nearest the center aisle or bread and individual cups from the servers nearest the outside aisles; partake and return to your seat using the side aisles. All communion bread is gluten free. Ushers will bring communion to the seats of those who cannot come forward.*

**COMMUNION INTERLUDE**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: At this table, Christ is the host, welcoming all who hunger. At our tables, may Christ be our guest this day and always, that we might welcome hope, peace, joy, and love into our lives, and become hosts to God's presence and people. God of Love, guide us to the stables of our world, where the lonely and longing gather. Lead us to the mangers of our time, where hope and renewal are born again. Make us heralds of your love and joy. Amen.

## OFFERING AND PRAYER

### OFFERTORY

### “Ding Dong Merrily on High”

arr. Mark Hayes

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Christ who is coming into the world, we give you thanks and praise for the goodness in our lives:  
For the beauty of your creation that sustains us — may we honor it.  
For the church that nourishes us and teaches discipleship — may we stay true to the gospel.  
For the leaders of the nations — may they govern with wisdom and compassion.  
For our own communities — may they be places of flourishing and delight, foretastes of the Peaceable Kingdom.  
Christ-beside-us, we pray for the places in your world where your children are suffering:  
For the sick in body, mind or spirit — may they know your healing hand.  
For those suffering under war, violence or unjust systems — may they know the comfort of your peace.  
For people experiencing hunger, poverty or homelessness — may they be nourished by human kindness.  
For those whose consciences are troubled — may they experience the transformation of repentance and taste the sweetness of grace.  
Christ, Love Incarnate, come to us again this Advent season, even as we pray the prayer you taught us, saying:

**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.*

\* CLOSING SONG

**"Prepare Him Room"**

Rebecca Elliot & 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

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

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

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE **"The Lord Whom We Love"**

Kurt Kaiser

*Congregation may join hands*

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a whole rest for four measures, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a half note F5, and a quarter note G5. The second staff continues with a half note G5, a quarter note F5, a half note E5, a quarter note D5, a half note C5, a quarter note B-flat4, a half note A4, and a quarter note G4. The third staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B-flat4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a half note F5, and a quarter note G5. The fourth staff continues with a half note G5, a quarter note F5, a half note E5, a quarter note D5, a half note C5, a quarter note B-flat4, a half note A4, and a quarter note G4. The lyrics are: "The Lord whom we love, whom we wor-ship and a-dore, we will serve through - out this com-ing week. He it is who binds us to - geth - er, and he it is who sends us a - part, to be God's peo-ple, be God's peo-ple. A - men."

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\* POSTLUDE

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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