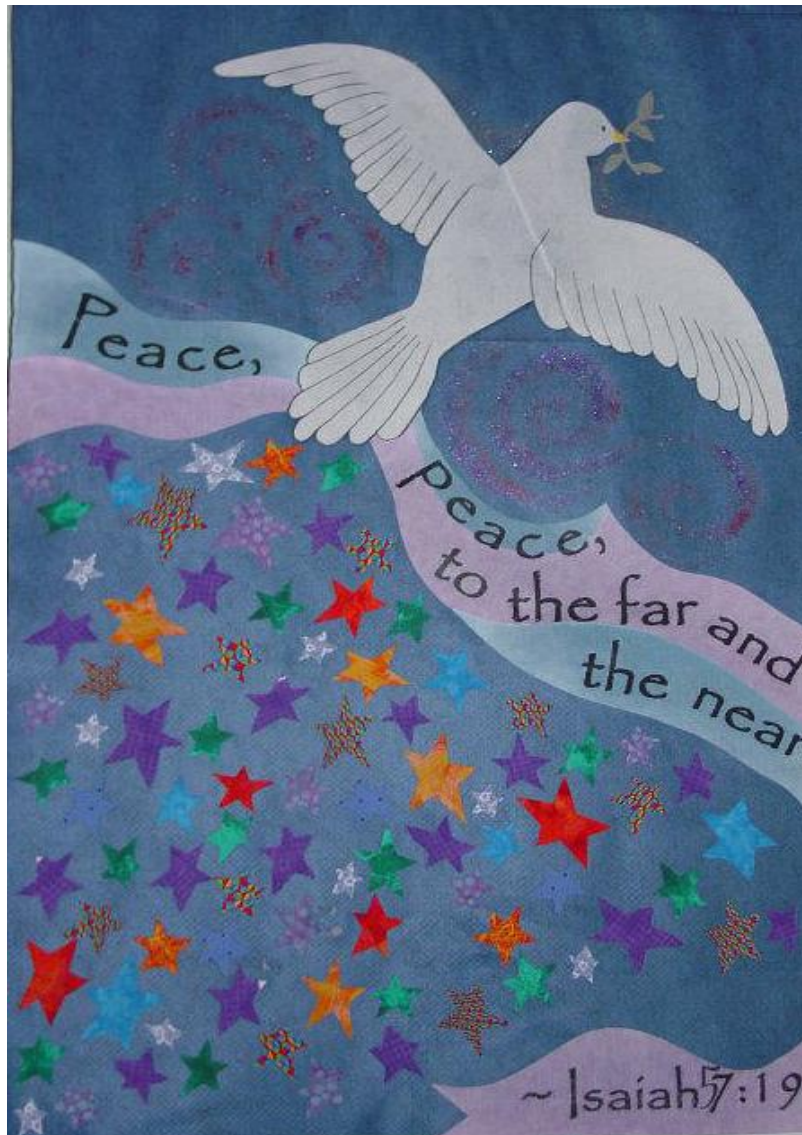


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Second Sunday of Advent  
December 4, 2022**

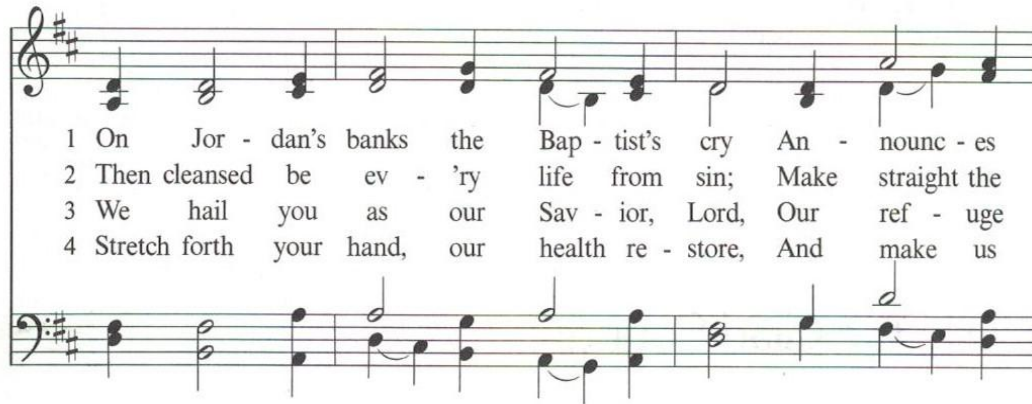


**PRELUDE  
WELCOME  
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

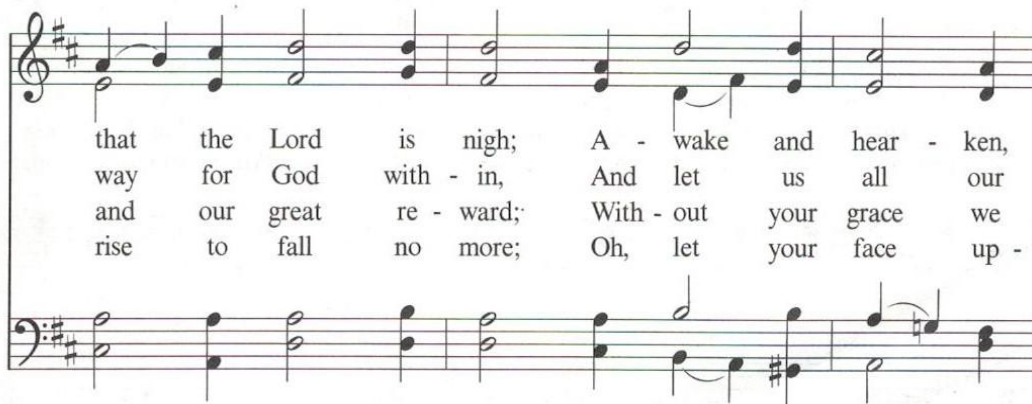
\*HYMN ~ *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

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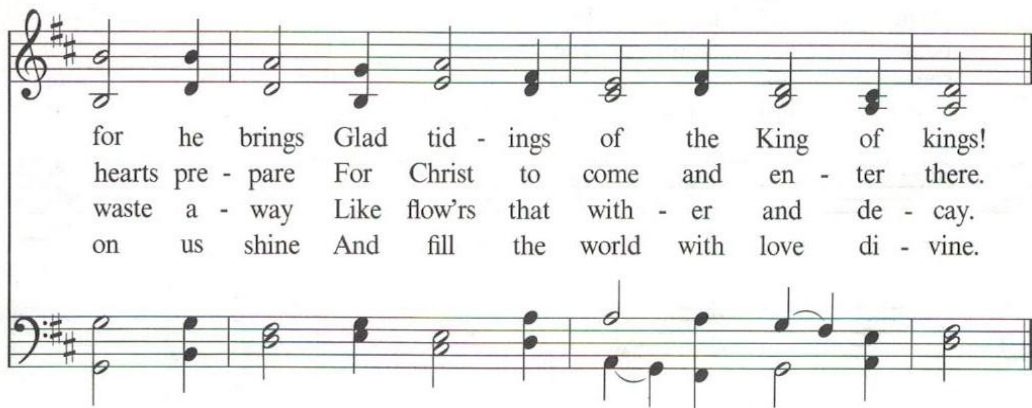
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*On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*


1 On Jor - dan's banks the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge  
 4 Stretch forth your hand, our health re - store, And make us



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,  
 way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we  
 rise to fall no more; Oh, let your face up -



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine And fill the world with love di - vine.

- 5 All praise to you, eternal Son,  
 Whose advent has our freedom won,  
 Whom with the Father we adore,  
 And Holy Spirit, evermore.

## **LIGHTING the ADVENT CANDLE**

Reader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

Light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. (Light the first candle)

We light this candle for peace. (Light the second candle)

Pastor: Let us pray:

Faithful God, you are at work to restore all of creation in its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that we may be reconciled to all in the peace that passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Congregation: God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come. Christ brings the light of Peace!!**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (to the tune of All Hail the Power of Jesus' name)

We lift the light of peace, O God, the Lord of truth and right.  
In Your domain let justice reign and bring us peace in Christ.  
In Your domain let justice reign and bring us peace in Christ.

## **\*CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

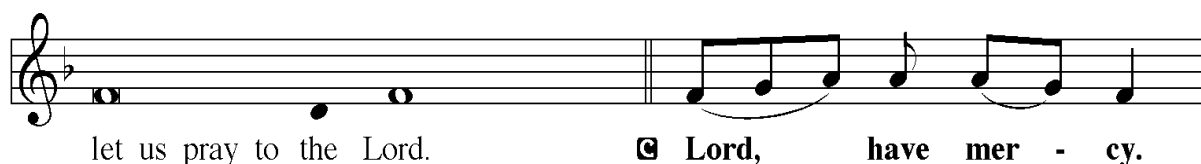
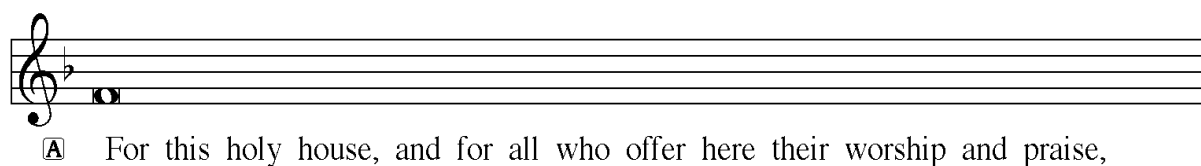
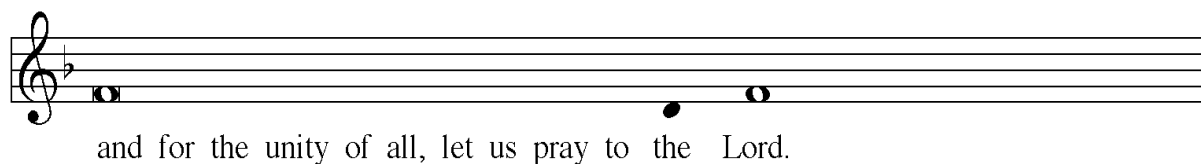
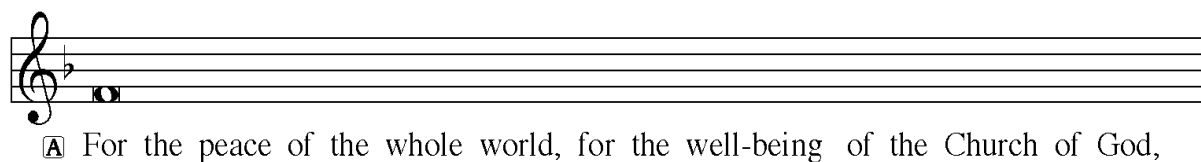
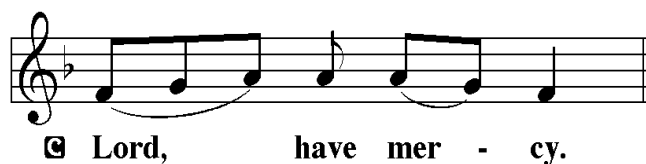
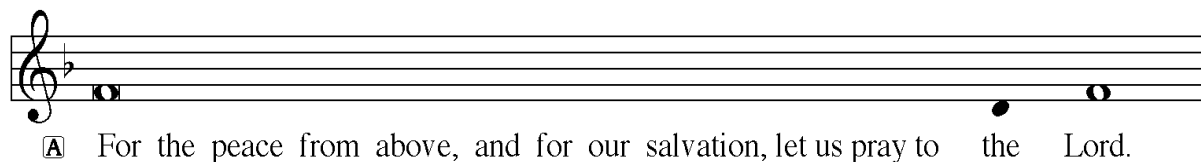
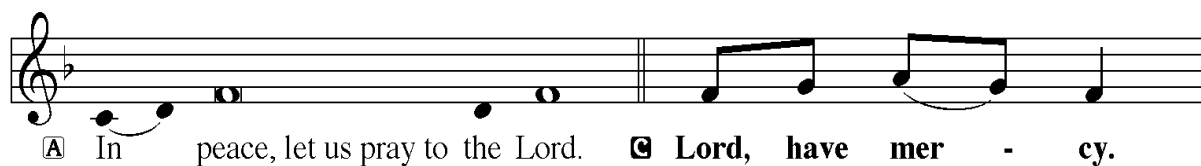
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**

**\*HYMN of PRAISE**

**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

**\*PRAYER of the DAY ~ (in unison)**



P Let us pray...

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**LESSONS**

First Lesson ~ A reading from Isaiah 11:1-10

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 ~ *with response*

Second Lesson ~ A reading from Romans 15:4-13

*after the reading*

R The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading ~ P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*The Gospel is read. After the reading*

P The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

**MESSAGE**

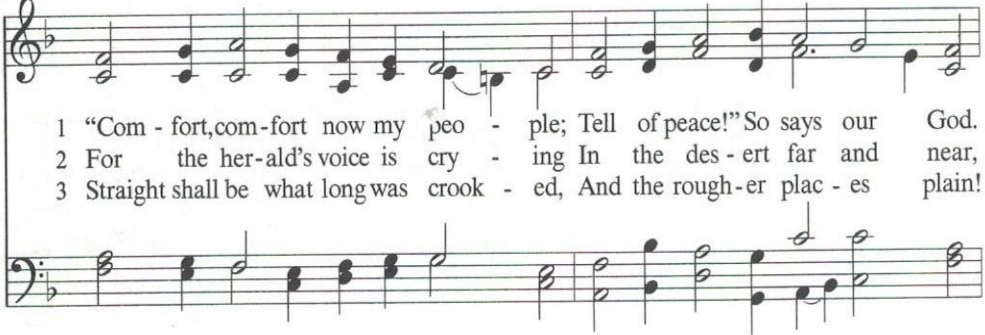


HYMN ~ *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

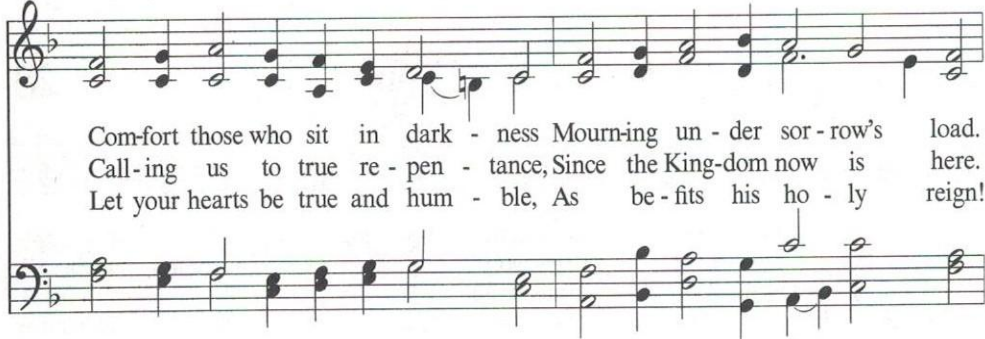
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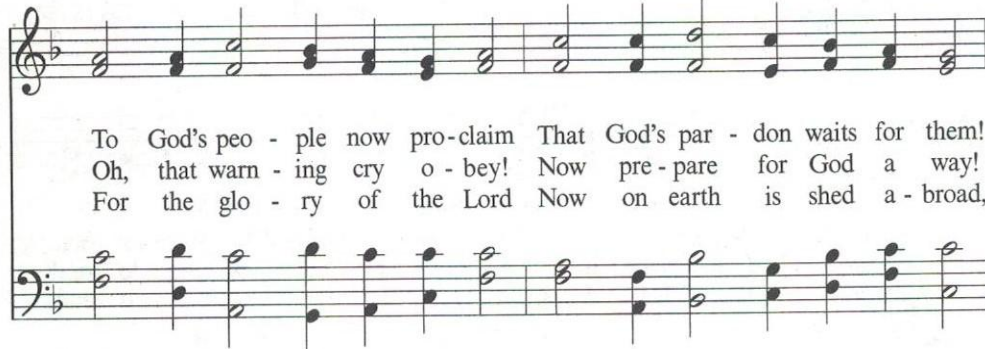
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**Comfort, Comfort Now My People**


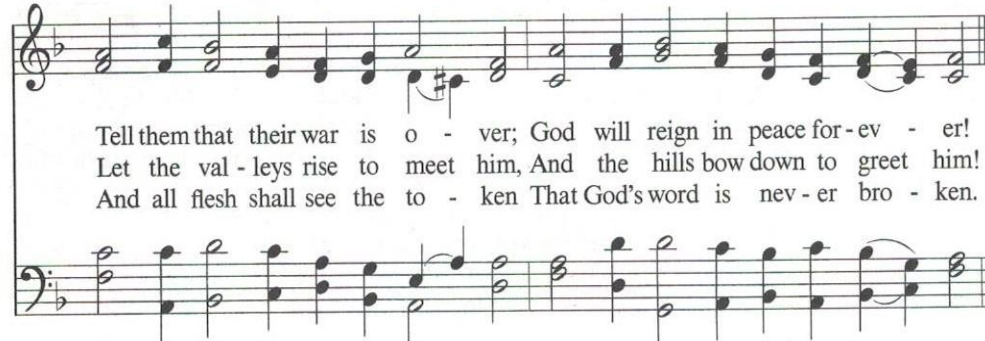
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; Tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing In the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, And the rough - er plac - es plain!



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 King - dom now is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro - claim That God's par - don waits for them!  
 Oh, 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 war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!  
 Let the val - leys rise to meet him, And the hills bow down to greet him!  
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

**\*PRAYERS of the PEOPLE ~ See Celebrate**

P As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world  
that yearns for new hope.

*A brief silence.*

**\*PRAYER SONG *Deep Peace***

*Deep Peace of the running wave to you*

*Deep Peace of the flowing air to you*

*Deep Peace of the quiet Earth to you*

*Deep Peace of the shining stars to you.*

*Deep Peace of the Son of Peace .....to you.*

**\*PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us extend the peace of Christ to those here and beyond the walls of our  
sanctuary.

P Peace of Christ.

**C Peace be with you.**

**OFFERING** ~ you may leave your gifts in one of the offering plates at the end of the front and back pews.

**\*OFFERTORY**



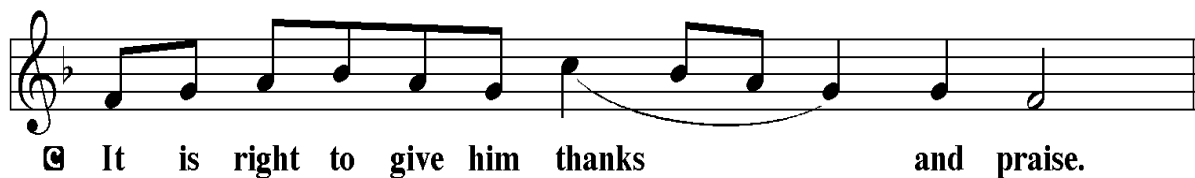
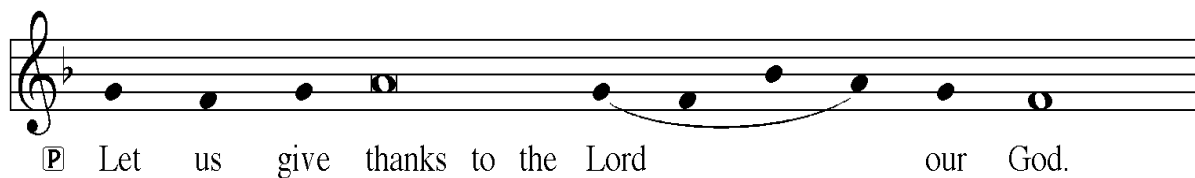
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**



# **\*PREFACE**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

## COMMUNION

### Invitation to Communion:

P Partake of the banquet, for all is now ready, taste and see that the Lord is good.

P The Bread of Life. The body of Christ, given for you;

C Amen.

P The Cup of the Covenant: the blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

*(After all are seated)*

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

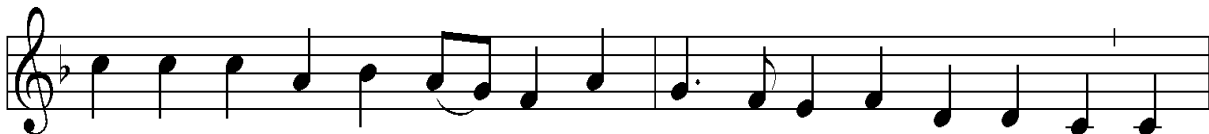
### \*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☒ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you refresh us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

**\*THE BLESSING**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

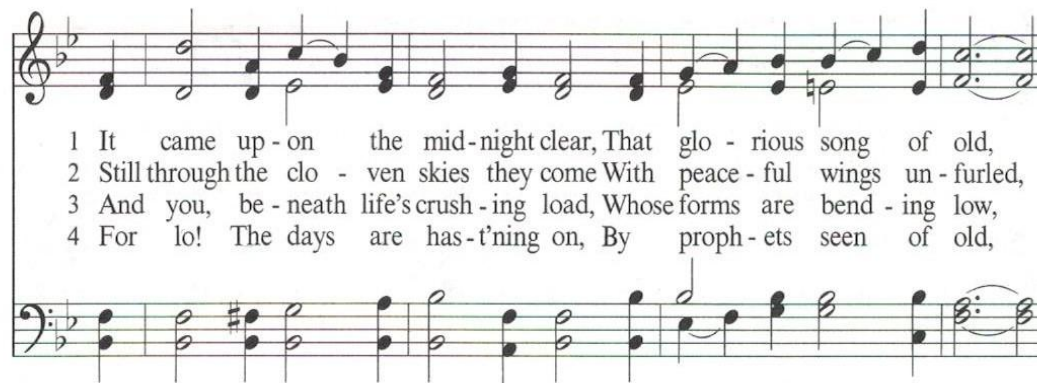
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C Amen**

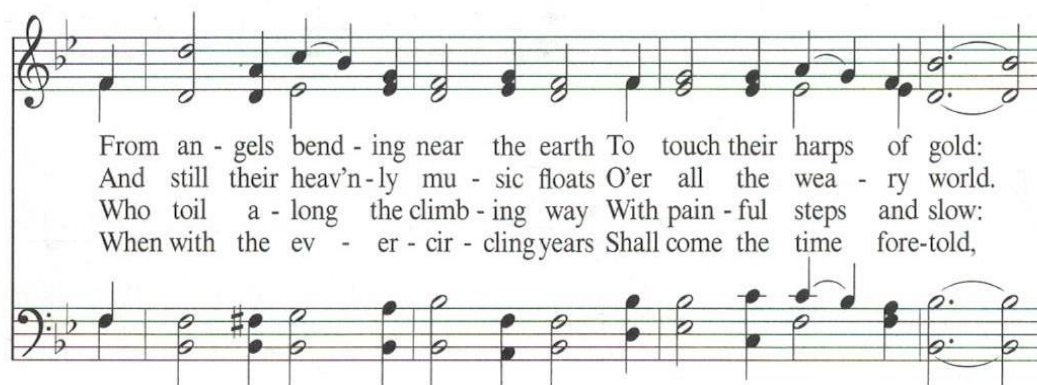
**\*HYMN ~ It Came upon the Midnight Clear**

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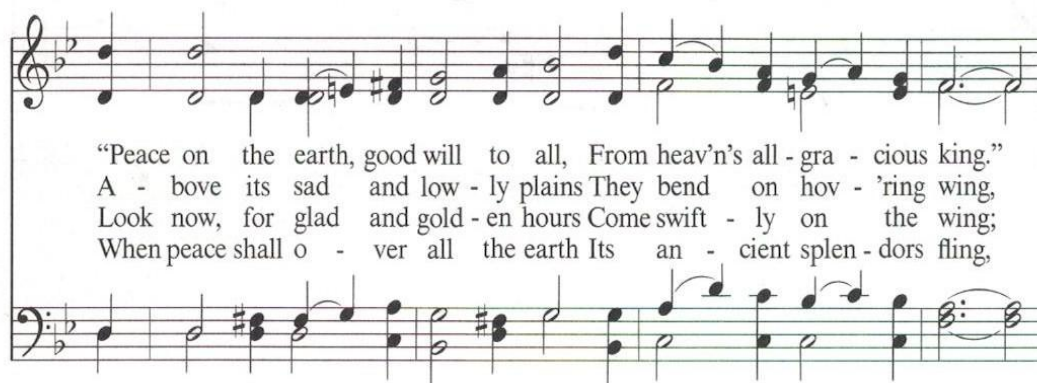
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**It Came upon the Midnight Clear**


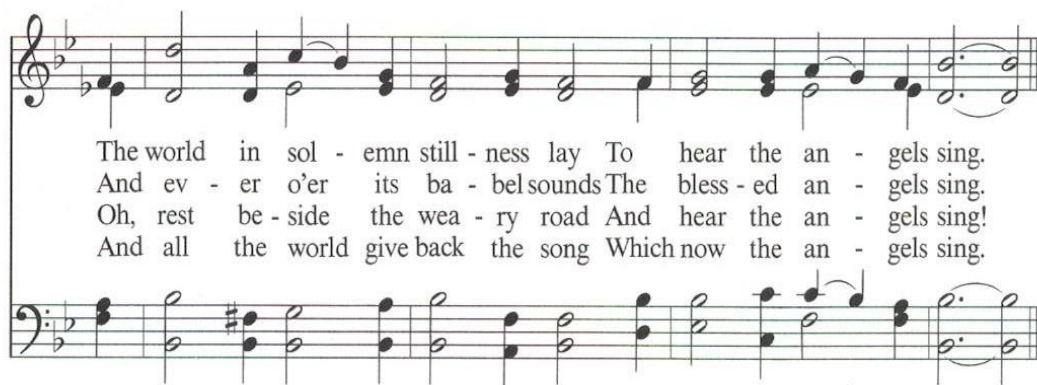
1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come With peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, By proph - ets seen of old,



From an - gels bend - ing near the earth To touch their harps of gold:  
 And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats O'er all the wea - ry world.  
 Who toil a - long the climb - ing way With pain - ful steps and slow:  
 When with the ev - er - cir - cling years Shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, From heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 Look now, for glad and gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing;  
 When peace shall o - ver all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay To hear the an - gels sing.  
 And ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 Oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road And hear the an - gels sing!  
 And all the world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.



**\*DISMISSAL**

P Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

R Thanks be to God

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastor:** Reverend Ela J. Robertson Phone 740-338-7123

**Organist:** Seulki Susie Yoo

**Today**

**Altar Care:** Carol Fultz and Sandra Metz

**Flower Delivery:** Carol Fultz; **Greeter:** Michele Harshbarger

**Lay Reader:** Mike Harshbarger; **Sound:** Ed Bilich

**Next Sunday, December 11 ~ Congregational Meeting**

**Altar Care:** Carol Fultz and Sandra Metz

**Flower Delivery:** Carol Fultz; **Greeter:** Jami Zook

**Sound:** Joe Kanagy

**Church Office:** 935-2032; **Email us at** [secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org](mailto:secretary@stjohnsbelleville.org)

**St. John's Christian Day Care:** 935-2959

***Our Mission Statement***

*We, the members of St. John's congregation, promise to share  
the good news of Jesus Christ, to worship and to love one another  
in our homes, church, community and the world.*

***Our Vision Statement***

*To be people who are welcoming and encourage God's love in our community  
through our prayer, devotion, benevolence and deeds.*

The Altar flowers in St. John's are given to the Glory of God  
Edna Chester in loving memory of her husband, John H. Chester.

Please remember in prayer ~ Paul Byler, Richard Byler, Desa Keiser, Kathy Eckley, Fred Rodgers, Elliana Byler, Kyung Sun Yim, Bob Treaster, Andrea Kauffman, Don F. Smith, Samantha Smith, our members ~ Joyce Stuck (Greenwood Village), Betty Harmon (Celebration Villa), Don Wolfe, Carol Yoder (VVH).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The December newsletter can be found in the mailboxes of those members who do not receive theirs by email.

The congregational meeting is scheduled for next Sunday following the worship service. Information was mailed out to those members who did not pick theirs up last week. If you have not received your packet, please contact the church office.

The first annual Belleville Family Christmas Celebration is being held this Friday at the VFW from 6:00-8:30pm. More information can be found in the newsletter. If you know of anyone who may enjoy attending this event, please take one of the flyers located in the narthex to share with them.

Poinsettia order forms were included in the newsletter and can also be found in the narthex. There is no set price again this year. We will not be using the poinsettias trees. A total of 24 will be purchased and placed throughout the church.

**Since Christmas day worship is now being held in the narthex, you may take yours following the Christmas Eve service.**

The Social Ministry committee is collecting items for the Mitten Tree along with non-perishable food for the Shelter Service. More information can be found in the newsletter. Please place your food donations on/under the grey table located in the narthex.

Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex for anyone who would like to place Altar flowers next year. We will once again refrain from using them during Lent beginning Sunday, February 27 through Palm Sunday, Sunday, April 2.

**Please remember to notate** whether you would like to keep the flowers or have them delivered. Currently, the cost remains at \$40.00.

January 1 thru November 30, 2022

Last week's attendance ~ 21    Offering ~ \$1,005.00

St. John's ~ Income \$148,028.84    Expense \$148,677.70  
Net Income - \$648.86

Daycare ~ Income \$309,361.89    Expense \$327,390.72  
Net Income -\$18,028.83

\*(Net income figure is result of required  
2021/22 ARPA grant spending)