

## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you for the gift of your presence here this morning. We are so glad you have chosen to spend this time in this space. Please know you are invited to participate in any way that is most helpful for you. You are not expected to announce your presence, but you are most welcome to reach out to anyone here. You are invited to fellowship following worship and we would love to share a treat and a chat. If you would like to have us reach out to you in the days ahead, please fill out the yellow Visitor Card in the pew and drop it in the Offering plate.

If you are here with children, that is wonderful, and they are welcome too. Worship bags for children are available in the back of the sanctuary. After the service, please take the papers home but leave the crayons. The Infant Care Room, equipped so users can hear the service, is located at the top of the eastern stairs in the back of the sanctuary. Sunday School is offered during the worship service for youth ages 4 through grade 6, following the Moment for All Ages. You are welcome to join your child in the class, have your child remain with you during the service, or send them off to class.

It is good to have you here. Welcome.

# First Presbyterian Church IN VICTOR

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



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**Order of Worship**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**

**December 19, 2021, 10am**  
**\*Please stand if you are able.**

**Prelude** "Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. by John Purifoy

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Heather & Katie McAdoo

The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness.

**The shepherds were the first to hear the joyful announcement of Christ's birth—the good news of great joy for all the people.**

Upon seeing the baby Jesus, the shepherds spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed.

**We have also heard this wonderful news.**

**We welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.**

Though we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and even though we do not see him now, we believe in him.

**And we are filled with an expressible and glorious joy.**

**\*Opening Hymn #20** "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

**Unison Prayer of Confession**

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.**

**We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Every valley is lifted up; every mountain, made low. Now the glory of the Lord is revealed, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gloria Patri**

#579 Glory Be to the Father

**Moment for All Ages** A Christmas Poem presented by our youth  
*Allison Martz, Alivia Dorland, Jesse Dorland, Maggie Dorland, Mikaela Antonitto, Aspen Newstead, Avery Newstead, Rebecca Martz and Katie McAdoo*

**Unison Prayer for Illumination**

**Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Scripture Reading**

*Luke 1:39-55*

**Mary Visits Elizabeth**

39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, 40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. 43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. 45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." Mary's Song of Praise

46 And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

48 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; 49 for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

50 His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

51 He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

55 according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Sermon

“Lifting Up the Lowly”

Song of Response #600

“Song of Mary”

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

Gathered here, in the house of the Lord, let us pray for the coming of Christ’s realm. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer...**

Bring peace, O God, to the world you have made: the peace that passes understanding and the promise of your new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is coming in glory to reign.

\*Closing Song GTG#88

“O Come O Come Emmanuel” (v.1-4)

\*Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Alleluia!** Prepare the way of the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

“Variations on Hyfrodol” arr. by Benton Price

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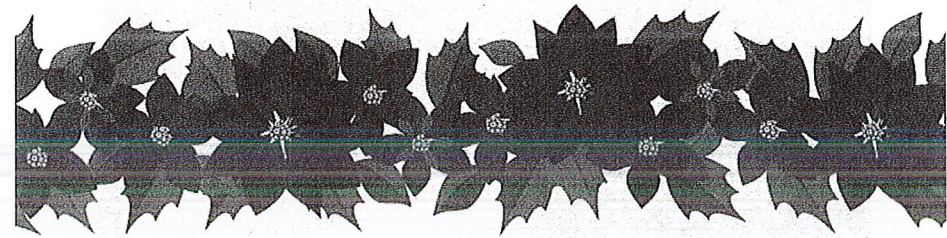
*Thank you to these members who are helping with worship today-*

*Liturgist: Larry Teel*

*Music Leader: Sue Toomey*

*Advent Candles: Heather & Katie McAdoo*

*Greeter & Coffee Hour: Barb Cromwell*



Poinsettias will adorn our sanctuary this Christmas Eve. We would like to acknowledge those who donated and those to whom they are dedicated.

*Sponsor:*

*In Memory Of:*

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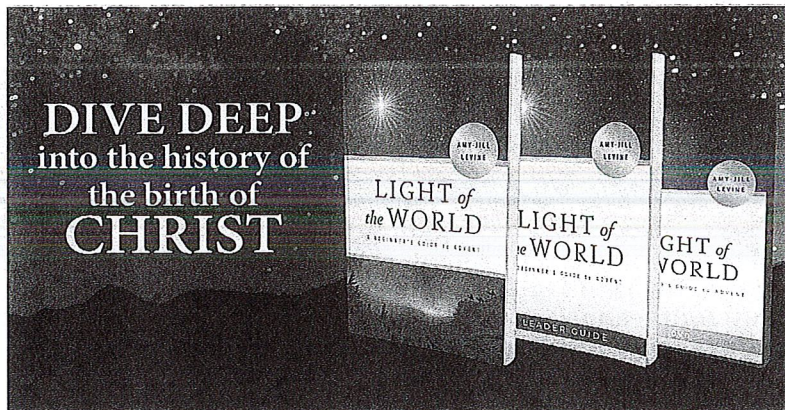
Robert Dreeste from the Dreeste Family

Larry & Kathleen Jacobs

Pearl & Lyman Straight

Barb & Rich Cromwell

Randy Mehlenbacher, Tom Cromwell, Aaron Cromwell



## Book Study: "Light of the World" by Amy Jill Levine.

4-week study, following Sunday worship, during the 4 weeks of Advent

"How much do you love the Christmas story? Have you ever wanted to know more about it, appreciate its significance for the first audience hearing it? Join our Advent book study "Light of the World" written by Jewish scholar and professor Amy Jill Levine. Amy calls herself the "unorthodox orthodox Jewish scholar" which is a fun way to say that she practices Judaism but teaches to and for both Jewish and Christian audiences. I appreciate her scholarship, humor, and the videos I have watched of her in this series and I cannot wait to join together in this study. Together with Amy and all of you, I believe we will grow in understanding, cultural and religious awareness, and our faith around these wonderful Christmas stories that are all about Jesus who is the "Light of the World."

**Last day of study: December 19, after today's worship**

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, December 19

10:00 am	Worship
11:15 am	Coffee Hour
11:15 am	Advent Book Study
7:30 pm	A.A. & Al Anon

### Monday, December 20

6:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
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### Tuesday, December 21

10:00 am	Free Panera
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### Friday, December 24

7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
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### Saturday, December 25

*Merry Christmas! Christ the Savior is born!*

Announcements and calendar of events can also be found in our weekly **eNews!**

### Winter Office Hours

Office: Monday- Thursday 9am-1pm  
office@victorpres.org

Pastor Nick: Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm  
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\*The "Quiet Room" is available for anyone feeling the need to go to someplace quiet with their child(ren) but don't want to miss out on the service to do so. The audio of the worship is on a speaker in the room and the window overlooks the sanctuary.

# Song of Mary

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*Magnificat*

MORNING SONG CM

Para. Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1813  
Harm. C. Winifred Douglas, 1940

1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God, My  
 2. My God has done great things for me: Yes,  
 3. From age to age to age to great things for who fear, Such  
 4. Love casts the might - y lov - ing cov - e - nant thro - nes, Pro  
 5. Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant Sup -

D $\flat$  E $\flat$ 7 A $\flat$  B $\flat$ m A $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$

heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my  
 ho - ly is this Name. All peo - ple will de -  
 mer - cy love im - mense parts, Dis - pens - ing jus - tice  
 notes the in - se - cure, cure, hun - gry spir - its  
 ports those in dis - tress, Re - mem - ber - ing past

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low - li - ness In man - y ways.  
 clare me blessed, And bless - ings they shall claim.  
 far and near, Dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.  
 sat - is - fed; The rich seem sud - den - ly poor.  
 prom - is - es With pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

*Guitar and keyboard should not sound together.*

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Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

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John Bowring, 1825; alt. 1972

Joseph Parry, 1879

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1. Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom-ise are.  
 2. Watch-man, tell us of the night, High-er yet that star as-cends.  
 3. Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn-ing seems to dawn.

Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, See that glo-ry - beam-ing star.  
 Trav - eler, bless-ed - ness and light, Peace and truth its course por - tends.  
 Trav - eler, dark-ness takes its flight, Doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.

Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore-tell?  
 Watch-man, will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?  
 Watch-man, let your wan - derings cease; Has - ten to your qui - et home.

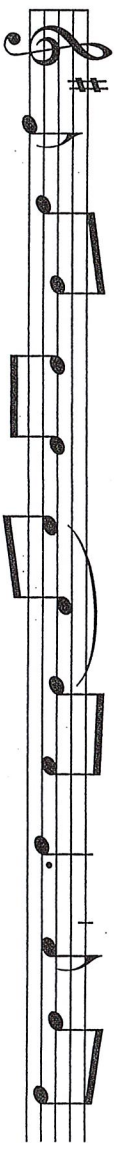
Trav - eler, yes; it brings the day, Prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
 Trav - eler, a - ges are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Trav - eler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is com-e!

\*May be sung antiphonally.

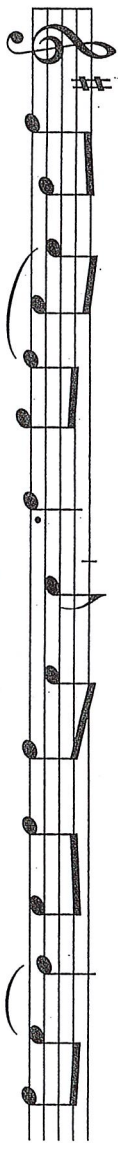
This tune in a higher key, 303

Alternate tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, 551

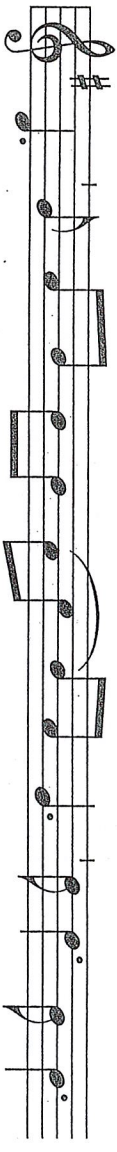
# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



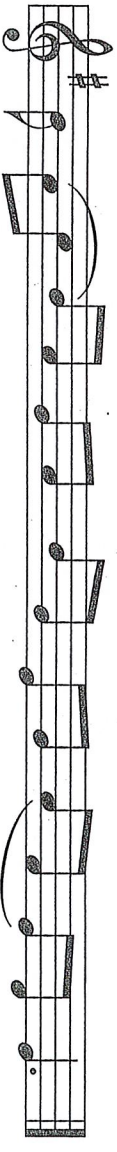
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



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.