

Gilead Presbyterian Church December 4, 2022, 10:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, ability, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" trad. French carol Gilead Bell Chimes arr. by Martha Lynn Thompson

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Benjamin Warren

Leader: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

People: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Leader: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

ALL: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

(The people sing:)

(Purple Hymnal #92)

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come. Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.



*PURPLE HYMNAL #88 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" 1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

6. O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER, 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 seek our own comfort above all; we ignore our neighbors in need; we embrace the lies of culture and earthly powers; and we 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. SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA, from "Angels We Have Heard on High" Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

THE PEACE OF CHRIST Leader: Peace be with you. **People: And also with you.**

ANTHEM

"Canticle of the Turning" Gilead Singers; John Vangor, guitar Irish Melody

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Light two candles, Christ is coming—Christ, the Light of the world! Light two candles, Christ is coming! Christ is coming soon! The children are dismissed to Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God of our Savior Jesus Christ.⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the chosen people on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to them, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for showing Divine mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰ and again it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with God's people"; ¹¹ and again, "Praise God, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples praise God"; ¹² and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in Chosen One the Gentiles shall hope." ¹³ 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. Romans 15:3-13

¹³ Now after the wise men had left Bethlehem, an angel of the Almighty appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷ Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." ¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord

suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean." *Matthew 2:13-23*

SERMON

"Y'all Come"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

*PURPLE HYMNAL #105 "People, Look East" 1. 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.

2. 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.

5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. 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.

THE OFFERING OFFERTORY

"The Wexford Carol" Renae Lent and Mariah Warren, recorders

English & Irish

*SONG OF PRAISE Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

All who wish may receive Communion. The congregation will be invited to come forward to receive the elements, but for those who wish, elements will be brought to them. For those joining virtually, all are invited to partake of bread and wine, or any substance that feels appropriate; or prayerfully take in the sacrifice of the Lord symbolically.

INVITATION, PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP John Vangor, guitar PASTORAL PRAYER, **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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*PURPLE HYMNAL #133 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the King of angels! Refrain: O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

*BENEDICTION "Go Now in Peace" Go now in peace, go now in peace, Shalom, shalom! And serve the Lord, and serve the Lord, Shalom, shalom! Shalom, chaverim, Shalom, chaverim, Shalom, shalom! Lehitraot, lehitraot, Shalom, shalom!

CLOSING MUSIC	"Fling Wide the Doors"	German
	Juergen Tempel, cello	by Weissel, Freylinghausen
		& Geistreiches Gesang-Buch

*Please stand, if you are able.

Thank you to our videographer today, Stephanie Gould.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Currently serving Elders and Deacons meet briefly for their annual gathering after worship this morning.

- ► The December mission is our Adopt-a-Family for Christmas. Please see the bulletin boards in the lounge.
- ▶ Join us Wednesdays on Zoom at 8:30 a.m. for prayer and 7:30 p.m. for Bible Study. The link is in the weekly email.
- ▶ This morning, December 4, Bell Ringers rehearse at 8:45, and Singers at 9:10.
- ▶ Next Sunday, December 11, Singers rehearse at 9:15.

See Pastor Martin to reserve a Christmas poinsettia in honor of a loved one. Cost will be \$16.

Advent/Christmas Countdown:

Sunday, Dec. 4 – International Heritage Sunday—share how they say "Merry Christmas" in the language of your forebears! Also, bring cookies for the youth to exchange.

Sunday, Dec. 11 – Come sing carols in worship and learn about the history of caroling. Saturday, Dec.17 – 3pm Christmas Caroling to the homebound; party to follow at Mary's, 6ish. Sunday, Dec. 18 – Nativity Pageant Sunday. Support the young people as they present their pageant, and bring your favorite nativity or Christmas decoration to share on display in the lounge. Also, enjoy the Bake Sale—bring something, buy something!

[†] We accept offerings through the "Online Giving" link on our website, www.gileadchurch.org, or mail checks made out to Gilead Presbyterian Church. 9 Church Street, Carmel, NY 10512. Or give elsewhere if you see a need. In doing so, we brighten the world, and brighten our hearts. GIL FAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Israeli melody

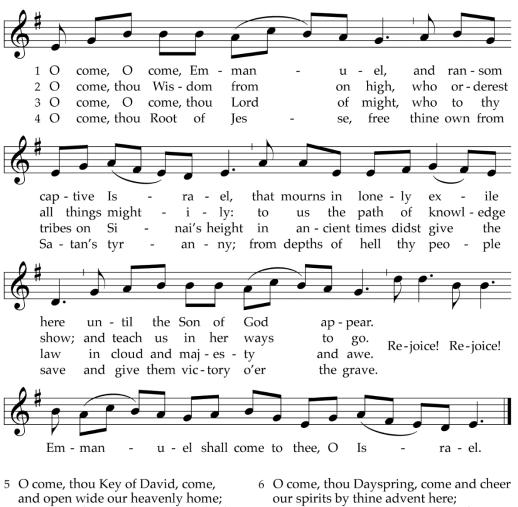
JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT



This simple and meditative Advent hymn is so uncomplicated in both text and tune that it can be learned quickly and sung without reference to a book, which might make it effective as a prayer response. It would also lend itself to improvised stanzas on appropriate occasions.

WAITING (Cason) SM JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

8 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



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

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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. 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.

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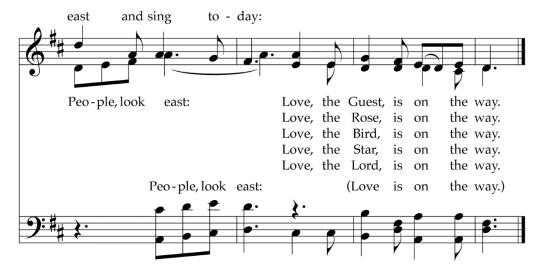
Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

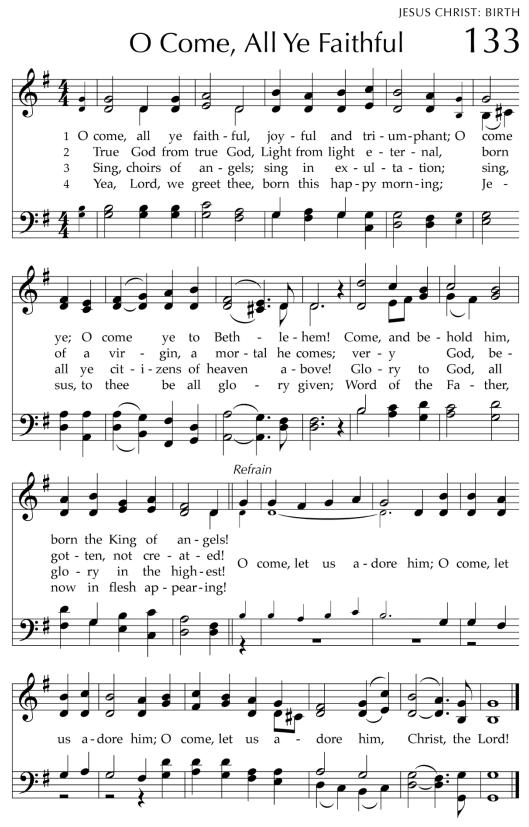
JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT 05People, Look East 1 Peo - ple, look east. The the time is near of glad. Though earth 2 Fur - rows, be more is bare, one 3 Birds, though you long have ceased build, guard the to the watch. When night 4 Stars, keep is dim one more with shouts 5 gels, an - nounce of mirth Christ who An Make your house fair you crown - ing of the year. as are is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed seed to E - ven the nest that must be filled. hour when wings are light shall brim, shin - ing the the bowl be - yond frost - y brings new life earth. Set ev - ery peak val - ley to and Peo-ple, look ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. a nour - ish, that course the flower may flour - ish. in fro - zen God for fledg - ing cho - sen. time has weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. hum - ming with the word, the com - ing. Lord is

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

BESANÇON 8.7.9.8.8.7

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT





From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

TEXT: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, alt. MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular