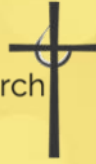


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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Third Sunday of Advent // The Tree of Jesse

December 11, 2022 // 10:00am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

GATHERING SONG #92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you.

RINGING THE BELL

***LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY**

One: The first candle is the candle of Hope.

All: We are waiting for our hopes to be fulfilled.

One: The second candle is the candle of Peace.

All: We are waiting for peace to be the way of the world.

One: The third candle is the candle of Joy.

All: We are waiting for our joy to be complete.

Sing: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly my hope is in you.
#89 Refrain 2X

One: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

All: Rejoice, for the light is near.

One: Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN** #88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 1, 5, 6, 7)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 51: A Psalm of David

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

~ *Time of silence.*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***PASSING THE PEACE**

ANTHEM

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

arr. Albert Zabel

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Soon and Very Soon

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the king (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 26-38; Luke 1:46-55

SERMON

The Tree of Jesse: Awaiting the Already

Rev. Linda Male

***HYMN** #140 *Once in Royal David's City*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator" or "Our Parent."

**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**

***HYMN** #93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

***BENEDICTION**

SENDING SONG # 350 *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

Worship Leaders: Rev. Linda Male, Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Chuck Norris,
Brass and Bell Players, Candle Lighters, Gary Smith, Darren Parker

Thanks to: Technical Support Team, Greeters and Ushers, Bus Drivers
and M&M Café Providers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Special Meeting of the Congregation // This meeting is being called for the purpose of electing incoming Elders and Deacons to begin February 1, 2023. The meeting is scheduled for **December 18** immediately after worship. Stay tuned for more details.

Adult Education // Tim Staal is teaching a class on the hymns of Advent. Join him in the Michigan Room after the service for great discussion and fellowship! All are welcome!

Christmas Joy Offering // Envelopes are available during Advent for the denominational offering for leaders past, present, and future. 50% of the offering goes to assist church workers who are in critical financial need due to illness or lack of resources. 50% goes to leadership development and educations for students of color at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges.

Ornaments for Outdoor Tree // The Worship Council put up a beautiful outdoor tree. This tree will serve as our congregation's Jesse Tree with ornaments being hung each day throughout December, but the tree is a little sparse. As we have done in past years, you are all invited to bring outdoor ornaments to decorate our tree and to bring some Christmas joy to the neighborhood!

Hat and Mitten Tree // As we prepare for winter, please consider helping others stay warm by bringing in new hats, gloves, and mittens to be placed on the Mitten Tree near the M&M Café.

Support Resilience // Presbyterian Women are collecting *new* and *unwrapped* underwear and socks for women and children who are often without the basics if they must flee domestic violence. Imagine the lift of new, warm socks, tees, and underwear this winter. **Resilience** is one of our longest mission support projects. Please bring your donations - any sizes are fine - to church and PW will deliver them. Thank you for your support!

Thank you! // Thanks to all who contributed creches which are now on display in the M&M Cafe. If you still would like to contribute your creche, please bring it to church and feel free to set it up or put it in the office.

Got pop cans? // Escape Ministries is still accepting returnable bottles and cans. They have collected over \$10,000 in cash. Simply pull in their parking lot at 202 East 32nd street and place your returnables in the trailer. Thank you for your support

The Women's Book Club // Meets this afternoon at 1p in the M&M Café.

Quiet Christmas Service - Thursday, December 15 at 7pm // // Do you ever want to simply unplug yourself from the Christmas scene - the advertisements, shopping, soliciting, and constant barrage of glitter and glee? Some prefer to celebrate Christ's coming in contemplation rather than cheer. For those who have recently lost a family member, a job, a dream, a quieter more intimate celebration can be a better "fit". Rev. Linda Male will lead this time of worship.

Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting Group // Meets **Monday, December 19** from 1-3pm in the Ontario room.

Save the Date // December 21 at 7pm - Our wonderful FPC Trio (Flute, Piano, Cello) is offering a short concert of holiday selections. An offering will be collected to support the denomination's Christmas Joy offering. A light reception will follow.



Our heartfelt condolences to our custodian, Jane Oosterhouse and husband Mike and family, whose son Joshua passed away unexpectedly this week. Expressions of care may be sent to: Jane & Mike Oosterhouse, 20 E. 30th St., Holland, MI, 49423.

Our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Joyce Waterman Markes, who passed away December 4, 2022. A service to celebrate Joyce's life will be held at 11:00am, December 16, 2022 (Friday) at Lakeshore Memorial Services, 11939 James St., Holland. Visitation will be from 6-8:00pm on December 15 and from 10:00am until the time of the service on December 16 at Lakeshore Memorial.



Advent & Christmas

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December 24 – Christmas Eve Services

6pm – A family celebration for all ages, children's pageant and FPC Choir.

11pm – A Service of Holy Communion and candlelight inviting Christ into our hearts and lives.

December 25 – Christmas Day Service

A link to a pre-recorded service will be emailed to you on Christmas morning. The link also will be posted on the church website and Facebook page.

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
 2 With power and glo - ry, come;
 3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
 with power and glo - ry, come.
 come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

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-joyce! Re-joyce!
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.

Once in Royal David's City 140

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

cat - tle shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a
 Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his
 us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak and help - less; tears and
 deem - ing love; for that child so dear and gen - tle is our

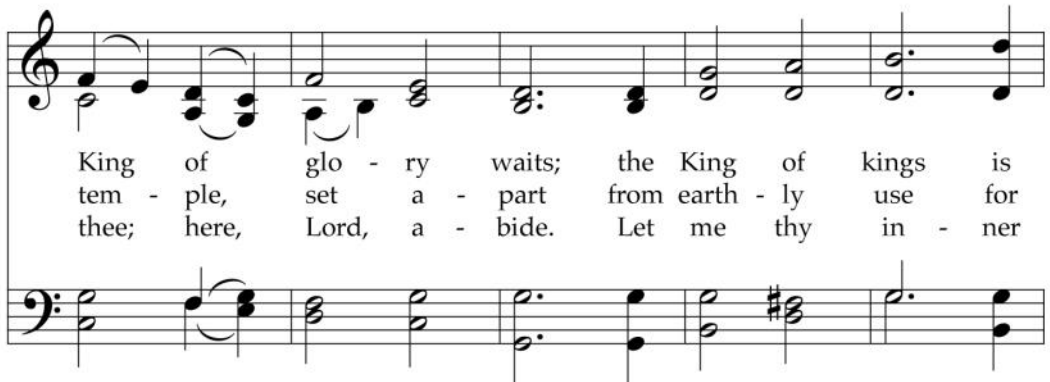
man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

mild; Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 on to the place where he is gone.

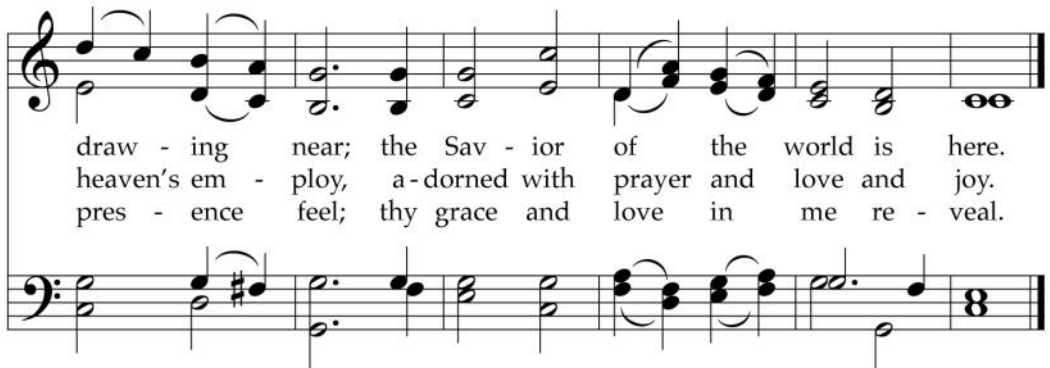
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bid. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning



1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
 2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
 3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
 4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery



lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
 faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
 climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
 round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes



trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

*Refrain*

Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;



chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.





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