

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**"Comfort, comfort you my people, Tell of peace, thus says our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness, Bowed beneath oppression's load.
Speak you to Jerusalem, Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover, And their warfare now is over."**

Johannes Olearius, 1671

Second Sunday in Advent | December 10, 2017 10 a.m.

Welcome

House of Hope welcomes all who worship here today. Our caring and active community welcomes you. We extend the hospitality of Christ to all who gather here.

Today's Worship

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, fellowship, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our greeters or ushers will be glad to help you. **We invite you to join us for refreshments**, including fair trade Peace Coffee, served in the Kirk Parlour following the service.

Professional childcare is provided for infants through age 3 from 9:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in the East wing of the building. We use a texting system to page parents. Please set your cell phones to vibrate and keep it on your person.

- Infants to 18 months | Room 8
- Toddlers 19 months to 3 years | Room 2
- PreK through 6th grade are invited to the Great Hall after Time for Children.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from ushers. Hearing devices can be signed out from the table in the Narthex. Ushers are available for assistance. Please return the hearing device to the table after the worship service.

Live broadcasts and audio versions of worship services are available at hohchurch.org. Copies of past sermons are available at the church's Welcome Centers and in the rack across from the Assembly Room.

The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted each day as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayers for peace in the world.

The yellow Pastoral Concerns cards provide a way to alert the staff to the pastoral care needs of the congregation. Please use them, and place them in the offering plate or give them to a minister. This is a way to keep us informed about the life of our members.

If you would like a pastor to call on you in the hospital, or if you are ill at home and would like a visit, please call the church office at (651) 227-6311, to let us know. If you know someone else in the congregation who could benefit from a visit, please contact the church.

Are you visiting?

Thank you for choosing to worship at House of Hope. Visitors are invited to sign the Friendship registration pad. Please look for hospitality greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Two Chorale Preludes on "Wachet Auf" J. Pachelbel
Aaron David Miller, organist J.S. Bach
Still, Still, Still.....arr. Sandra Eithun
Adult Bell Choir; Sarah Garner, Director

Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

Lighting of the second Advent Candle

Eric Boylan, Thomas Minner, Abe Thompson

Introit

Our Soul Waiteth for the Lord..... Eric Thiman
The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

* + Processional Hymn 9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel..... Veni Emmanuel

Call to Confession (congregation seated) — Julia A. Carlson

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

Cantor:



Be with us now O Lord, qui-et us, cen-ter us, hear us.

Congregation:



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, you sent prophets to your people to preach repentance
and prepare the way of salvation.

Instead of heeding their warnings and forsaking our sins,

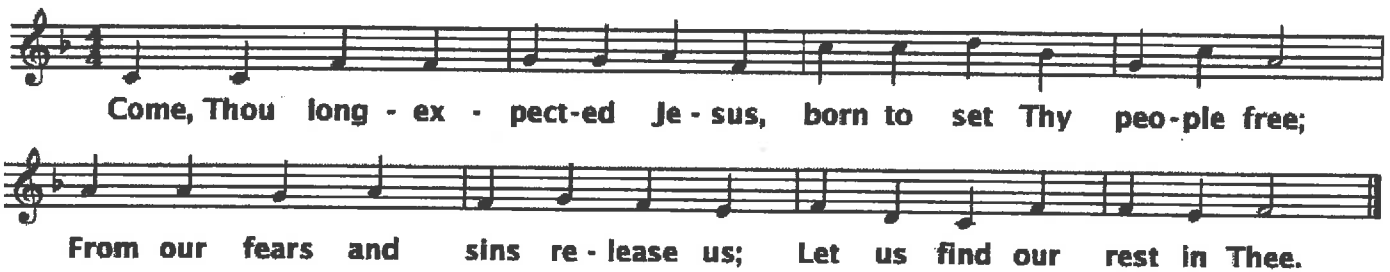
we have continued to travel down crooked paths
and over roads made rough by sin.

Forgive us, loving God.

Straighten out our hearts and minds that we be alert to your presence
and found blameless when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of Peace.

(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Sung Response



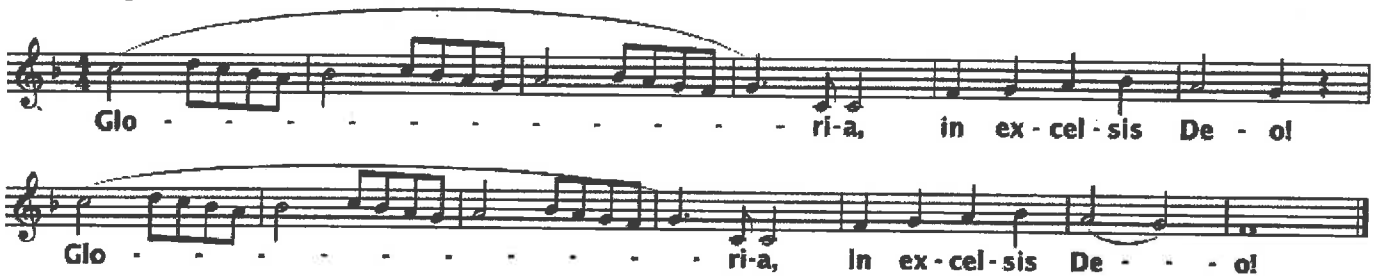
Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set Thy peo-ple free;
From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* + Antiphon



Glo - - - - - ri-a, in ex - cel - sis De - ol
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Anthem

He Watching Over Israel (from "Elijah") Felix Mendelssohn

He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps.

Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,

He will quicken thee.

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission — Twin Cities' Houses of Hospitality — Phil Romine

Baptism and Introduction of New Members

Commitment from New Members

We believe we have been called by God to be members of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church, acknowledging Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. We intend to be Christ's faithful disciples, open to instruction from God's word, and giving of our gifts and resources, demonstrating Christ's love for all people.

Commitment from The House of Hope Congregation

We share your commitment. As new members, you come to us not as strangers, but as friends; sisters and brothers in the Lord. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to the worship and work of this congregation. We pray for God's blessing and peace in all our mutual endeavors.

(Following the welcome of New Members, children ages PreK-6th grade are invited to proceed down the center aisle to join in Christmas Pageant practice in the Great Hall.)

THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Gloria sei dir gesungen (from Cantata BWV 140)J.S. Bach
St Cecilia and St Nicolas Choirs, Sofia Ardalan, Conductor; Sarah Garner, organist

Gloria sei dir gesungen
Mit Menschen und englischen Zungen
Mit Harfen und mit Cymbeln schon.
Von zwölf Perlen sind die Pforten
An deiner Stadt; wir sind Konsorten
Der Engel hoch um deinen Thron.
Kein Aug' hat je gespürt,
Kein Ohr hat he gehört
Solche Freude.
Des sing wir froh, i-o, i-o!
Ewig in dulci júbilo.

*Let 'Gloria' be sung to Thee
with mortal and angelic tongues,
with harps and even with cymbals.
Of twelve pearls the gates are made
in Thy city; we are companions
of the angels high around Thy throne.
No eye has ever perceived,
no ear has ever heard
such joy.
We gladly sing, i-o, i-o!
Forever in joyous celebration.*

Scripture Lesson

Isaiah 40: 1-11 (OT, pp. 667-668 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — David A. Van Dyke

Lifted Up and Made Low

"Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low."

————— **THE RESPONSE TO GOD** —————

+ **Hymn 3**

Comfort, Comfort You My People Psalm 42

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — Apostles' Creed— Jeffrey T. Foels

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 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.

Offering (online giving is available. See back cover.)

Anthem

O Thou the Central Orb Orlando Gibbons
Krista Costin and Erika Gesme, soloists

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
pure beam of the most high,
eternal light of this our bleak world,
where thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith,
hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.
Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
as stars about thy throne, set in the height
of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of our sin,
our nature all shall feel eternal day,
in fellowship with thee,
transforming clay to souls erewhile unclean,
now pure within, now pure within. Amen.

+ Offertory Response



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a-maz-ing that
songs can - not re - pay; for we can on-ly won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at
bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and
wait u-pon your word, we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

+ Prayer of Dedication

+ Recessional Hymn 13

Prepare the Way *Bereden väg för Herran*

+ Benediction

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster *Louis Vierne*

Carillon Postlude — David W. Johnson, carillonneur

* Late entrants may be seated

+ Stand as you are able

Today's Greeters:

Jim and Sylvie Barge; Jan Anderson; Kit Burch; James Brooks;

Pam and Jeff Patterson; Marilyn and Gus Bjorklund

The Communion Table Flowers are in loving memory of Yvonne Dierenfield.

The Lectern Flowers are in loving memory of John I. Norton III.

New Members

The following new members have been received by the Session and are being recognized in worship today. Please extend them a warm welcome.

Katie Anderson (Woodbury, MN)	Transfer from Olivet Congregational Church, Saint Paul, MN
Pam Engebretson (Maplewood, MN)	Transfer from Mayflower Church, Minneapolis, MN
Barbara Horlbeck and Ellie Norton (Saint Paul, MN)	Reaffirmation of Faith
Dennis McCarty (Maple Grove, MN)	Reaffirmation of Faith
Kelly Nail (Minneapolis, MN)	Transfer from Oak Grove Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, MN
Bernard and Linda Tuohy (Sunfish Lake)	Transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, MN
Holly Stoerker (Saint Paul, MN)	Transfer from St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Saint Paul, MN

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Eleanor Yechun Norton, daughter of Barbara Horlbeck. We welcome her into our church family. The Lectern flowers are given in loving memory of Eleanor's father, John I. Norton III.

Today is the second Sunday in Advent. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin *advenio*, meaning "to come to," and refers to the coming of Christ. During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas, and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. The four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for personal examination, to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ into our lives.

The second Advent Banner depicts the angel who came to Mary with a special message: "The child born to you will be...the Son of God." (Luke 1:35). The upraised hand and scroll convey the angel's message and good news of great joy to all people, that a child has been born, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11). The flames remind us of the fundamental role played by the Spirit as the means by which Jesus became present as God's Son in our world in the womb of Mary. The season of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year in the church.

The Advent Wreath. In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.



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The House of Hope
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News & Opportunities

December 10 - 17, 2017

Today's Schedule for Children

Pre-K through sixth graders are invited to the Great Hall after the New Member Welcome for Christmas Pageant practice. Nursery children will meet in their usual Sunday spaces during worship.

The Choir School Christmas Concert

Today at 11:15 a.m., please join us in the sanctuary immediately following worship for the annual Choir School Christmas Concert. All of our choristers, age 4-18 will present a festive programs of anthems and carols as we celebrate the Christmas season.

Middle and High School Youth

are invited to the Choir School Christmas Concert following worship.

Christmas Traditions Around the World Exhibit.

December 5, 2017-January 7, 2018. Come and enjoy invited art, a family recipe, or items that are of special significance to their heritage or another heritage as a Christmas tradition.

Upcoming

Centering Prayer at the House of Hope takes place on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

Twin Cities' Houses of Hospitality

Please join us for the Holiday Folly: Celebrating Radical Hospitality, a silent auction and fundraiser for the Twin Cities Houses of Hospitality, on Thursday, Dec. 14, 5:30 - 8pm, The Meeting House, 761 Summit Avenue. Stop at the table outside of the Kirk Parlour this morning to get your \$20 ticket or contact Jill Winter at jcwinter75@gmail.com.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 17, 11:15 a.m.

Pre-K through sixth graders will bring the story of Christ's birth to life through character roles and carols. All are invited.

Tableaux Set-up and take down

The Tableaux is truly magical, but it doesn't happen without a lot of work behind the scenes. An area where help is always appreciated is the set up and take down of the Tableaux scenery. Set up will take place on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Take down will happen right after the Tableaux. No need to sign up, just show up. Questions? Contact Bill Geery at 651-690-4800 or william.geery@gmail.com.

Kirk Club

Please join us on December 17 for a Christmas Lunch at The Manse at 12:00 Noon, following the Children's Christmas Pageant. Please RSVP to the church office by Wednesday, December 13.

Music from The House of Hope

The Christmas CD from the Motet Choir, *Christmas at the House of Hope*, is available for sale in the church office. The disk features the Motet Choir collaborating with the Bach Chamber Player of Saint Paul, harpist Min Kim along with organist Aaron David Miller, and Choirmaster Matthew Culloton. Cost: \$15.

Also available is The House of Hope Choir School's new CD, *Sing for Joy*. This disk features the Choir School ensembles under the direction of Sofia Ardanlan, with organist/pianist Sarah Garner. Cost: \$20.

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.

Give, Grow, Serve, Welcome - 2018 Stewardship Campaign update

Stewardship is about coming together...to give, to serve, to welcome, to grow. House of Hope congregation has been coming together for decades...more than a century even, to connect to something bigger than ourselves. On November 19, 2017, we had another opportunity to express that connection through our annual commitment to the worship, music, programming and mission outreach of this church. While stewardship is not about the numbers, there are those among us who are interested in the numbers. And at this time of year, the question asked most often is, "How are we doing against our stewardship goal?"

The 2018 goal set by the Stewardship Committee is \$1,262,265. About a 1.4% increase over last year's goal and just enough to present a balanced budget to Session for their approval in January. So far, we've received 246 pledges totaling \$783,484 or 62% of goal. There's still time to submit your pledge. We ask that you submit your pledge as soon as possible so that the amounts proposed for programming, mission outreach and expenses in the 2018 budget can be met.

Week Beginning December 10, 2017

Sunday, December 10, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 and 8
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Children's Pageant Practice, Great Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship in the Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas Concert
- 11:15 a.m. Middle School, Christmas Concert
- 11:15 a.m. High School, Christmas Concert

- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training, Room 1
- 4:30 p.m. Choir School, East Wing
- 5:45 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House
- 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room
- 7:15 p.m. Adult Hand Bell Choir, Bell Choir Room

Thursday, December 14, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, House of Hope

Friday, December 15, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Kirk Parlour
- 9:00 a.m. Anchor deadline
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 12:30 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House

Sunday, December 17, 2017

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Third Sunday in Advent
David Van Dyke, preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
- 12:00 p.m. Kirk Club Lunch - The Manse

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, The Louisiana Cafe
- 1:30 p.m. Didier Committee Meeting, Room 1
- 6:00 p.m. Deacon's Christmas Party, The Manse

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library

For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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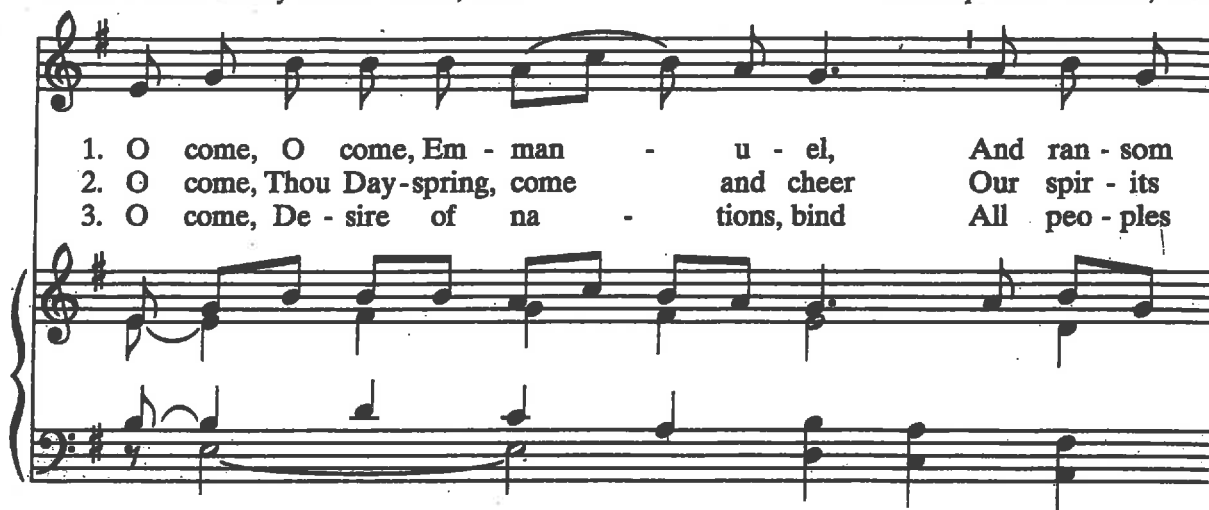
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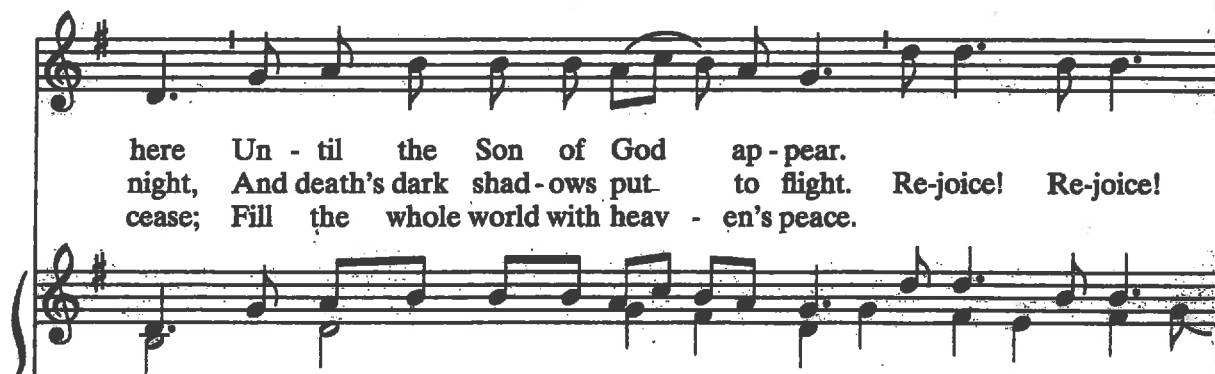
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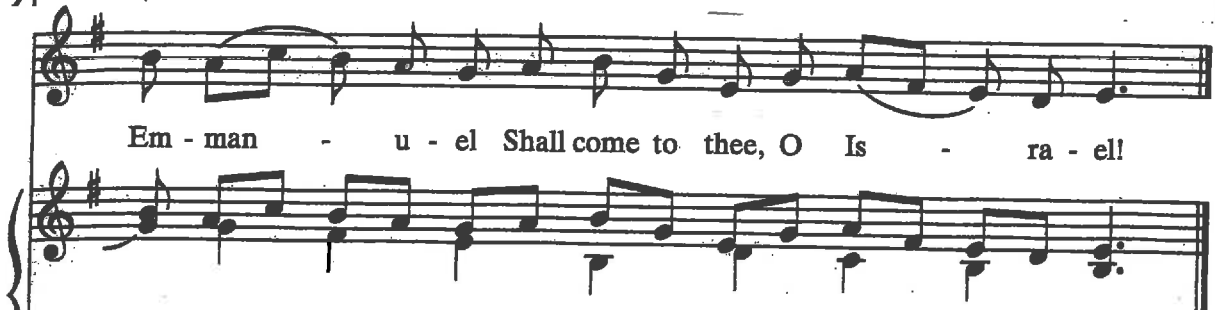
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
 2. O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our spir - its
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples



cap-tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord



here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
 cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Comfort, Comfort You My People

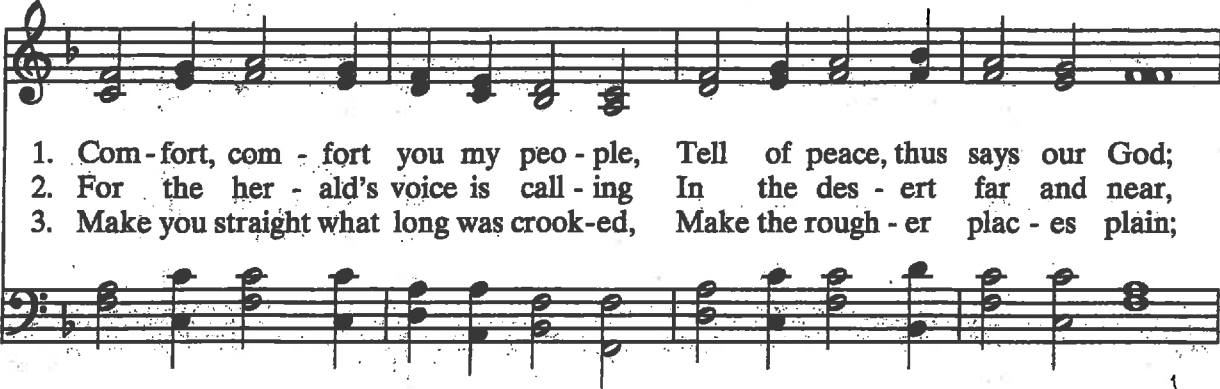
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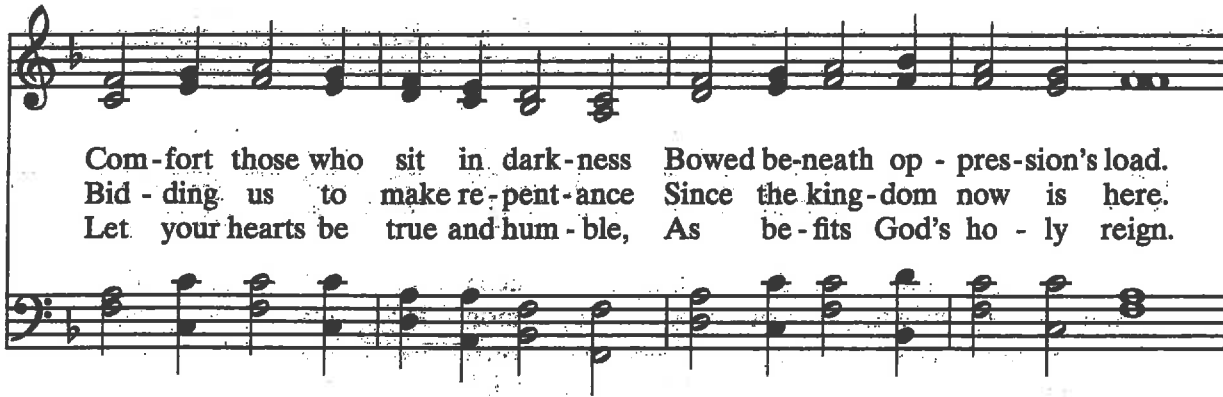
Johannes Olearius, 1671

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

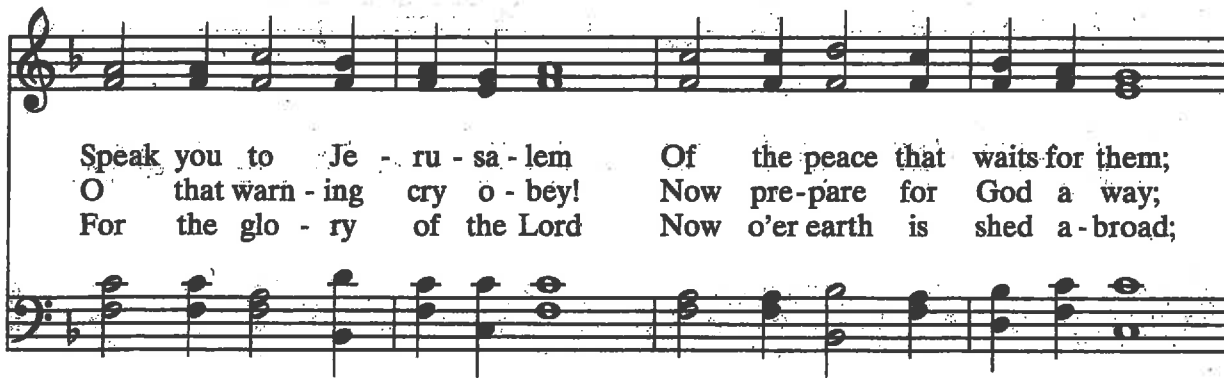
Genevan Psalter, 1551



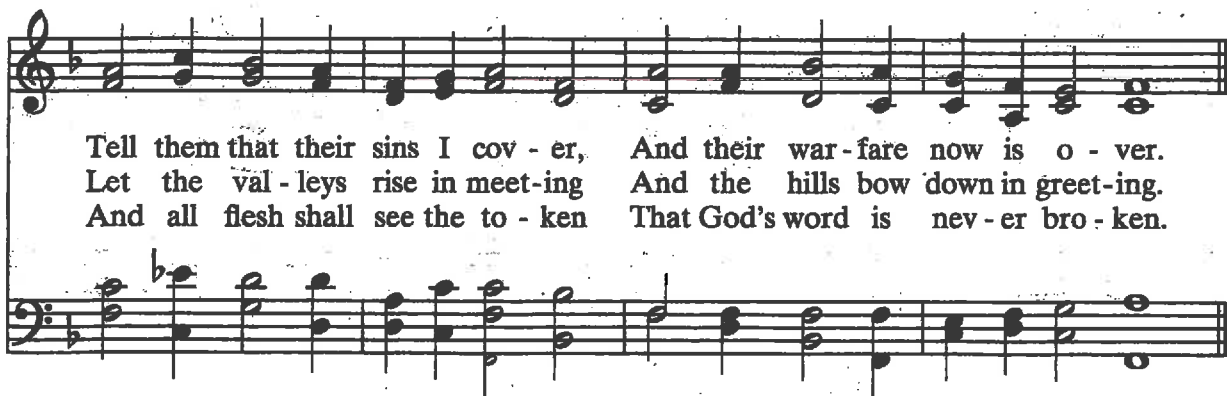
1. Com-fort, com - fort you my peo - ple, Tell of peace, thus says our God;
 2. For the her - ald's voice is call - ing In the des - ert far and near,
 3. Make you straight what long was crook-ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;



Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness Bowed be-neath op - pres-sion's load.
 Bid - ding us to make re-pent-ance Since the king-dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that 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 o'er 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.

Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

Frans Mikael Franzen (1771-1847)
Adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980; alt. 1989Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697
Arr. American Lutheran Hymnal, 1930

1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, Your Christ is draw - ing near!
2. Christ 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 tid - ings 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.



Refrain

ADVENT



O blest is Christ that came In God's most ho - ly name.

