



**Oak Grove
Church of the Brethren**

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PROCLAIMING: Jesus' Birth

O come, all ye faithful 212

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
 2 True God of true God, Light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem. Come and be-hold him,
 our low-ly na - ture he hath not ab-horred; Son of the Fa-ther, be-
 sing, all ye cit-i-zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to God, all
 Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa-ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels.
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed.
 glo - ry in the high - est. O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing.

us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

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Make Way, Make Way

G Am7 D G/B Am7 D G

1. Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splen - dor ar - rives.
 2. He comes the bro - ken hearts to heal, the pris - oners to free.

5 G Am7 D G Am7 D G

Fling wide the gates and wel - come him in - to your lives.
 The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.

Refrain

Part 1 9 G D/F# Em7 G/D

Make way, make way for the

Part 2

Make way, make way

11 C D Am7 D G D/F#

King of kings. Make way, make

for the King of kings. Make way,

14 Em7 G/D C D7 G

way and let his king - dom in.

make way and let his king - dom in.

WORDS: Graham Kendrick
 MUSIC: Graham Kendrick; descant by Sharon Bradimore

MAKE WAY
 86.84 with Refrain

Offering

Call to Giving

Love came down at Christmas

Offertory Carol

Love came down at Christmas

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Love came down at Christmas 208

LOVE INCARNATE 67. 67 with refrain

1 Love came down at Christ - mas, love all love - ly,
 2 Wor - ship we the God - head, love in - car - nate,
 3 Love shall be our to - ken, love be yours and

love di - vine. Love was born at Christ - mas -
 love di - vine. Wor - ship we our Je - sus -
 love be mine, love to God and neigh - bor,

Refrain
 star and an - gels gave the sign.
 what shall be our sa - cred sign? Sing no - el,
 love for prayer and gift and sign. Sing no -

sing no - el, sing no - el.
 el, sing no - el.

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Choir

Comfort and Joy Overture

Joel Raney

Scripture

Isaiah 60:1-3

Nations shall come to your light and kings to the
brightness of your dawn.

Women's Choir

Come My Light

Come, My Light, Dmitri of Rostov, 17th c., Anne Krentz Organ

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel.

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel.

Jesus, the Light of the world! (Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel.)

Come, my light, and illumine my darkness. Come, my life, and revive
me from death.

Come, my physician, heal my wounds. Come, come, Jesus, the light of
the world.

Come, my light, and illumine my darkness. Come, my life, and revive
me from death.

Come, my physician, heal my wounds. Come, come, Jesus, the light of
the world!

Come, flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of my sins,
Kindling my heart with the flame of thy love.

Come, my king, sit upon the throne of my heart. Come and reign in my
heart.

For thou alone art my king and my lord. Come, come, Jesus, the light of
the world!

Jesus, the light of the world.

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel.

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel. Jesus, the light of the world.

Oh, come.

Scripture

Isaiah 7:14b

The young woman is with child and shall bear
a son and shall name him Immanuel.

Choir

Come To Set Us Free

Come To Set Us Free, Jean Anne Shafferman, based on a traditional
Puerto Rican Folk Hymn, arr. by Lloyd Larson

Come, O come, Emmanuel! Come, O come, on earth to dwell!
Come, deliver Israel! Come to set us free!

All the angels in the sky sing their praise to God on high.
Soon He come on Christmas night, come to set us free!

Halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah!
Halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah!
Come, O come, Emmanuel! Come to set us free!

Ev'ry valley, lift your voice. Ev'ry creature, now rejoice.
Ev'ry where a joyful noise, come to set us free!

Halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah!
Halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah!
Come, O come, Emmanuel! Come to set us free!

Halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah!
Halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Halle, hallelujah! Halle, hallelujah!
Come, O come, Emmanuel! Come to set us free! (Hallelujah!)
Come to set us free! (Hallelujah!)
Come to set us free!

Choir

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O Little Town of Bethlehem Phillip Brooks, Traditional English melody,
arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently, the wondrous fit is giv'n!
So, God impart to human hearts the blessings of the heav'ns.
No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today!
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

Prayer

Choir & Congregation *View the Present Through the Promise*

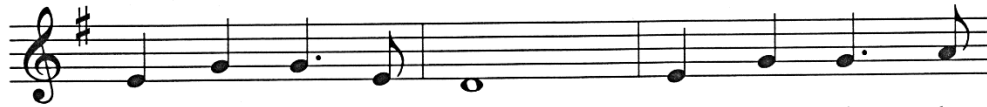
VIEW THE PRESENT THROUGH THE PROMISE

Thomas H. Troeger

Tune: FRANKLIN PARK
by Roy Hopp



Choir 1. View the pres - ent through the prom - ise,
Choir 2. Probe the pres - ent with the prom - ise,
All 3. Match the pres - ent to the prom - ise,



Christ will come a - gain. Trust de - spite the
Christ will come a - gain. Let your dai - ly
Christ will come a - gain. Make this hope your



deep - ening dark - ness, Christ will come a -
ac - tions wit - ness, Christ will come a -
guid - ing prem - ise, Christ will come a -



gain. Lift the world a - bove its griev - ing
gain. Let your lov - ing and your giv - ing
gain. Pat - tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing



through your watch - ing and be - liev - ing in the hope past
and your jus - tice and for - giv - ing be a sign to
and the world you are cre - a - ting to the ad - vent



hope's con - ceiv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.
you are wait - ing: Christ will come a - gain.

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Scripture

Luke 2:4-7

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea,
to the city of David called Bethlehem...

Choir

Way Down Yonder in Bethlehem

Way Down Yonder in Bethlehem, Michael Barrett

Way down yonder in Bethlehem a star is shining bright.
People start to wonder in Bethlehem, what is this glorious light?
Way down yonder in Bethlehem praise echoes through the town.
People start to ponder in Bethlehem, what is that joyful sound?

Way down yonder in Bethlehem, the angels start to shout.
People start to ponder in Bethlehem, what could this be about?
Way down yonder in Bethlehem, the shepherds dance for joy.
Oh, way down yonder in Bethlehem they greet a baby boy.

Angels singing, praises ringing,
wise men bringing their gifts from far away.
Shepherds praising, starlight blazing.
It's so amazing our King is born today, born today.

Way down yonder in Bethlehem, they sing a brand new song.
Praises start to thunder in Bethlehem as pilgrims start to throng.
Way down yonder in Bethlehem, sweet music greets the morn.
'Cause way down yonder in Bethlehem, Christ the Lord is born!
Alleluia, Christ is born! (Alleluia, Christ the Lord is born!)

Women's Choir

One Small Child

One Small Child, David Meece

One small child in a land of a thousand, one small dream of a Savior
tonight,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small city of life.

One king bringing His gold and riches, one King ruling an army of might;
One king kneeling with incense and candlelight, one King bringing us
life.

See Him lying, a cradle beneath Him; see Him smiling in the stall.
See His mother praising His Father; See His tiny eyelids fall.

One small child in a land of a thousand, one small dream in a people of
might,
One small hand reaching out to the starlight, one small Savior of life.

See the shepherds kneeling before Him, see the kings on bended knee,
See His mother praising His Father, see the Blessed infant sleep.

One small child in a land of a thousand, one small Savior of life.

Choir

Comfort and Joy

Comfort and Joy, Joel Raney

Comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
Comfort and joy, comfort and joy!

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy.

Comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
Comfort and joy, comfort and joy!

Peace and comfort (comfort and joy)
Peace and comfort (comfort and)
Peace and comfort, and joy!

From God our heav'nly Father, a blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name:
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy, O tidings of comfort and joy!

Joy, comfort and joy. Comfort and joy, comfort and joy, joy, joy, joy.
(joy, joy, joy, joy...)

Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let earth receive her King! (joy, joy, joy, joy...)
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room. And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,

And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing!

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, Child of wonder, born this night.
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, welcome God's eternal light!

Comfort and joy, comfort and joy! (Comfort and joy, comfort and joy!)

Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place.
And with true love and brotherhood, each other now embrace,
This holy tide of Christmas, all others doth deface,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy!
O tidings of comfort and joy, joy, comfort and joy!
Comfort and joy, comfort and joy!

Peace and comfort (comfort and joy)
Peace and comfort (comfort and)
Peace and comfort, and joy!
Comfort and joy!

Scripture 1 Peter 2:4-6, 8-10

...you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

***Carol** *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* # 178
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***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*Please stand as you are able.

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HYFRYDOL 87. 87D

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus! born to set thy
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and

peo - ple free, from our fears and sins re - lease us,
yet a King, born to reign in us for - ev - er,

let us find our rest in thee. Is-rael's strength and con-so-
now thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art, dear de-
Spir - it, rule in all our hearts a - lone. By thine

sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Blue Christmas

REMEMBER... REFLECT... RESTORE

A WORSHIP SERVICE DESIGNED TO
SUPPORT THOSE WHO MAY FEEL "BLUE"
THIS TIME OF YEAR

"...LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU..."

JOHN 15:12

Fifth Avenue
Presbyterian Church

WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 21

6:00 PM

IN-PERSON OR ZOOM:

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THIS WEEK AT OAK GROVE

Today	5:00 p.m.	Caroling
Monday	9:00 a.m.	ESL
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Games
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelighting
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	Worship

PRAYER

Dennis Shearer, recovery from chemo
Ralph Petcher, long term chemo for Leukemia
John King, at home
Misty King, heart surgery recovery
Alice Foutz, recovering from stroke
Randall Eakin, in the hospital with urology issues

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Sunday School- 31
Worship- 94 (in person); 12 (online) = 106
Received 12/11- \$ 2,013.00

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

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Joe Blaha	piano, arranger
Kathie Robinson	flute
Sam Phillips	viola
Ronald Robinson	string bass
Phillip King	tuba

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We want to know your name! If you're new here, we'd be glad to make a nametag for you.