



# Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church

**December 6, 2020 10:30 a.m.**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

## Order of Worship

\*\*indicates to stand as you are able.

### **Prelude**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

arr. R. Thomas

Haggai 2:7: *The desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord Almighty.*

"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 every nation, Joy of every longing heart." (by C. Wesley, 1775; public domain)  
[this piano solo: Glory Sound (a division of Shawnee Press, Inc., 2004)]

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Lighting of the Advent Candles**

Bob and Linda Dunn

### **Response - 92**

*While We are Waiting, Come*  
Verse 2

### **Passing of the Peace (L: Leader; P: People)**

L: The peace of Christ be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

### **\*\*Call to Worship**

Carrie Jenkins

L: Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill.

**P: Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming.**

L: It is close at hand.

**P: Come, let us worship God.**

### **\*\*Hymn - 105**

*People, Look East*

### **\*\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

### **\*\*Common Prayer of Confession**

**Merciful God, always with us, always coming: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your Advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

**\*\*Assurance of Pardon**

L: Friends, this is the Good News of the Gospel...

**P: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**\*\*Response – 102**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
Verse 4

**Moment with Children**

Liz Perraud

**Word in Music**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
Allison, Miller, solo

arr. M. Andrews/J. Sooter

(by C. Wesley/R. Prichard, 1775; this arrangement: Jacob Sooter Music, 2017; Curb Music)

Luke 1: 32-33: *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.*

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scriptures**

Malachi 3:1-7  
Mark 1: 1-8

L: The Word of the Lord.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Mark's Advent

Rev. Scott Hoffman

**\*\*Hymn - 87**

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

**Offertory**

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

arr. M. Hayes

Psalm 65:5: *By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.*

"Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King. Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring. By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne." (by C. Wesley, 1775; public domain)  
(this piano solo: The Lorenz Corp., 2010)

**\*\*Doxology - 710**

*We Lift Our Voices*

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer (using "debts")**

**\*\*Hymn - 83**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**\*\*Benediction**

## Postlude

## *Postlude on Hyfrydol*

arr. C. Hamlin

Malachi 3:1: *"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty.*

"By thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne." (by C. Wesley, 1775; public domain) (this piano solo: Hal Leonard Corp, 2011)

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### **Virtual Fellowship Hour Today**

Please join us for another virtual fellowship hour today following worship.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85724329952?pwd=VzJ0YlA2UDNTUDhLaFpTalpQRm1tdz09>

Meeting ID: 857 2432 9952

Passcode: 044582

The fellowship committee plans to host these virtual fellowship hours every other Sunday. We hope you will join us!

# 92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;  
 2 With power and glo - ry, come;  
 3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.  
 with power and glo - ry, come.  
 come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

## 105

## 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.

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.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

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.)



## Savior of the Nations, Come 102

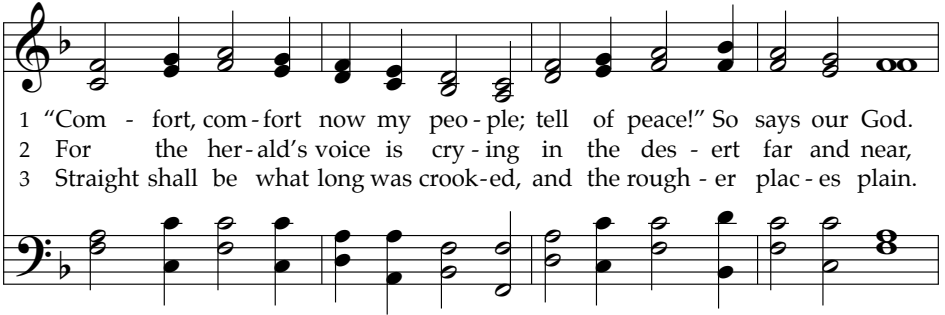
1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's  
 2 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds; back to  
 3 Now your man - ger, shin - ing bright, hal - lows  
 4 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, vir - gin's

son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O  
 God his path - way leads; out to van - quish  
 night with new - born light. Night can - not this  
 son, in - car - nate Word! To the ho - ly

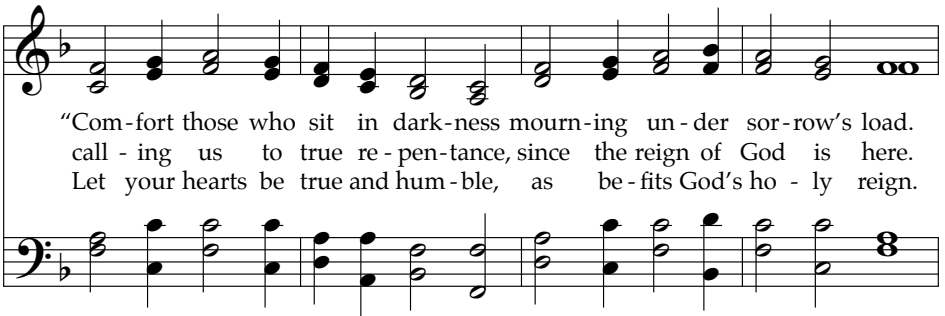
heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
 death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.  
 light sub - due; let our faith shine ev - er new.  
 Trin - i - ty praise we sing e - ter - nal - ly.

Though some hymns attributed to Ambrose are doubtful, this one seems rather surely to be by him. Luther's German version (commemorated in the tune name) dropped one syllable from each line of the Latin text, giving the hymn its characteristically declarative Lutheran form.

## Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



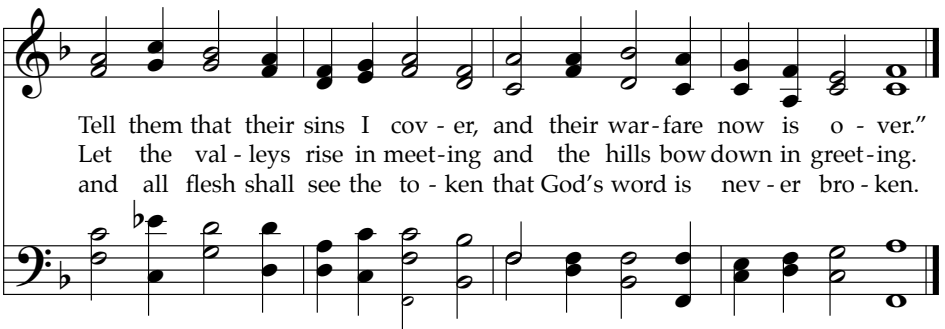
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"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.



# We Lift Our Voices

## We Are an Offering

710

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our  
 lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our  
 voice - es; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our  
 lives; they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.  
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we  
 give to you, we give to you. We lift our  
 voice - es; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an of-fer-ing; we are an of-fer-ing.

This praise and worship song can best be understood as reflecting on and expanding 1 Chronicles 29:14b: "For all things come of you, [O Lord,] and of your own have we given you." There are also echoes of Paul's appeal for Christians to be living sacrifices (Romans 12:1).

# 83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,  
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.