THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God."

– Fred Pratt Green

Thanksgiving Eve | November 25, 2026 7 p.m.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Carillon Prelude Timothy Short, Carillonneur

Prelude

A Refined Reflection Stephen Paulus
Aaron David Miller, Organist

+**Opening Hymn 559**

We Gather Together KREMSER

+**Call to Thanksgiving** *(congregation reads the text in bold)* Rev. Dr. J. Michael Anderson

Let us give thanks for all God's gifts so freely bestowed on us:
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth, sky, and sea;
For all that is gracious in the lives of humanity, revealing the image of God;
For our daily food and drink, our homes, our families and friends;
For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve;
For health and strength, rest and play;
For valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice;
For the communion of saints, in all times and places;
Above all, for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.
All honor, praise, and glory to God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome

Anthem

Sing to the Lord of Harvest Healey Willan
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Conductor

Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A song of happy love.

By him the clouds drop bounty,
The deserts bloom and spring.
The hills leap up in gladness,
The valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with his fullness,
All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with goodness,
With plenty and with peace.

Heap on his sacred altar
The gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls he died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
When at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him
Who gave his life for all.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Psalm 126 (OT, pp. 572-573 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Anthem

Sing to the Lord of Harvest — Basque Melody, arr. Shirley McRae
St Cecilia and St Nicholas Choirs; Jessica Bandelin, Director

(see the first and third verses of the Motet Choir Anthem for texts)

Second Lesson

Matthew 6:25-33 (NT, pp. 97-98 in pew Bible)

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,
Thanks be to God.

Meditations — Kristina MacKenzie, Debby Fulton, Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 555

Now Thank We All Our God — NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

+ Affirmation of Faith — Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.
People are free to seek life within the purpose of God:
to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare,
to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers
for the fulfillment of human life.

Offering of Food and Funds

Please bring your food shelf items to the table. There will be an offering plate on the table to receive cash or checks which will go to support local food shelves. Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle.

Anthem

Christ in the Stranger's Guise — David Ashley White

I saw a stranger yester-e'en, I put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place, music in the listening place,
and in the sacred name of the Triune,
He blessed me and my house, my cattle and my dear ones.
And the lark said in her song: "Often, Often,
Often, goes the Christ in the stranger's guise."

+Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We cannot begin to express our gratitude to you, Giver of all, for your gifts poured into our lives. But let these offerings be used to bring hope, healing, and peace to all your children, so we may all give thanks to you forever.

+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.

+Closing Hymn 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come — ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

+Unison Benediction

Let us go out with joy and thanksgiving with a song of praise in our hearts. We will rejoice and be glad for God is good. May the love of God fill us to overflowing, the peace of Christ surround us, and the power of the Holy Spirit strengthen us, now and forever. Amen.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God — Sigfrid Karg-Elert

HOUSE OF HOPE

Clergy

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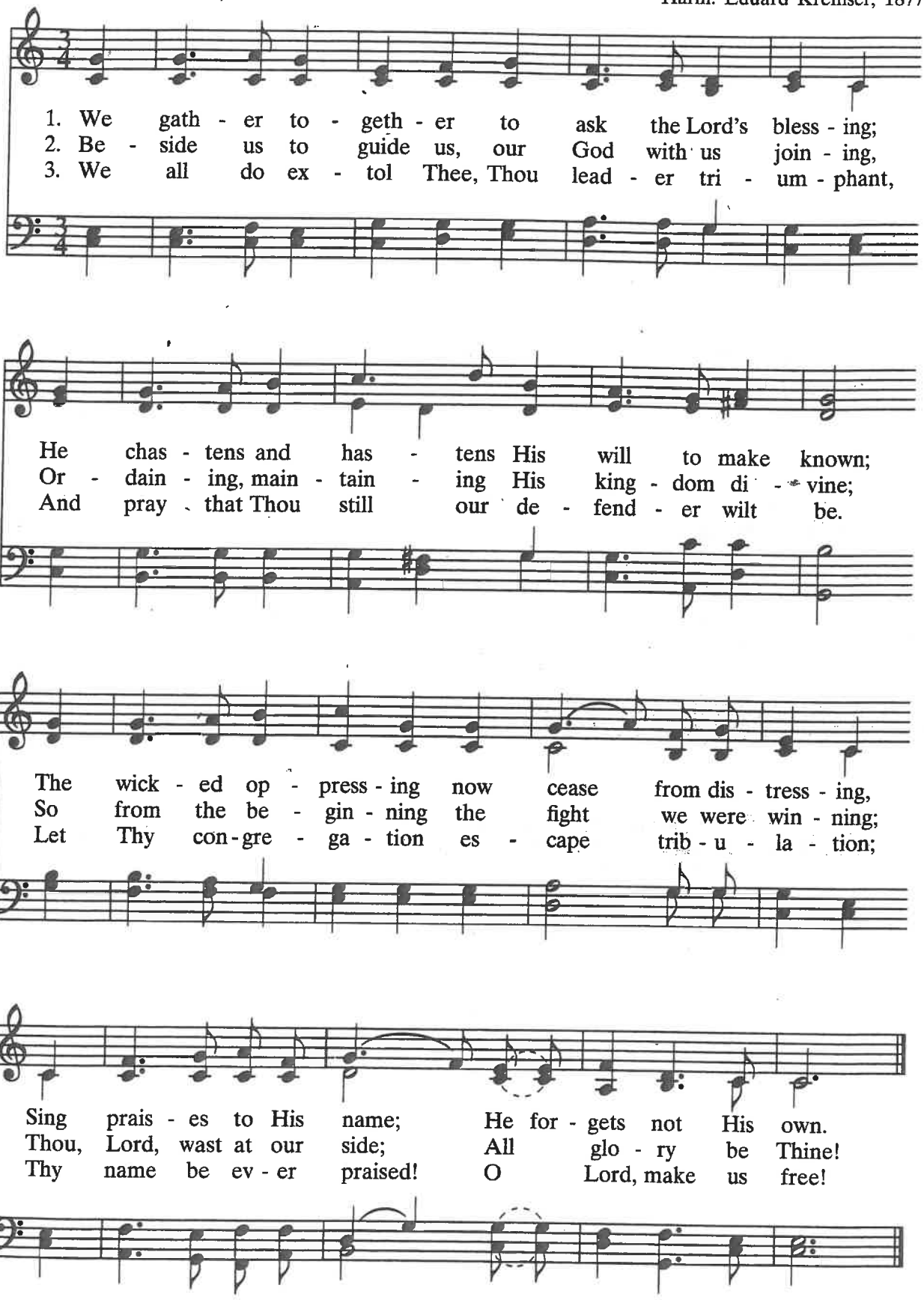
COVENANT NETWORK OF PRESBYTERIANS

We Gather Together 559

KREMSER 12.11.12.11

Netherlands folk hymn, 1625
Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck, 1626
Harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877



555 Now Thank We All Our God

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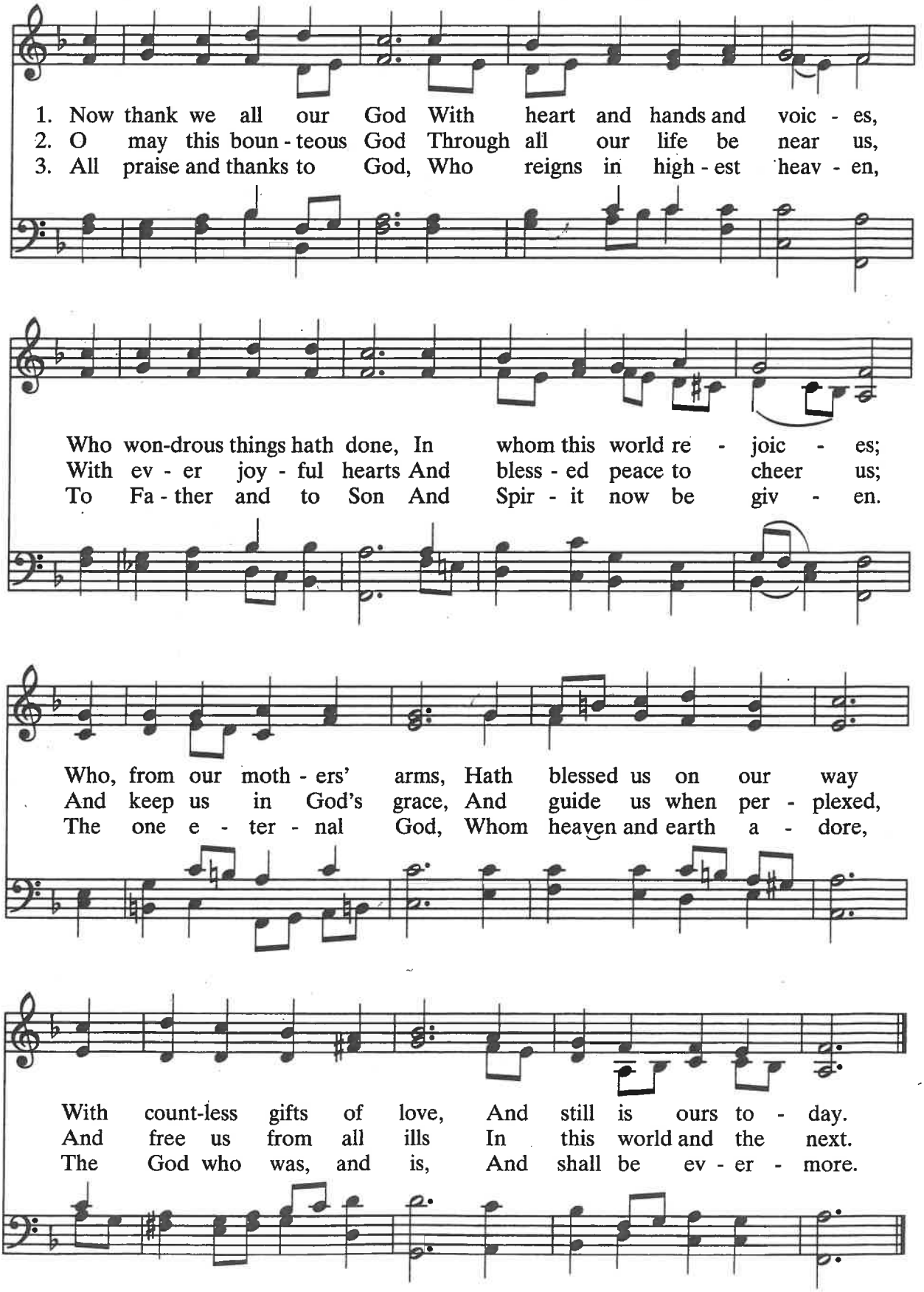
Martin Rinkart, c. 1636
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.
Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord,* 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648
Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang,* Felix Mendelssohn, 1840



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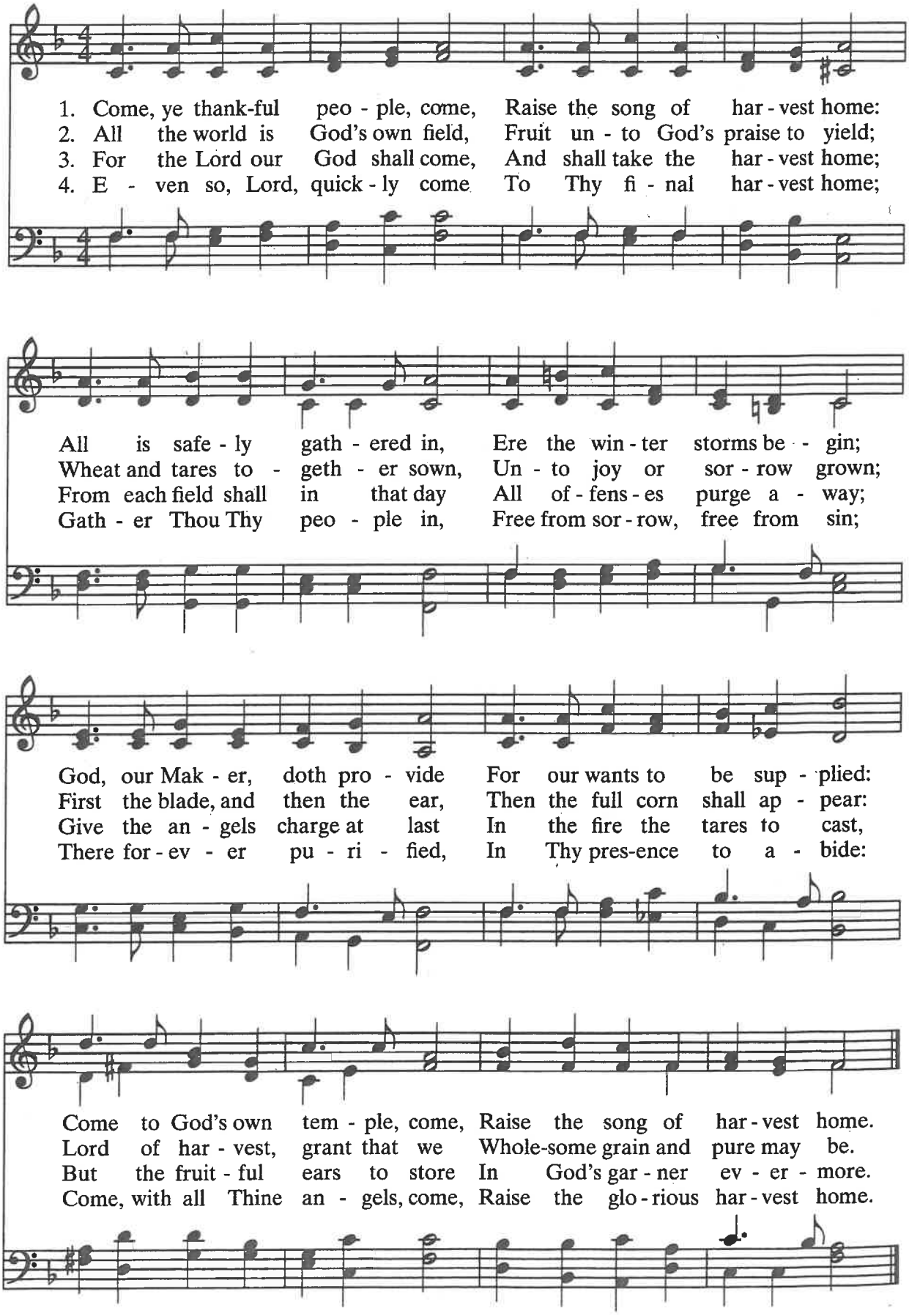
ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR 7.7.7.7 D

Henry Alford, 1844; alt. George Job Elvey, 1859



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT HOH

Sunday, November 29
The First Sunday of Advent
10 a.m. Worship with
Holy Communion

Sunday, December 6
The Second Sunday of Advent
10 a.m. Worship

11:30 a.m. Great Advent Bake-Off,
Great Hall

Sunday, December 13
The Third Sunday of Advent
10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Choir School Christmas
Concert: *Infant Holy,* Sanctuary

Saturday, December 19
5 p.m. Traditional Tableaux Service

The Christmas story as told through Scriptures, through lovely carols and anthems, and in the adaptation in tableaux, or "living pictures," of well-known paintings and familiar scenes of the nativity. *Childcare available for children under 6.*

Sunday, December 20
The Fourth Sunday of Advent
10 a.m. Worship

11:15 a.m. Christmas Carol
Sing-Along, Kirk Parlour

Thursday, December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Carillon Recitals
by Timothy Short

5 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Candlelight Services
The Motet Choir and Orchestra

Hymns, Anthems, and Carols with Organ and Orchestra
*The Journey to Christmas**, Jeffrey Van
(*World Premiere -7:30 p.m. service only)

(Childcare available at both services)

There is no service on Christmas Day.

Christmas Day Carillon Concert
Friday, December 25 | 3 p.m.
Carillonneur Timothy Short will present a concert of Christmas music.

Sunday, December 27
The First Sunday of Christmas
10 a.m. Worship
(No Nursery or Sunday School on December 27)

Sunday, January 3
The Second Sunday of Christmas
10 a.m. Worship

The season of Christmas is celebrated by The Bells of Hope with the annual
"Carols for Handbells and Harp"
The prelude begins at 9:45 a.m.

Visit hohchurch.org for livestreaming of the Advent and Candlelight Services.