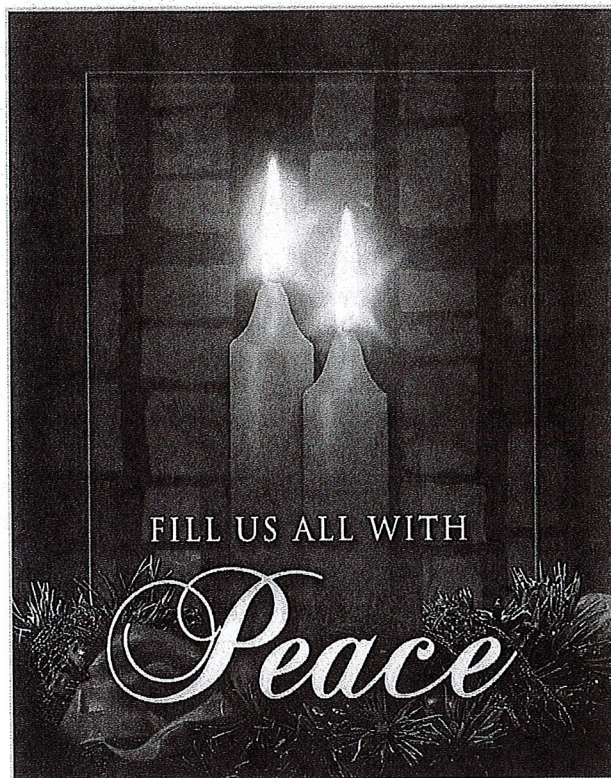


First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



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Organist Ayn Patrowicz

Order of Worship **December 4, 2022, 10am**
2nd Sunday of Advent

***Please stand if you are able.**

Prelude “He Shall Feed His Flock” by G.F. Handel,
arr. by Jan Sanborn

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

God of hope, you call us from the exile of sin with the good news of restoration; you build a highway through the wilderness; you come to us and bring us home. Comfort us with the expectation of your saving power, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

We light these candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Advent means coming.

We are preparing for the full coming of God’s kingdom:

‘The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.’

‘The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.’

Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

—from Isaiah 2:4; 11:6; 35:1-2

***Opening Hymn GTG#88** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
(vv.1-3)

Moment for All Ages

Anthem “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. by Roger Price

Unison Prayer for Illumination

O God, our beginning and end, by whose command time runs its course: bless our impatience, perfect our faith, and, while we await the fulfillment of your promises, grant us hope in your Word. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 3:1-12

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

3 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 2 “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” 3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.’ ”

4 Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild

honey. 5 Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, 6 and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming

wrath? 8 Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, 9 and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. 10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

11 “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Sermon

“Rejoice and See”

Hymn of Response GTG #92 “While We Are Waiting, Come”

Offering

***Doxology**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

O Mighty One, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions— that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

A voice is crying in the wilderness: let us prepare the way of the Lord. God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . Let us be a sign of your promised realm and make us ready to meet our Savior Christ when he comes again in glory. God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world . . . Make a way in the wilderness of this world. Bring justice and equality to every land and let all creatures know your saving love.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Send messengers of your way among us to kindle in us a passion for what is right and cleanse us from all corruption.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Let your tender mercy shine on them. Give light to those who wait in darkness and guide their feet into the path of peace.

God of our salvation, **hear our prayer.**

Prepare your way in us, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be glad when your reign of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

*Passing the Peace

*Closing Song #10 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

*Responsive Benediction

Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst.
May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace.

O Lord, give us peace.

Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary.
May his birth among us renew your hope.

O Lord, give us hope.

Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing.

O Lord, give us joy.

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Postlude

"And the Glory of the Lord" by G.F. Handel,
arr. by Cindy Berry

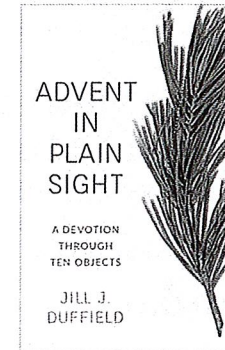
Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-

AV: Bill & Samantha Martz

Liturgist: Kathie Jacobs

Greeters & Fellowship: Clay Girouard

***Please join us after worship for Advent Book Study on the book "Advent In Plain Sight" by Jill Duffield, December 4, 11, 18**

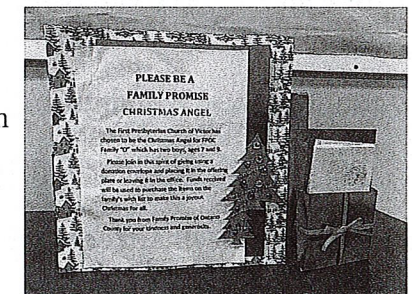


We are looking for additional singers to join the choir for our Christmas Eve service! Please contact Ayn if you are interested!



Readers are also needed for the Christmas Eve lessons and carols service. Please let Courtney or Pastor Nick know if you are interested in participating!

Family Promise Holiday Angels is where congregations "adopt" a family for the Holidays and provide clothes and toys for a family. We've adapted a family with two boys ages 7 & 9. Money collected will go to shop for clothes and toys. Between winter clothes and toys for two children, we hope to collect around \$300-400 to pay for everything. Once shopped and wrapped, we take gifts to the Day Center on Dec. 9th!





**Upcoming Church & Community
events to add to your calendars:
*details on each event in your eNews***

Church Calendar

- 2/4** 10am Worship w/Sunday School (Daniel)
11am Fellowship Hour, Advent Book Study,
 & Choir Practice

- 2/10** 8am Men's Breakfast
5-6:30pm Community Dinner (Pancakes & Sausage)

- 2/11** 10am Worship w/Sunday School (Jonah)
11am Fellowship Hour, Advent Book Study,
 & Choir Practice

- 2/13** 7pm Session Meeting

- 2/17** 10-3pm GV Handspinners
5-6:30pm Community Dinner (Baked Ziti)

- 2/18** 10am Worship w/Sunday School (Isaiah's Words)
11am Fellowship Hour, Advent Book Study,
 & Choir Practice

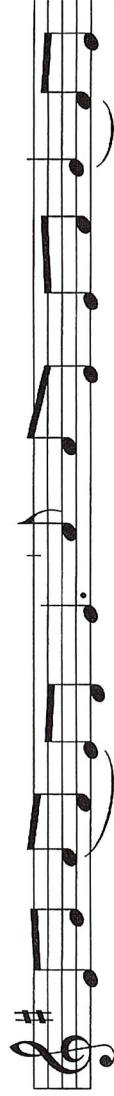
- 2/21** 1-2:30pm Blanket Squares Group

***Every Tuesday, 10am, FREE Panera on back porch
*No Sunday School 12/25 or 1/1***

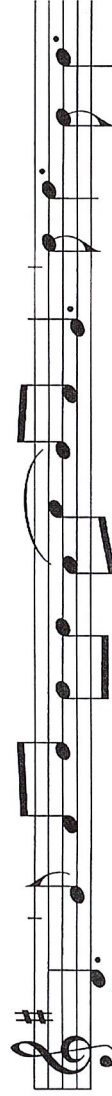
88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



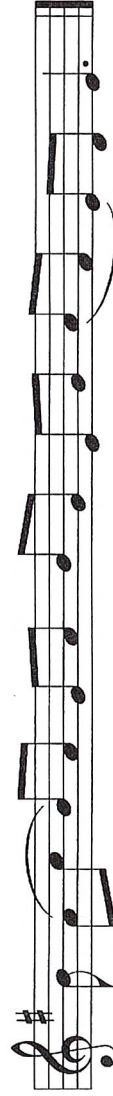
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come, 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
 and open wide our heavenly home; our spirits by thine advent here;
 make safe the way that leads on high, disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and close the path to misery. and death's dark shadows put to flight.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel. shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
 all peoples in one heart and mind;
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2) Dec. 20: O Key of David (5) Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)
 Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3) Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)
 Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4) Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

While We Are Waiting Come

Words by
Claire Cloninger

Music by
Don Cason

VERSE

F C⁷/G F/A B \flat ² B \flat Gm/B \flat D/A Gm Gm/B \flat

we are wait - ing, come; While we are wait - ing,
pow'r and glo - ry, come; With pow'r and glo - ry,
Sav - ior, quick - ly come; Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly

1. While
2. With
3. Come,

7 C² C F C/G F/A Fmaj⁷/A B \flat ²(#4) B \flat

come. Lord, Em - man - u -
come. Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u -
come. Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u -

12 Gm⁷ F/A B \flat ² B \flat /D F/C C⁷ F

-el, while we are wait - ing, come.
-el, while we are wait - ing, come.
-el, while we are wait - ing, come.