

**Carmel Presbyterian Church
Second Sunday of Advent
The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
December 5, 2021**



We enter this church not as strangers, but as children of God.

Order of Worship

** Please stand, as able.*

*Congregation voices **Bold** responses.*

Greeting and Announcements – Pastor Peter

**Prelude – “Comfort, Comfort Now My People”,¹ Setting by John Leavitt
(Based on Hymn 3, Psalm 42)**

**Advent Wreath: Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace – The Abraham family – Denise, Evelyn and Audrey
Introduction (Spoken responsively)**

Last Sunday we lit the candle of hope. Today we light the candle of peace.

We light it knowing that peace is elusive, and in some places, it is almost completely absent.

Yet in this season of Advent, we trust that God is never absent from us. God is always preparing something new.

Where there is discord between countries, within families, or within our own hearts, God is present, leading us to new possibilities.

Scripture

Listen for the Word of God from Isaiah, Chapter 9, verses 6-7:

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Lighting the Candles of Hope and Peace

We light this candle to proclaim the coming of the light of God into our darkness. With the coming of this light there is *hope*.

With the coming of this light there is *peace*, for Christ is called the “Prince of Peace.”

His name is also Emmanuel, “God with us.”

His presence with us gives us peace day by day.

Advent prayer

Let us pray,

Eternal God, we thank you that through all the years you have given peace to your people. Help us to have your peace in our lives. We pray that, in this advent season, we may, by what we do, show your presence to the sick, the hungry, and the lonely, so that they too may have peace. Amen.

*** Call to Worship (Spoken responsively.) –**

Welcome today to this time of preparation.

Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.

Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.

Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn No. 13 – “Prepare the Way”² — (BERENDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN)**

Call to Confession –

Prayer of Confession (In unison) –

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. These times in which we live are often confusing and fearful. We are pushed to make preparations for a season which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. We find ourselves being on edge, fretful, wondering if we have done enough, can do enough. You answer our fears with your voice, "Peace, be still". Help us to hear you. Slow us down. Encourage us to take some time to listen rather than shout, to stop and rest rather than run. Cause us to look around at situations and people who are in need and to place our focus on helping them. For it is in helping your people and reaching out in love that we will find true peace. These things we pray, in Jesus' Name...

(A moment of silence for personal reflection & confession...)

Amen. Amen.

Sung Response for Advent – Hymn No. 1, Stanza 1 – “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”³ (STUTT GART)

***Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.***

Assurance of Pardon (Spoken responsively) –

Jesus said, "I am bringing you peace, not the kind of peace the world would give to you. My peace I give to you, now and forever." Be at peace. Know God's love is given for you.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*** Gloria – Hymn No. 23 (Refrain only) – “Angels We Have Heard on High”⁴ — (GLORIA)**

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*** Passing of the Peace (Spoken responsively.) –**

Here, in this space, our worship is made sacred by our shared lives and yearnings.

May we find new courage, new generosity of spirit, forgiveness given and received, and rededication to the higher purposes of our lives!

Let us begin by sharing Christ's peace.

The peace of Christ be with you.

(Remaining in your pew, greet one another, sharing God's peace now and throughout the week.)

Children's Message –

(Following the Children's Message, children third grade and below are invited to depart for Children's Worship downstairs in Carmel Hall.)

Unison Prayer for Illumination (In unison.) –

Eternal God, through long generations you prepared a way for the coming of your Son. In the power of your Spirit and through the giving of your Word, renew us in faith and hope that we may welcome Christ to fill our hearts, guide our thoughts, and claim our love. In his holy name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Reading –

The Old Testament lectionary reading is Malachi, chapter 3, verses 1-4. The Lord is like a refining fire; God's messenger will prepare the way. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

Look, I am sending my messenger who will clear the path before me;
suddenly the Lord whom you are seeking will come to his temple.
The messenger of the covenant in whom you take delight is coming,
says the Lord of heavenly forces.
Who can endure the day of his coming?
Who can withstand his appearance?
He is like the refiner's fire or the cleaner's soap.
He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver.
He will purify the Levites
and refine them like gold and silver.
They will belong to the Lord,
presenting a righteous offering.
The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord
as in ancient days and in former years.

*This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!***

New Testament Reading –

Our second reading from the lectionary is Philippians, chapter 1, verses 3-11. The work that God has begun will be completed at Christ's coming. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now. I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defense and support of the gospel. God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

This is my prayer: that your love might become even more and more rich with knowledge and all kinds of insight. I pray this so that you will be able to decide what really matters and so you will be sincere and

blameless on the day of Christ. I pray that you will then be filled with the fruit of righteousness, which comes from Jesus Christ, in order to give glory and praise to God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Gospel Reading –

The gospel reading from the lectionary is Luke, chapter 3, verses 1-6. In the wilderness John cries out: Prepare the way of the Lord. Listen now for the Word of God to you!

In the fifteenth year of the rule of the emperor Tiberius—when Pontius Pilate was governor over Judea and Herod was ruler over Galilee, his brother Philip was ruler over Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was ruler over Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas—God’s word came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. John went throughout the region of the Jordan River, calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. This is just as it was written in the scroll of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

A voice crying out in the wilderness:

*“Prepare the way for the Lord;
make his paths straight.*

*Every valley will be filled,
and every mountain and hill will be leveled.*

*The crooked will be made straight
and the rough places made smooth.*

All humanity will see God’s salvation.”

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Peter

“How Far Will God Go?”

*** Affirmation of Faith (Standing, and spoken in unison.)**

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.

For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God’s promise, the fulfillment of hope, the declaration that we have been redeemed.

Even so, we are not a naïve people.

**We know that the world in which we live
will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.**

We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.

We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.

But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end.

The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be.

And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever.

*** Hymn No. 3 – (Stanzas 1 & 3) – “Comfort, Comfort You My People”⁵ – (PSALM 42)**

Invitation to the Offering (Malachi 3, Luke 1) –

(Our hearts are open, and our ministries are continuing seven days a week. Your contribution or pledge payment sustains our presence as the church to the community—both local and global. Please place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the sanctuary, give online, or mail your offering envelope to the church office.)

**Offertory – “People, Look East”⁶, arr. Malcolm Archer
Sanctuary Choir**

*People, look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth, and set the table.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.*

*Angels, announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East, and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.*

*** Doxology No 592 – “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”⁷ (DOXOLOGY)**

*** Prayer of Dedication of Time, Gifts and Tithes (Luke 1; in unison.) –**

We delight in your love and salvation, Lord, there can be no greater gifts than these. We will gladly serve you in holiness and righteousness. We offer ourselves. We offer all that you have provided us. May it be used to bring your light to those who dwell in darkness. Prepare us and complete us, Lord. Amen.

The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

*** Communion Hymn No. 44 — “O Little Town of Bethlehem”⁸ — (ST. LOUIS)**

Invitation to The Lord’s Table (Responsive)

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God:

The heavens tremble and the mountains quake at your presence. Although we have forsaken you, you have never forgotten us: you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

Sanctus (Spoken in unison)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior. Christ Jesus is our grace and peace, the Word that we proclaim, the source of all our strength, and the giver of every good gift. In Christ's body, we have received fellowship with you, our God. Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Communion Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (Using "debts" and "debtors")

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Keep us awake until the hour of Christ's coming, when the sun and moon and stars will fall from heaven and you will gather up the faithful from the ends of the earth.

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever, who taught us to pray:

"Our Father, ... Amen."

The Words of Institution and Distribution of the Elements

(In-person worshippers are invited to come forward using the center aisle for bread and wine/juice, returning to your seats by the side aisles. An elder will place the bread in your cupped hands for you to partake of the bread; then, please move to receive the "red" wine (lectern side) or "clear" grape juice (pulpit side) from a pastor; and partake of the cup, disposing the cup in the container. Live-streaming worshippers may have the elements prepared nearby and partake along with those in the sanctuary. All who are baptized are invited to share in Christ's Table.)

Communion Music – "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"⁹ – David N. Johnson

Prayer After Communion

God our hope: we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. Strengthen us with this heavenly food as we seek to serve your holy realm. Lead us to live in joyful expectation of the coming again in glory of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn No. 8 — "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"¹⁰ — (TRURO)**

*** Charge and Benediction (Read responsively.) –**

Prepare the way.

We'll shine God's light wherever we walk.

Prepare the way.

We'll bring God's compassion wherever we go.

Prepare the way.

We'll live God's love with every step we take.

Chimes – (You may sit in silent, reflective prayer as the worship leaders recess.)

Postlude – “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”,¹¹ Wilbur Held

Announcements

Guests: You Are Welcome Here

WE CORDIALLY WELCOME those who are visiting today. **We are grateful** for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, mission and programs; we are happy to share our ministry with you. We'd like to get to know you. Please introduce yourself to a person nearby and be sure to join us downstairs in Carmel Hall for refreshments and conversation after worship! We hope your worship experience is meaningful and you will join with us again. Sign our guest book at the sanctuary entrance (or share your email/contact information in the offering plate for future worship and activities). We invite you to speak with a Pastor if you are interested in membership. A **Virtual Fellowship Time** is also possible on Zoom. And, restrooms are located down the long hallway just past the Church Office in the Education Building. Welcome!

THE FLOWERS IN OUR SANCTUARY this morning offer Glory to God and witness to the beauty of creation.

SPEND SOME TIME WITH CARMEL'S NEW AND GREATLY IMPROVED WEBSITE! It's here! Explore the wealth of information at www.presbycarmel.org. Lots of Carmel's photos—church events, stained-glass windows, groups for all ages, mission and community outreach, and much more. Easily find links for the current livestream worship, past services, the daily lectionary, or to send a prayer request or make a financial donation. New features include *Pastor's Blog*, with a welcome to the website message from Pastor Peter, a *What's Happening at Carmel* section, links to Carmel's local and area mission causes, easy ways to access *The Courier*, and detailed information about the *Carmel Nursery School*. Multiple access points are provided through a Navigation Menu Bar, and clickable photo links. Yes, there will still be a calendar. Clicking on the upper circular church photo will always bring you back to the Home Page. Carmel's website project team leaders Janet Simon and Kim Williams, along with fellow project team members Ken Schuyler and Rev. Peter Sulyok, have been hard at work with our website provider Worship Times since January, 2021, on this redesign and upgrade. Due to the Pandemic, we're shy of some photos, such as Christmas events and worship! Search your digital photo albums or take digital photos with your cell phone and send them to the Church Office. Did we miss anything that you'd like to see on the Carmel Website? Let us know!

YOUR STEWARDSHIP GIVING ENVELOPES ARE IN THE FLOYER READY FOR PICK UP! Please pickup your numbered **Stewardship Giving Envelopes** in the church foyer arranged alphabetically. If you need a yearly **Giving/Pledge Card**, they may be picked up near the **Offering Plate** as you enter the sanctuary. Please drop in the plate or return to the Church Office so for Session to finalize the **Church Budget 2022** for approval at its December meeting. Additional yearly giving/pledge cards are available in the Church Office. Thank you for your generosity in caring for others through your church family!

ADVENT IS HERE! – HERE'S HOW TO MAKE IT MEANINGFUL – The **First Sunday of Advent** was truly wonderful. Thank you for your generosity and warm-hearted presence. Please join us after church this week to mark the **Second Sunday of Advent** with a sense of **PEACE** and goodwill. We'd like to once again send you home with a warm to-go-lunch, pick it up at the kitchen door, let this small gesture from the **Congregational Life Committee** cross one thing off your to-do list on a busy December Sunday. Before you leave Carmel,

please take a moment to **Design an Ornament** (or bring one from home) for the **Tree of Peace**, located just around the corner from the choir entrance. You can add your ornaments at any time during the week as well. The trees representing each **Advent Sunday** look nicer and nicer as the season progresses. The **Prayer Wall** in the foyer is filling with **HOPE** this week—an idea Carmel members have been most appreciative of. Please add your prayers for **PEACE** this week.

Advent Mission Opportunity—If you would like to participate, the **Congregational Life Committee** will collect socks, underwear and thermals for **Homeless Veterans Inc.**, based in Willow Grove. This organization is ‘committed to promoting purpose driven lives among our nation’s finest men and women.’ The organizations we are supporting each week with your donations—

- **Hope** = **Lisa’s Army**, comfort items basket collection
- **Peace** = **Homeless Veterans Inc.**, socks, underwear, thermals (new in packaging, please)
- **Joy** = **Laurel House**, disposable diapers.
- **Love** = **Interfaith Food Cupboard**, ‘Baskets of Love’

Please join us for ‘**Cookies, Cocoa and Caroling**’ to put the finishing touches on the **Advent Trees** and the **Prayer Wall** at 4:00 pm on December 19, the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. We will support Interfaith’s “Baskets from the Heart” by collecting canned goods and non-perishables. This **Final Sunday of Advent** brings another opportunity for outreach. Please **WELCOME** friends and neighbors to Carmel at **Christmas Time**. Loving our neighbors is a wonderful way to celebrate the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**. Reminders and details will continue to be sent via all church email and Carmel’s FB page weekly. **Hope is Born, PEACE on Earth, Joy to the World, Love Came Down.**

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWER/MUSIC DONATIONS DEADLINE IS TODAY – DEC 5TH – In your bulletin is a form for **Christmas Memorial Flowers and Christmas Music Memorials**. **Dedications** can be made "in honor of" or "in memory of" a loved one. Poinsettias are delivered by Shepherds to Carmel family homebound members, those in nursing homes, and those who have recently suffered the loss of a family member. **Music Memorials** provide instrumental and vocal music to enhance our Christmas Services. The price of poinsettias increased by 47% this year; so, we appreciate your generosity in order to cover our costs for this thoughtful way to spread holiday cheer to our members. Please submit your donations to the office **TODAY** – the **deadline**. Thank you!

SANCTUARY DECORATING—PLEASE JOIN US TO PREPARE FOR JESUS’ ARRIVAL by progressively decorating the sanctuary for Advent. **Wreaths and swags** come first on Saturday, 11/27 at 10:00 am; then we’ll add the **trees and lights** on 12/4 at 10:00 am; and, finally the finishing touches of **candelabras and poinsettias** on 12/11 at 10:00 am. There will be music and good cheer to put us all in the Christmas spirit—come find your Joy. Attend one time, or come to all—the more the merrier! Use this link to sign up, so we know you’re coming: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME SING FOR CHRISTMAS! A Festival Choir for the Christmas season will be preparing for the annual **Candlelight Carol Service** on Sunday evening, December 12 and the 9:00 PM **Christmas Eve Service**. The choir is made up of youth and adults from the Carmel choirs and members and friends of the congregation who enjoy singing but who cannot commit to weekly rehearsals year-round. Come and sing for this special festive Christmas season. Rehearsals will be on Thursdays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 7:30 PM in the church sanctuary. We hope you can join us! Please tell Abby you are coming so a folder of music will be ready for you!

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SERVICE TO BE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021 AT 7:30 PM. Christmas cheer begins early with the Candlelight Carol Service with music from all of Carmel's choirs, soloists and handbell ringers. Congregational singing of beloved carols and scripture readings will add to our preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus once more into our lives this Advent. Nursery Care will be available. Spread the word to all your family and friends as we restore this in-person special time of worship and praise!

CARMEL IS HAPPY TO PROVIDE FOR THE YOUNG MEMBERS of our congregation by offering **Nursery Care and Children's Worship** (third grade and below) during the Sunday 10:00 am worship service. They are being led by two of our committed and dedicated volunteers, **Marleen Heintz for Nursery Care and Melissa MacFarland for Children's Worship**. At this time, we request that if you desire nursery care for your child during Sunday worship, ***please call the Church Office by Friday noon***, so that the nursery is staffed. Children's Worship will meet in Carmel Hall for larger spacing and does not require reserving ahead. Children from Grades K-3 leave the Sanctuary after the **Children's Message**. We welcome our young families, either in person or in virtual worship. Any questions may be addressed to Janet Simon, Christian Education Committee chair; Marleen or Melissa.

CARMEL YOUTH GROUPS OASIS AND REFUGE & CONFIRMATION CLASS NOVEMBER DATES: **Refuge** will meet on designated Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30 pm, in person, in Carmel Hall and welcomes all in grades 3-8. Safety protocols will be followed with dinner and a rotating activity each week: service or craft project, Bible lesson, gym or game room activity and monthly special activities. **Oasis** meets next on TBA, 7:00 pm in the Loft and welcomes all in grades 9-12. Join in the Fellowship and, as always, friends are welcome. The **Confirmation Group** meets Sundays at 9:00 am in the Loft.

MUSICAL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT: Please mark your calendars for Choir Rehearsals!

- Children's Choir, for anyone in Grades K-2 is held Wednesdays from 5:00 PM -5:40 PM.
- Junior Choir, for anyone in Grades 3-8 is held Wednesdays, from 5:45 PM to 6:30 PM.
- Youth Choir, for anyone in Grades 9-12 is held Sundays from 11:15 AM to 11:45 AM.
- Sanctuary Choir, for anyone in Grades 7-adult is held Thursdays from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Handbell Choir, for anyone in Grades 6-adult is held Mondays from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

All safety measures will be followed as set up by the CDC, state and local governments. Please contact Abby Palmisano if you have any questions. Hope to see you soon.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING GROUP STUDY LED BY THE SENIOR PASTOR Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 am, Fellowship Lounge will take a "pause" during Advent and Christmas and resumes in January. Talk with Pastor Peter about what you would like to take up for study and if you'd like to meet during the week. The group is considering adding a new class time during the week to involve those who are unable to make the Sunday morning class.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP SUPPLIES, HEARING DEVICES, LARGE PRINT BIBLES and ORDERS OF SERVICE are available from the Ushers.

WORSHIPING IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – All are requested to wear masks at all times and practice social distancing at your and other's comfort levels during worship and when inside the church facilities

SIGN-UP TO HELP WITH WORSHIP – EACH SUNDAY WE HAVE several spots you can assist. We are not all we can be without you sharing your gifts as a volunteer! Speak with a pastor or sign-up on-line here: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY IN WORSHIP; CELEBRATE COMMUNION THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! **Live Streaming Worship** continues on YouTube, via Zoom on the phone and on Zoom for virtual fellowship following worship for those unable to attend in-person worship due to health comfort levels or travel situations. See below!

Participating in Worship this Morning

Peter Sulyok, Transitional Senior Pastor

Ashley B. Rossi, Associate Pastor

Abigail Vander Hart Palmisano, Organist and Director of Music

Deb Gates, Liturgist

The Sanctuary Choir

The Abraham family - Denise, Evelyn and Audrey, Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

George Brecht, Greeter/Ushers

Beth Cherry and Margie White, Shepherds

Walt Newman, Chancel Preparation and Emergency Procedure (CPEP) Member

Gary Moll and Jay Raulinaitis, Live-Streaming Operators

Welcome to Sunday Morning Worship (Also, live streamed at 10:00 am)

YouTube (Carmel Presbyterian Church Glenside) at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2KnjuJryWjVkrJlIDvsRw>

Those without Internet access may phone in via the Zoom phone link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8428511409> and Meeting ID: 842 851 1409

“Virtual Fellowship Time” may be accessed on Zoom only after the service ends.

Signup to Help with Worship!

Each Sunday we have several spots you can assist. Click here:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/904094ca8a62aa6f49-worship>

For those Participating and Facilitating in Worship

By attending in-person worship at Carmel Presbyterian Church you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and variants and voluntarily assume the risk that you and your family may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. You also acknowledge that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 and its variants may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of yourself and/or others, including, but not limited to, church employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families. You agree to assume all the foregoing risks, waive liability against Carmel Presbyterian Church and church employees, contractors, volunteers, members, and participants and their families, and accept sole responsibility for any illness, injury, disability, or death to you or your family, including all claims that may arise resulting from any of these.

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Prepare the Way

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

Frans Mikael Franzen (1771-1847)

Adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980; alt. 1989

*Then Svenska Psalmboken, 1697*Arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal, 1930*

1. Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, Your Christ is draw - ing near!
2. Christ brings God's rule, O Zi - on; He comes from heaven a - bove.
3. Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; Your Sav - ior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley A lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, And jus - tice, truth, and love.
 And tid - ings of sal - va - tion Pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, For grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, Their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



Refrain

ADVENT

O blest is Christ that came In God's most ho - ly name.

The musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The middle and bottom staves are piano accompaniment, with the middle staff in treble clef and the bottom staff in bass clef, both sharing the one sharp key signature. The piano part features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

♩ = 63-69

CHRISTIAN YEAR

ADVENT

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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STUTTGART 8.7.8.7

Charles Wesley, 1744

Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715; alt.

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy peo - ple free;
2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a King,
4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;

From our fears and sins re - lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL, 2

Angels We Have Heard on High 23

French carol

GLORIA 7.7.7.7 with refrain

French carol

Trans. James Chadwick (1813-1882); alt.

Arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937

1. An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet-ly sing-ing o'er the plains,
 2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy-ous strains pro-long?
 3. Come to Beth-le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;

And the moun-tains in re-ply Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 What the glad-some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heaven - ly song?
 Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.

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ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Comfort, Comfort You My People

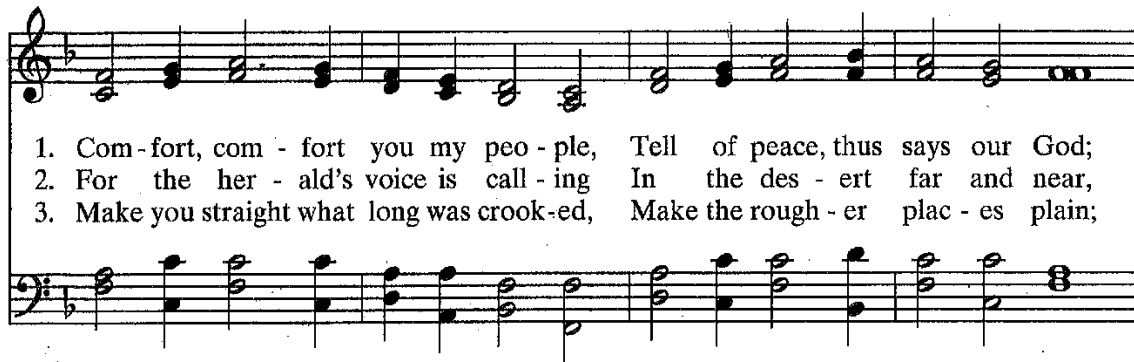
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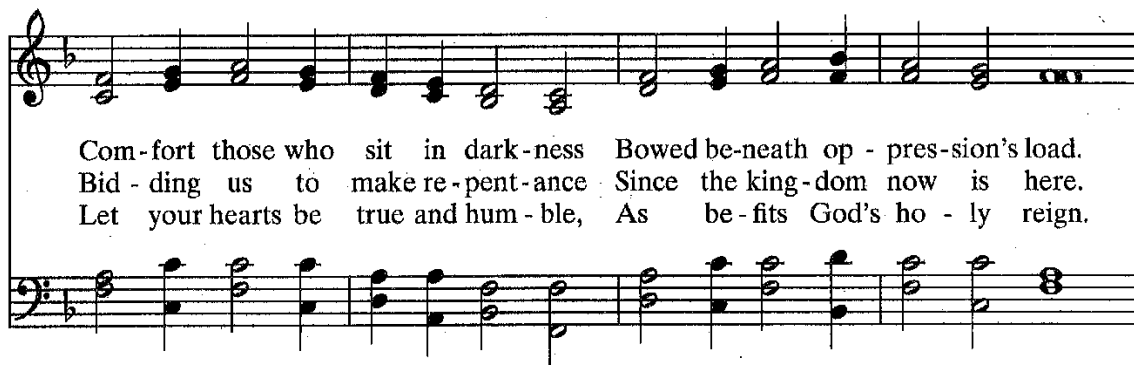
Johannes Olearius, 1671

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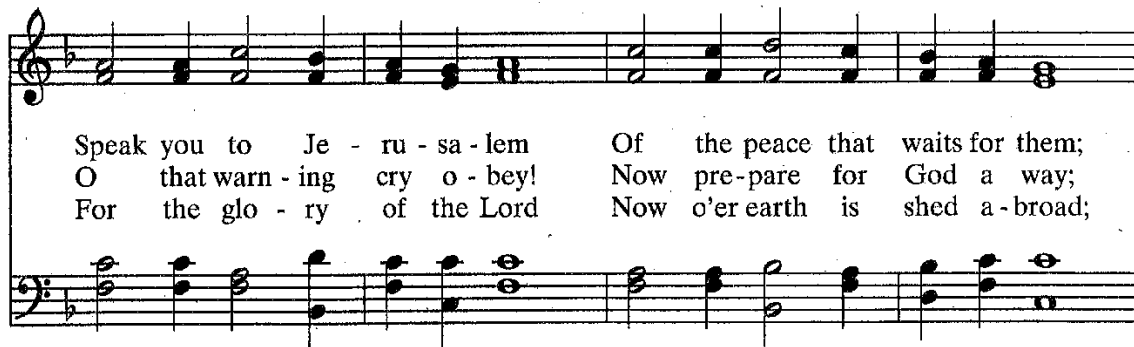
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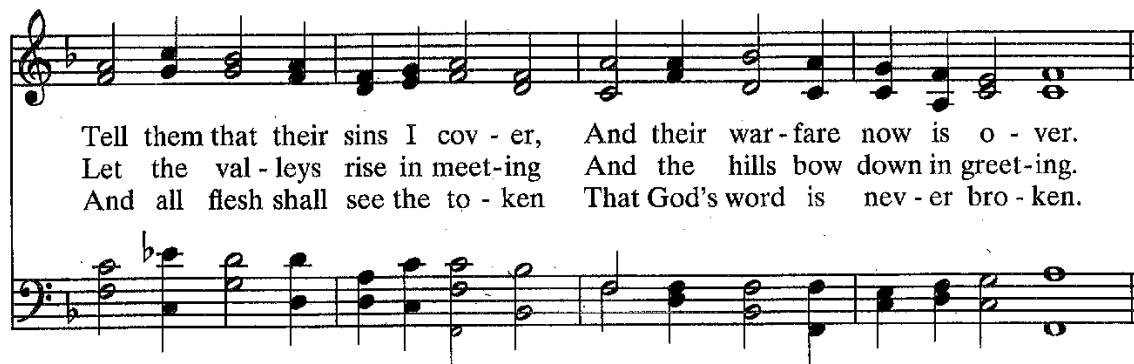
1. Com - fort, com - fort you my peo - ple, Tell of peace, thus says our God;
 2. For the her - ald's voice is call - ing In the des - ert far and near,
 3. Make you straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er plac - es plain;



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Bowed be - neath op - pres - sion's load.
 Bid - ding us to make re - pent - ance Since the king - dom now is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



Speak you to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 O that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, And their war - fare now is o - ver.
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing And the hills bow down in greet - ing.
 And all flesh shall see the to - ken That God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

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592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709

Genevan Psalter, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise *Him, all crea-tures

here be-low; Praise *Him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host;

Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

* Or "God."

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6

Phillips Brooks, 1868

Lewis Henry Redner, 1868

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie!
 2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry; And gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is given!
 4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by.
 While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won - dering love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of His heaven.
 Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.

Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear His com - ing, But in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
 Where meek souls will re - ceive Him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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 - bide. 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.

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