

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**"No one can celebrate a genuine Christmas without being truly poor. The self-sufficient, the proud, those who, because they have everything, look down on others, those who have no need even of God—for them there will be no Christmas. Only the poor, the hungry, those who need someone to come on their behalf, will have that someone. That someone is God. Emmanuel. God-with-us. Without poverty of spirit there can be no abundance of God."**

**-Oscar Romero**

**Third Sunday in Advent | December 17, 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](http://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

*In Dulci Jubilo* ..... 16th Century Carol  
Aaron David Miller, organist

### Antiphon

Choristers of the Choir School

### Lighting of the third Advent Candle

Christopher, Maren, Henry, Sam, and Elisabeth Hilton

### Introit

*Gaudete* ..... Traditional English  
The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

### \* + Processional Hymn 10

*On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry* ..... Winchester New

### Call to Confession (congregation seated) — Jeffrey T. Foels

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)

O Holy God, our very waiting in Advent is itself a confession.

If we are waiting for Emmanuel, we are not yet with you;

if we are waiting for Jesus, we need a savior;

and if we are waiting for the Messiah,

the proud are still powerful, the mighty are still exalted,

and the hungry still stand hungry, at the door.

If we are waiting for your incarnation,  
 we confess that we have not known you in our sister, we have not loved you in our brother,  
 we have not served you in our neighbor.

Forgive us, merciful God.

Send your Advent light and make all things new in us.

*(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

*A Glorious Day is Dawning* ..... Aaron David Miller

A glorious day is dawning,  
 And o'er the waking earth  
 The heralds of the morning  
 Are springing into birth.  
 In dark and hidden places  
 There shines the blessed light;  
 The beam of truth displaces  
 The darkness of the night.

It rings from hill and valley,  
 It breaks oppression's chain.  
 A thousand faithful rally,  
 And swell the mighty strain.

The watchword has been spoken,  
 The light has broken forth,  
 Far shines the blessed token  
 Upon the startled earth,  
 To hearts and homes benighted,  
 The blessed Truth is given,  
 And peace and love, united,  
 Point upward unto Heav'n.

## Welcome and Announcements

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Choral Ascription

*Let thy word abide in us, O Lord.*

### First Lesson

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 (OT, pp. 691-692 in pew Bible) — Holly Stoerker

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

*Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened* ..... Felix Mendelssohn  
St Nicholas Choir, Sofia Ardalan, conductor; Sarah Garner, pianist

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.  
Then the lame shall leap as a deer,  
and the mute shall sing songs of joy.  
All the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
coming to Zion with singing.

Everlasting joy upon them,  
sorrow and sighing shall flee away.  
Rise and shine, for your light has come  
and the glory of the Lord has arisen upon you.  
And nations shall come to you light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
(Isaiah 35:5, 6, 10; 60:1, 3)

### Time for Children — Dixie Brachlow

Pre-K through 6th grade are invited to join us for Christmas Pageant practice in the Great Hall.

### Second Lesson

John 1: 6-8, 19-28 (NT, pp. 91-92 in pew Bible)

Minster: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon — David A. Van Dyke

*An Honest Admission*

*"He confessed and did not deny it, 'I am not the Messiah.'"*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### + Hymn 11

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?* ..... Valet will ich dir geben

**+ Affirmation of Faith** — from A Brief Statement of Faith — Julia A. Carlson

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

**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**

*I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes* ..... Morten Lauridsen

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,

from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord,

which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved;

he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel

shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy  
shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day.  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee;

he shall preserve thy soul.

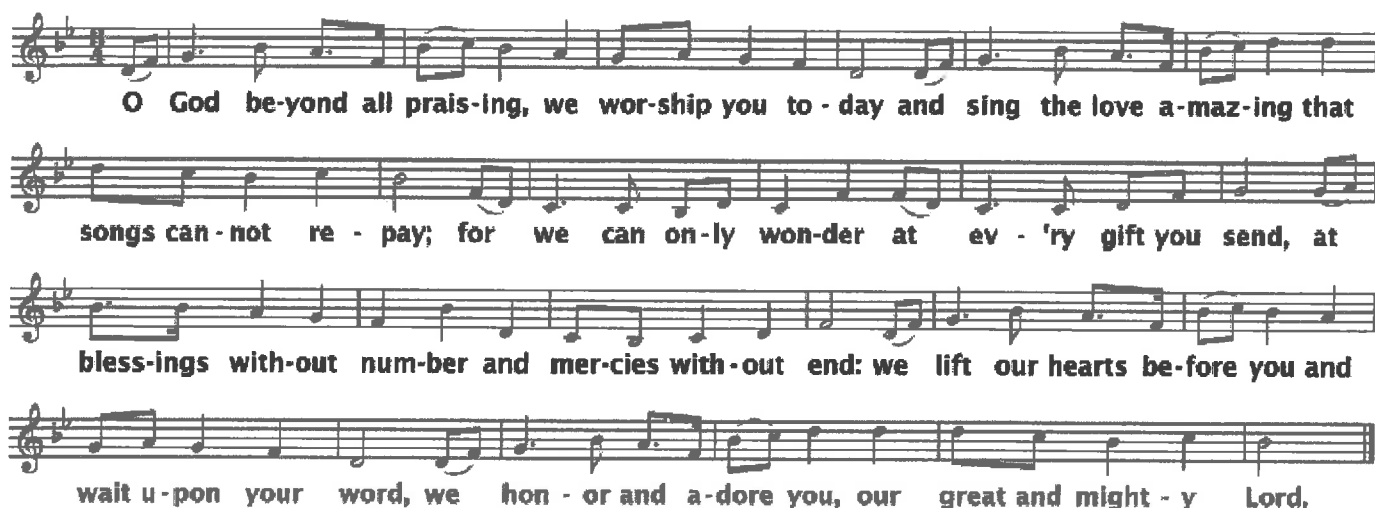
The Lord shall preserve

thy going out, and thy coming in,

from this time forth,

and even for evermore.

## + 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 14

*Savior of the Nations, Come* ..... Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

## + Benediction

## Postlude

Gigue from *Pastorella* ..... J.S. Bach

## Carillon Postlude — David W. Johnson, carillonneur

\* Late entrants may be seated

+ Stand as you are able

## Today's Greeters:

Darrel Gubrud, Joyce Nelson, Sue Browne, Margaret Miller,  
Helen and Bob Mairs, Susie Williamson, Marilyn Eklund

## The Communion Table Flowers are in loving memory of:

Mr. Lyle H. Fisher, Anne Fisher Green, Shirley Fisher Harris

## The Pulpit Flowers are in loving memory of Delmar E. Bowers

Text Giving

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

**Today is the third 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 third Advent Banner** today, conveys Mary's joy and her pondering of all that was happening because of the developing life in her womb. It reminds us that Advent is the time of preparation for us, also, as we prepare for the rebirth of God's Son in our hearts. The iris is frequently used as the symbol for Mary, the mother of Jesus. "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." (Luke 2:19)

**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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# News & Opportunities

## December 17-24, 2017

### Today's Schedule for Children

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

### Children's Christmas Pageant

Today at 11:15 a.m. in the Great Hall  
Pre-K through sixth graders will bring the story of Christ's birth to life through character roles and carols. All are Welcome!

### High School Youth

Today is the Christmas Party in the Youth Room! Come down after the service and have snacks, vote on ugly sweaters, and exchange white elephant gifts!

### Middle School Youth

Today is the Christmas Party in the Middle School Room! Come join the fun with a white elephant gift exchange and snacks!

**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.

**Women's Retreat - Save the Date:** April 6-8, 2018, Women's Retreat at St. John's Guesthouse in Collegeville. Our theme will be "Baptismal Waters" and Rev. Dixie Brachlow will facilitate.

### Traditional Tableaux Service

Saturday, December 23 at 5:30 p.m.  
The Christmas story is revealed through readings, carols and anthems, and tableaux vivants (living pictures) of nativity scenes. Childcare provided

### Tableaux Set-up and take down

Set up: 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](mailto:william.geery@gmail.com).

### 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 Ardan, with organist/pianist Sarah Garner. Cost: \$20.

### First Thursday Literature Series

January 4th, 10 a.m. in the Library. Topic: Maupassant's short stories "The Will" and "The Awakening." All are welcome. Joy Davis, Instructor

### Year-End Giving

If you are making a gift to HoH at year-end, please indicate what the gift is for, especially if you are making a contribution toward your 2018 pledge in the 2017 calendar year. Gifts for 2017 must be received or postmarked by December 31st, 2017.

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. 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.

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. To date we've received 264 pledges totaling \$836,654 or 66% of our pledge goal. If you've submitted your pledge, thank you for your contribution. If you haven't, there's still time to do so before the end of the year. Pledges allow the budget committee to understand what dollars can be allocated to programming, mission outreach and expenses in the 2018 budget. Thank you for the thoughtful consideration of your giving to House of Hope.

### **Week Beginning December 17, 2017**

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#### **Sunday, December 17, 2017**

- 9:00 a.m. Children's Pageant Practice, Great Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Baptism Class, Library
- 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. Children's Christmas Pageant, Great Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Middle School, Christmas Party
- 11:15 a.m. High School, Christmas Party
- 12:00 p.m. Kirk Club Lunch, The Manse

#### **Monday, December 18, 2017**

- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin deadline
- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 6:00 p.m. Loaves & Fishes - St. Matthew's
- 6:00 p.m. AA, Great Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Youth Room

#### **Tuesday, December 19, 2017**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, The Louisiana Cafe
- 6:00 p.m. Session and Trustee Christmas Party, The Manse

#### **Wednesday, December 20, 2017**

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 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 21, 2017**

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 1:00 p.m. Library Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, House of Hope
- 6:00 p.m. Third Thursday Group, Women's Advocates

#### **Friday, December 22, 2017**

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

#### **Saturday, December 23, 2017**

- 10:30 a.m. Memorial Service, G. Maruyama, Chapel
- 5:30 p.m. Traditional Tableaux Service, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Motet Choir Christmas Party, The Manse

#### **Sunday, December 24, 2017**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
Fourth Sunday in Advent  
David Van Dyke, preaching

#### **Christmas Eve**

- 7:00 p.m. Carillon Recital
- 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recital
- 10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service, Sanctuary

For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org).

## Christmas Memorials

**Christmas Tributes in memory or in honor of loved ones have been donated by friends and family of those named below. These gifts have been designated for the mission outreach of the church or for poinsettias used for decoration throughout the church.**

James Patrick Adams  
Teddy Altman  
Marina Anderson  
Navonne Nicholls Andre  
Behrouz Ardalan  
Margaret Ann Atmore  
Marian and Fred Bailey  
Mary Elizabeth Bailey  
Robert G. Behrens  
Emma Berg  
Marion and Gerhard Blomholm  
Peter and Flora Borenz  
Del and Marge Bowers  
Barbara Longyear Broderick  
Herman and Anna Louise Brooks  
Gary John Brouillard  
Jim Bruce Brouillard  
Loved ones  
Marion Calph  
Jean Campbell  
Elizabeth Campbell  
Margaret and Ray Charlton  
Mary Lyttle Christensen  
Virginia Lee Christensen

Olive Cooper  
Miles Cooper  
Mae and Mort Cravath  
Carol L. Damberg  
Mae and Harry Davis  
Beverly N. Deakyne  
Theodore and Annie Dismuke  
Dr. Jacob H. Dorn  
William and Mary Drever  
Gene and Sara Engelbert  
Elmer and Carol Engelbert  
Evelyn Buckner Floyd  
Ruth S. and James Freeburg  
Terry E. Freyholtz  
Donald B. and Sara A. Fulton  
Alfred M. and Lua B. Fulton  
Richard F. Germer  
Marion H. Germer  
Otis Godfrey, Jr.  
Ellen Goudzwaard  
Jean and Wally Hansen  
Gottlieb and Ingeborg Heidmann  
Marvin and Elaine Heuer  
Esther Hewitt

Lee and Dorothy Jamison  
Stephan Lee Jamison  
Mabel Jarvis  
Bill Kelly, Jr.  
Lindsay Jean Knutson  
Genevieve (Walsh) Kramer and  
Peter H. Kramer, III  
Rebecca Hai Yen Kramer  
John F. Lane  
Don and Wynne Longyear  
Christian and Alta Larson  
Gunnar Ljungkull  
Jon Ljungkull  
Ann, Ruth and Robert Lyon  
Lottie and Roscoe Lyon  
Helen and George Maruyama  
Harriett E. McCloskey  
George F. and Sara Mcl Amend  
Joyce and Harold Nicholls  
Catherine and Roy Nienhauser  
Mary Jacqueline O'Keefe  
C. Dale Olsen and  
Lorraine (Chellew) Olsen  
Lt jg Barry D. Olsen  
Byron D Olsen  
Marj and Fran Osteraas  
Brad Palecek  
Lois Parkman  
Justin Pearson  
Leonard and Louise Pearson  
Lisa Pearson

Molly Ann Pearson  
Vern and Beatrice Pearson  
Florence and Dr. Benjamin A. Pomeroy  
June and Dr. James Pomeroy  
Dr. Harold Pomeroy  
Margaret L. and Dr. Benjamin S. Pomeroy  
Benjamin A. Pomeroy  
Calvin Randolph  
Kathleen Rogers  
Albert A. Rosner  
Joseph Schwanebeck  
John Gavin Scott  
Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith  
Don and Loretta Smith  
Robert L. Smith Family  
Edward and Mary Snyder  
William and Marion Snyder  
Peter Snyder  
Chuck and Mary Ellen Stewart  
Barbara D. (Olsen) Stierna  
Irma and Harold Sunderland  
David C. Swanson  
Bruce Tulloch  
Alan and Coleen Vaught  
Martha and Arie Verhagen  
Dinh-Quang-Vinh  
John and Dorothy Warren  
Roland and Edna Wessel  
Peter Mark Westra  
Edgar H. and Valerie Muir White  
Mary Snyder Wilson

## On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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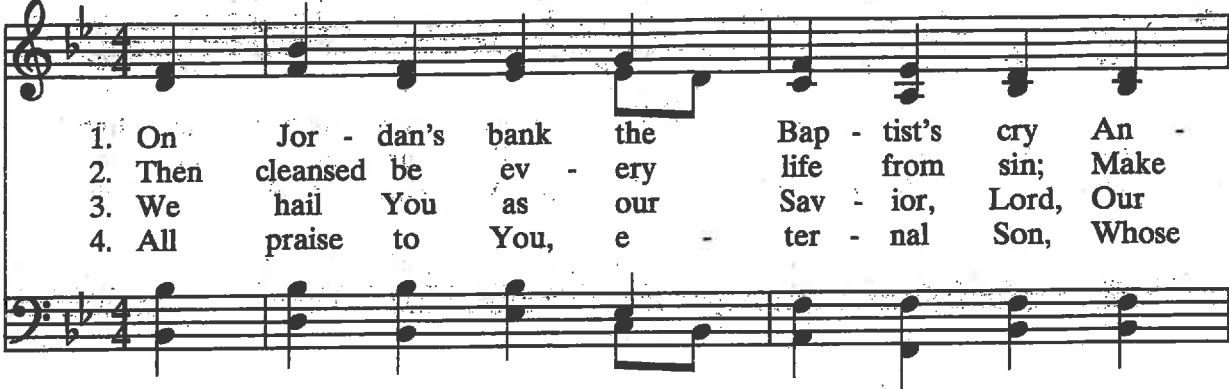
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Charles Coffin, 1736

Trans. John Chandler, 1837; alt.

*Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690

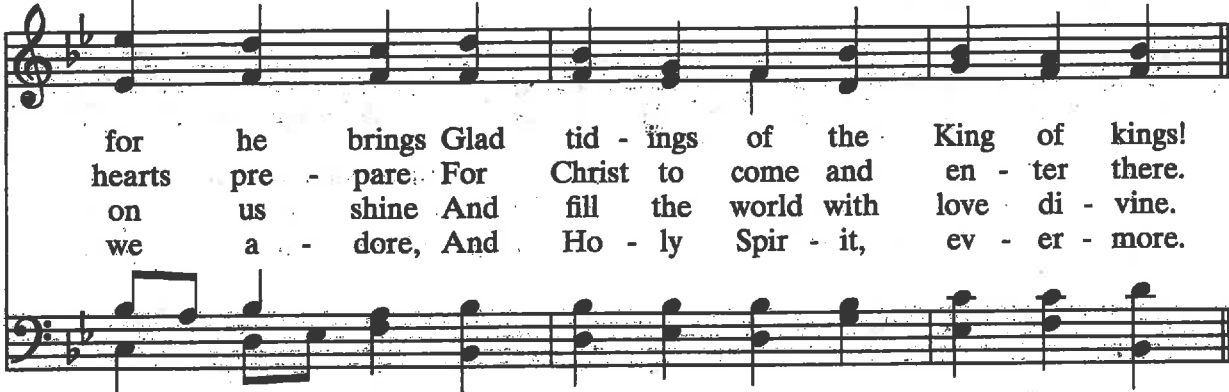
Harm. William Henry Monk, 1847; alt.



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -  
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; Make  
 3. We hail You as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our  
 4. All praise to You, e - ter - nal Son, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, And let us all our  
 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; O let Your face up -  
 ad - vent has our free - dom won, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 on us shine And fill the world with love di - vine.  
 we a - dore, And Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er - more.

## O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

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Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Trans. Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863; alt.

Melchior Teschner, 1614

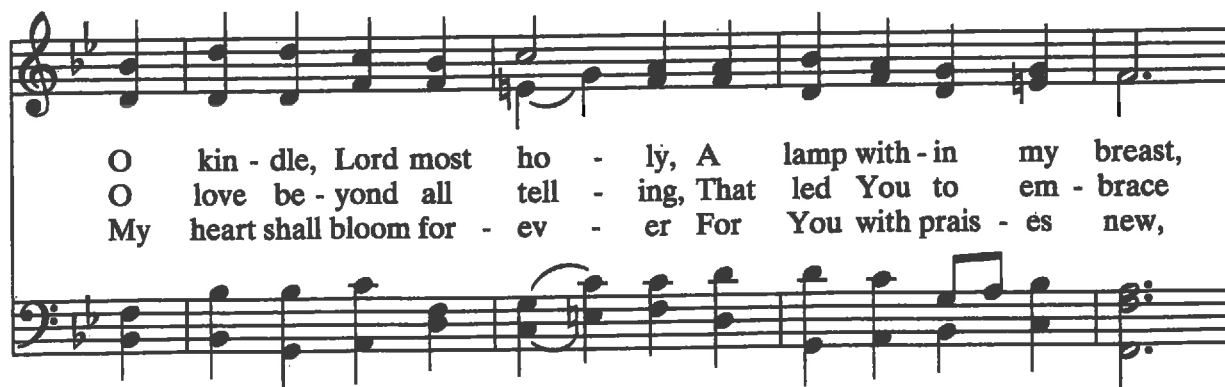
Harm. William Henry Monk, 1861



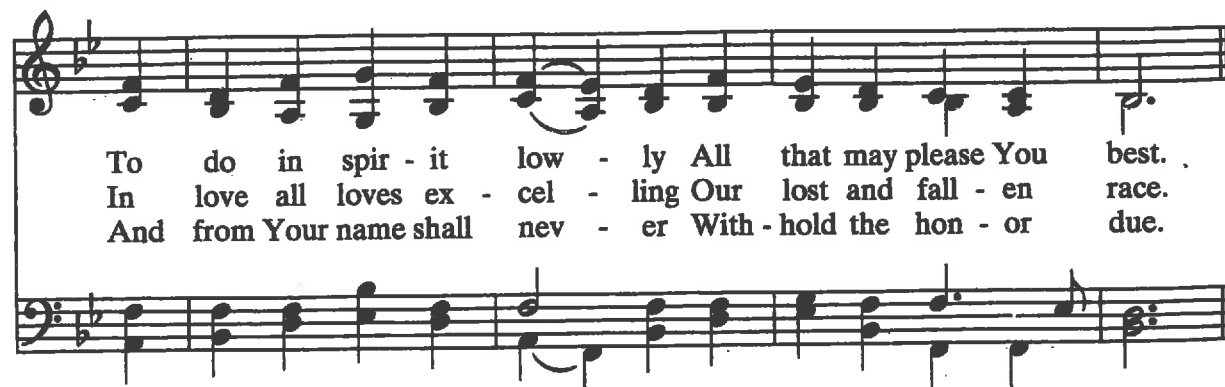
1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?  
 2. Love caused Your in - car - na - tion, Love brought You down to me;  
 3. A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high,



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!  
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.  
 That will not fail nor leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, A lamp with - in my breast,  
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace  
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new,



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.  
 In love all loves ex - cel - ling Our lost and fall - en race.  
 And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.

