



Morning Worship

9:30 AM

December 7, 2025

Advent 2

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

✠ PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*Nothing but a child, could wipe those tears away
Guide a weary world, into the light of day
Nothing but a child, could help erase those miles
So once again we all, can be children for a while.
--Steve Earle, Nothing But A Child*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen to what the Lord our God says to us:

People: Peace is God's hope for us; salvation is God's gift to us.

Leader: See what the Lord our God reveals to us:

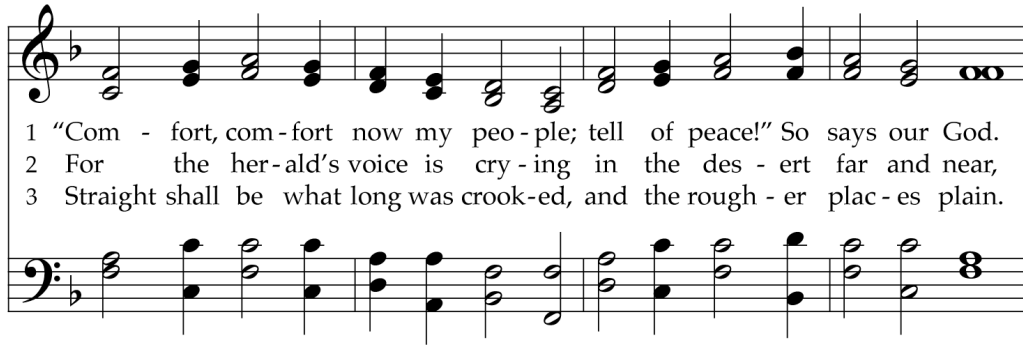
People: righteousness is the path to the kingdom; faithfulness is the highway we build.

Leader: Tell what the Lord our God asks us to speak:

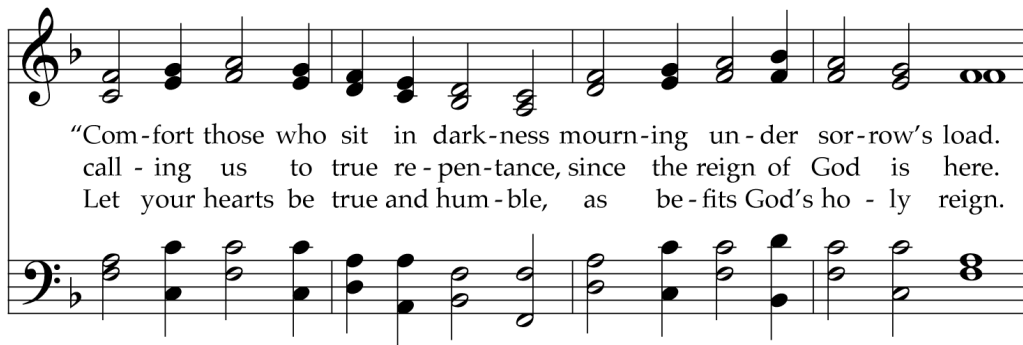
People: prepare God's way; the Christ is coming to redeem us.

✦HYMN


Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



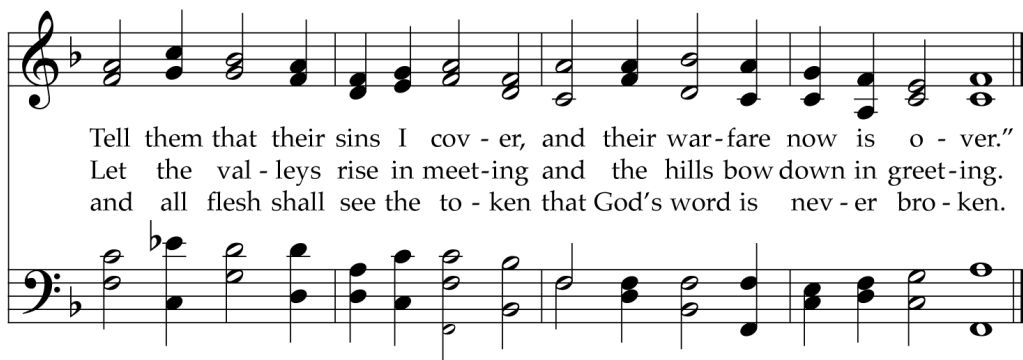
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"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.

✠CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Leader: So many talking, so much noise - how do we hear God's words? Let us confess how the distractions of our lives keep us from knowing, and living, the true meaning of this season. Please join me, as we pray saying,

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

Forgive us, Alive God, that in the music in the stores and the jingles in the air, we do not hear the songs of the angels; that in the hustle and bustle of every day and every one, we do not see the child standing alone in tears, the family struggling for existence, the outcasts pushed further away from hope; that in the pitches over the airwaves and online, we do not find the peace, the hope, the joy, all the gifts you offer to your children. Pour out your tender mercy upon us, God of blessings, and finish what you have started in us. As we share in your grace, may we also share in the work of the gospel of peace, of hope, of reconciliation begun in the birth of Jesus, our Brother, our Savior.

✦ TIME FOR SILENT CONFESSION

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Like a warm shawl, God drapes tender mercy around our souls; like the moon on a winter night, God's Light breaks through our shadows, showing us the path to life.

People: **The street of peace, the avenue of hope, the path of grace, the road to service - hand in hand, we walk the ways of our God. Amen.**

✦ GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO #113 (2x's)

Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

MOMENTS WITH THE CHILDREN

Vanna Ortiz

(Children K-5 are then invited to accompany the leader to Children's Chapel)

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE PEACE

*Light the Advent candle two: think of humble shepherds who,
Were told of Peace to all on earth, on the Christ child's coming birth.
Candle, Candle burning bright, shining in the cold winter night;
Candle, Candle burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.*

THE STORY

Written by Chris Schueler

Performed by the Covenant Kids Sunday School

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 1:18-25

HYMN #9 (1st Verse) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile, here.
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!

JOSEPH: Oh, Innkeepers. My wife is with child. Do you have room for us in your Inn?

NORTH PEWS CONGREGATION: Are you kidding us? This is a big night for us. We've been booked for DAYS. And we've even been able to raise our rates but, as much as we'd like to take your money...there is no room in the NORTH PEWS INN.

HYMN #121 (1st Verse) *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem,
how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-5

HYMN #147 (1st Verse) *The First Noel*

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

JOSEPH: Oh, Innkeepers. My wife is with child. Do you have room for us in your Inn?

WEST PEWS CONGREGATION: Although we are kinder and gentler than the North Side Pew Inn...and we have MUCH better customer service; we've been booked for WEEKS. And there is no room in the WEST PEWS INN.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:8-20

HYMN#133 (1st Verse)

O Come All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him,
born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!

JOSEPH: Oh, Innkeepers. My wife is with child. Do you have room for us in your Inn?

SOUTH SIDE PEWS CONGREGATION: Although we have a free breakfast buffet and wireless internet. We've been booked for MONTHS. And there is no room in the SOUTH SIDE PEWS INN.

SHEPHERD: WAIT JUST A MINUTE...we have the King of Kings here. The Lord of Lords. And he's JUST ABOUT to make his appearance. Don't you have ANY place we can stay.

SHEPHERD: HEY, what about the stable?

SOUTH SIDE PEWS CONGREGATION: OK, works for us...and we won't even charge you for the night.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:6-7

HYMN #115

Away in the Manger

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Capo 3: (D) F (G) B \flat (D) F

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(G) B \flat (D) F

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(A7) C7 (D) F (Em) Gm (A7) C7 (D) F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

JOYS AND CONCERNS** (*A Silence*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mary Heidel

THE LORD'S PRAYER (American Standard Version)

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.

OFFERING

✠ SONG OF THANKSGIVING #91

Come, Come, Emmanuel.
Come, Emanuel
Come, Come, Emmanuel.
Come, Emanuel

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

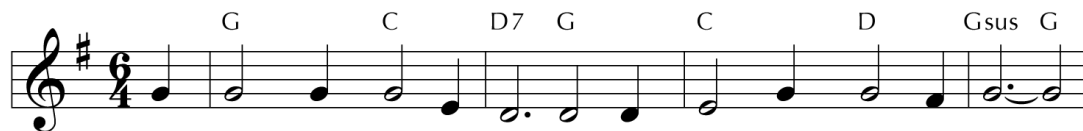
Leader: Chaos could not endure the day ...God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

✠ HYMN

Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



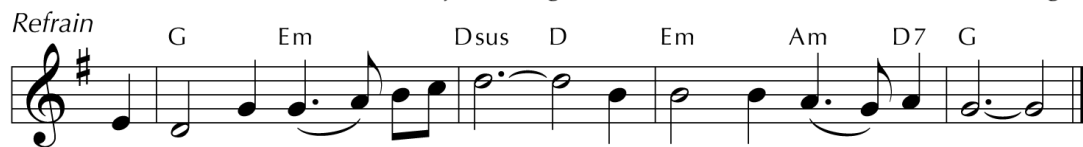
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw-ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro-claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re-sound-ing, for grace and joy a - bound-ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

✦ BENEDICTION

John Rutter

Prayer of Saint Patrick
 Adult Choir

✦ POSTLUDE

✦ THOSE WHO ARE ABLE, PLEASE STAND

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