

*A Little Child Will Lead* - John August Swanson

**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 5, 2021**  
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# ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

## Gathering

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

### Gathering Chime

**Prelude**

*O Thou, Come of God the Father*

Bach

### Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting of the Advent Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.  
As the Lord has promised, in days to come . . .

***Second Sunday of Advent***      *Isa. 11:6*

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

**the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together,  
and a little child shall lead them.**

**Introit**

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v.2)*

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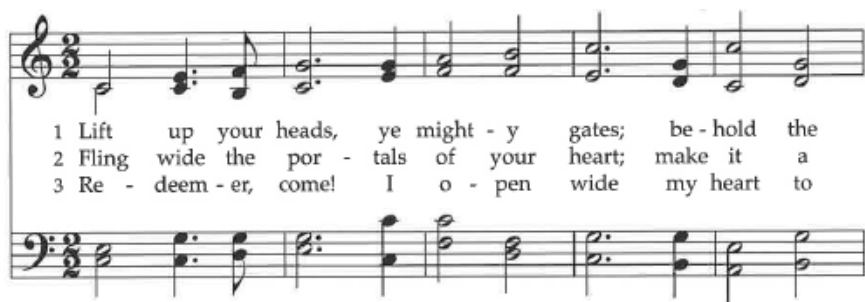
***O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show;  
and teach us in her ways to go.***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.***

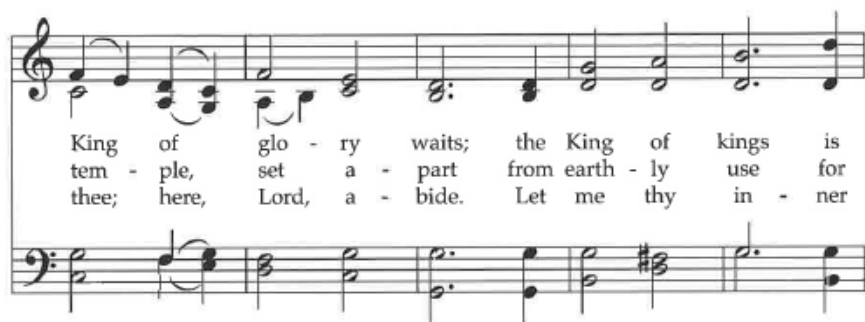
### \*Call to Worship

John came out of the wilderness to preach  
repentance; he preaches to us still.

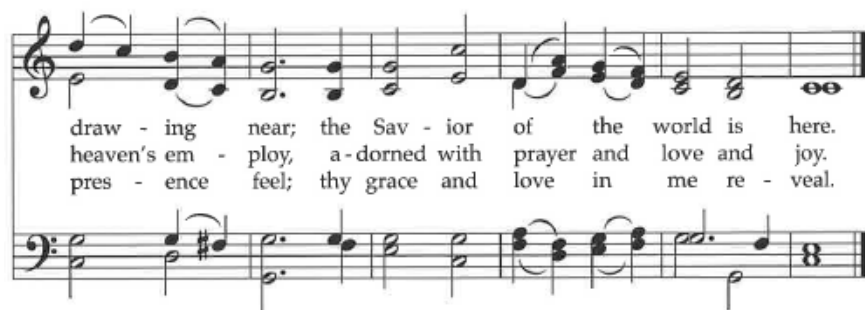
**Make straight the paths we now walk  
and prepare the way for God's reign of justice and love.**



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.

**Call to Confession***Silent Confession*

## Prayer of Confession

**Refining God, you have sent us prophets  
and we have not listened.**

**We have not always determined what is best or made way  
for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon

### Word

## Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Reading** Malachi 3:1-4

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

*Gospel Canticle of Zechariah*  
Chancel Choir

Joncas

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited his people and redeemed them,  
He has raised up for us a horn of salvation in the house of David,  
his servant,  
as he spoke through the mouth of his holy ones,  
his prophets from ages past:  
To grant salvation from our foes, and from the hand of all who hate us,  
showing mercy to our fathers, remembering his holy covenant,

This was the oath he swore to Abraham, our father:  
to grant that, freed from the hand of our foes, we might serve him  
in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life.  
And you, little child, shall be called the Prophet of God, the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to make ready his ways,  
to grant knowledge of salvation to his people  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will visit us,  
to shine on those who sit in darkness and those in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to God the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

Message

*Canticles of Advent: 'Benedictus,' The Song of Zechariah* Paul Lang

\*Hymn

*Blest Be the God of Israel*

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1 Blest be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;  
 2 God from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;  
 3 On those who sit in dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,



who vis - its and re - deems us, who grants us lib - er - ty.  
 a Sav - ior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
 the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.



The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;  
 Be - fore him goes the her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
 God guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.



God shall ful - fill that prom - ise and bring the peo - ple peace.  
 the proph - et of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of day.  
 O bless our God and Sav - ior with songs that nev - er cease!

**\*Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Time with Our Children**

Jen Pierce

**Joys and Concerns of the Congregation**

*Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.*

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## Responding

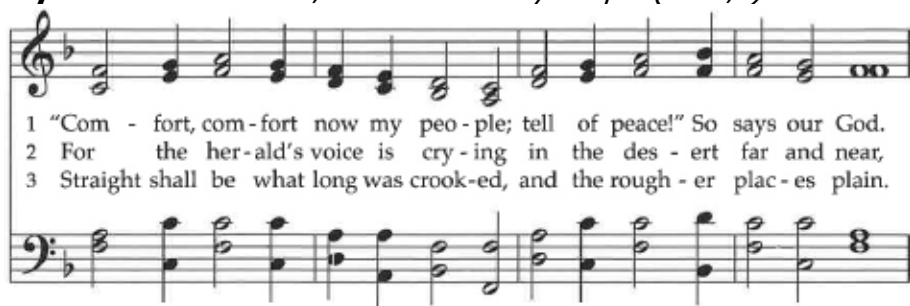
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### Sending

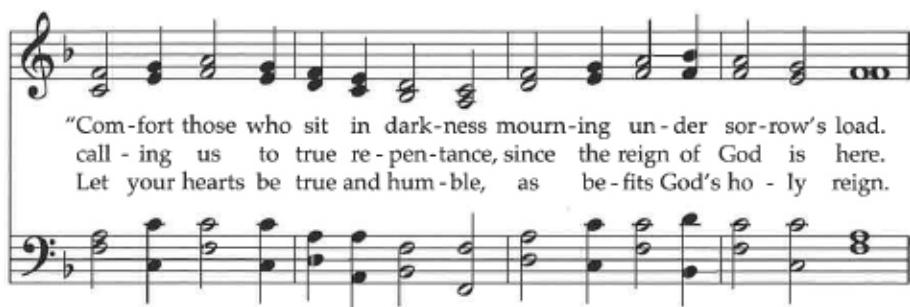
#### \*Hymn

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People (vv. 1,2)*

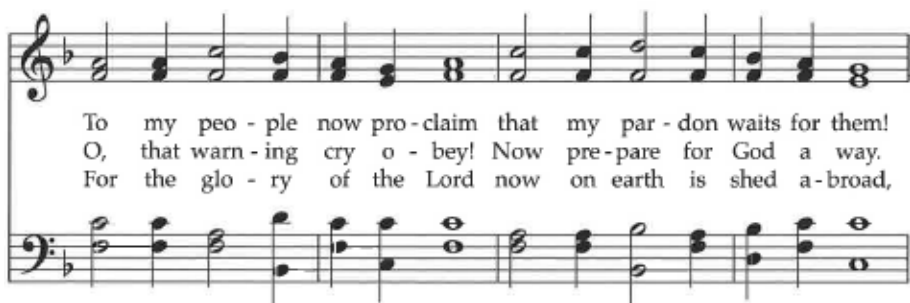
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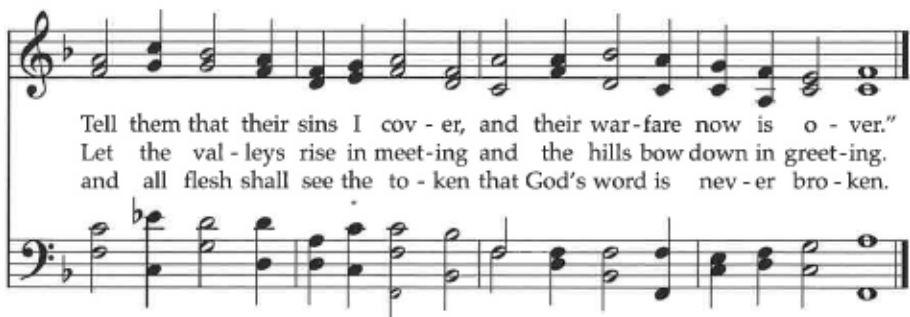
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"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.

**\*Blessing and Charge**

**\*Response**      *Comfort, Comfort Now My People (v. 3)*  
*(See hymn on previous page)*

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**Sharing the Peace of Christ**

*You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.*

**Postlude**

*Prelude in G Minor*

Bach

<p><b>Today's Worship Service Participants</b>  Minister: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang, Kim Rubish  <b>Music Director:</b> Ed Yasick  <b>Vocal Ensemble:</b> Chancel Choir  <b>Time With Our Children:</b> Jen Pierce  <b>Ushers:</b> Russell Diggs, Su Johnson, Jane Dunbar  <b>Tech:</b> Craig Anderson, Richard Wood  <b>Slides:</b> Kirsten Nielsen  CCLI No.: 3015474</p>
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<b>THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b>		
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<b>Sunday, December 5</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>  <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Faith Formation Classes</b> <b>Worship Service</b> Worship Service streamed live on CPC website and Facebook page Youth Group
<b>Monday, December 6</b>		<b>Check Events on the CPC app, E-Link, and the CPC website for meeting updates, links and Zoom information as provided.</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 7</b>		
<b>Wednesday, December 8</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>7:00 p.m.</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Wednesday Bible Study (Narthex) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Bible & Beyond Class (Zoom)
<b>Thursday, December 9</b>		
<b>Friday, December 10</b>		
<b>Saturday, December 11</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Pilgrimage Class: Desert Spirituality
<b>Sunday, December 12</b>	<b>9:15 a.m.</b> <b>10:30 a.m.</b>  <b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Faith Formation Classes</b> <b>Worship Service</b> Worship Service streamed live on CPC website and Facebook page Youth Group