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**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**10:00AM**

**Second Sunday of Advent  
Lessons and Carols**

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Prelude on 'Forest Green'

Richard Purivs

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.*

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.*

*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)*

*Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

In the midst of darkness; in the midst of chaos; in the midst of lifelessness, God created all things and brought forth light from the dark, order from chaos, and life from death.

**Glory be to the Father who by His almighty power and love created us and made us in the image and likeness of God.**

In the midst of exile; in the midst of oppression; in the midst of the powers of this world, God was born as one of us in order to bring us home, in order to free us, in order to heal us and show us we are His and all powers, dominions, and might belong to Him.

**Glory be to the Son who by His birth has brought peace, hope, joy, and love into all the world.**

In the midst of history; in the midst of our own space and time; in the midst of our realm and reality, God reigns in glory and has made us to be a kingdom of priests, serving God and one another in Faith, hope, and love.

**Glory be to the Holy Spirit who has saved us and made us the Church, and is preparing us for life with God, forever.**

## Opening Prayer

### Lighting the Candle of Peace

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

As the Lord has promised, in days to come “the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, **the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together, and a little child shall lead them.**”

We light these candles in peace and hope for all nations, all peoples, all tribes, and all creation.

Let us pray. God of grace, ever faithful to your promises, the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior’s coming and looks forward with longing to his return at the end of time. Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes, for he is Lord forever and ever. **Amen.**

### \*Carol GTG #140

Once in Royal David’s City  
vv. 1,2&4

### Gospel Praise

Jesus Is The Light Of The World  
Gospel Choir

### Lesson One

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

### Anthem

What Adam’s Disobedience Cost  
Gospel Choir

arr. Emily Brink

### Lesson Two

Genesis 22: 15-18

### Anthem

I Wonder as I Wonder  
Chancel Choir; Carol Tallieu, flute obligato

arr. Keith Christopher

### Lesson Three

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

### \*Carol GTG #87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

### Lesson Four

Isaiah 11: 1-3a, 4a, 6-9

**Anthem**                                      Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming                                      arr. Edmund Hughes  
Chancel Choir

**Lesson Five**                                      Luke 11: 26-35; 38

**\*Carol**                                      Gabriel's Message

**The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," said he, "O lowly maiden Mary,"**

***Refrain:* Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

**"For know a blessed mother you shall be.**

**All generations praise continually,  
Your Son shall be Emmanuel by seers foretold."**

***Refrain***

**Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:**

***Refrain***

**Lesson Six**                                      Luke 2: 1, 3-7

**Anthem**                                      Pretty Little Baby                                      James Cleveland  
Gospel Choir

**Lesson Seven**                                      Luke 2: 8-16

**Anthem**                                      Go Tell It on the Mountain                                      arr. John Work  
Chancel Choir; Donald Steward, soloist

**Lesson Eight**                                      Matthew 2: 1-11

**Call to Offering**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Anthem**                                      O'er the Hill and O'er the Vale                                      arr. Anthony Baldwin  
Chancel Choir

**Lesson Nine**                                      John 1: 1-14

**\*Carol AAHH #188**      O Come, O Come Emmanuel  
vv. 1,2&4

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**                      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing                      arr. Robert Hobby

*The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshiping.*

**Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist  
Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director  
David Johnson, Angel Zama, Liturgist  
Michelle and Brice Morden, Advent Wreath Lighting Liturgists  
Myiesha and Miriam Mokom, Acolytes

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**Today's Anthems**

**What Adam's Disobedience Cost**

What Adam's disobedience cost, let Holy Scripture say: ourselves estranged, an Eden lost, and then a judgment day: each day a judgment day. An ark of mercy rode the flood but we, where waters swirled, rebuilt, impatient of the good, another fallen world: an unrepentant world. A little child is Adam's heir, is Adam's hope and Lord, sing joyful carols everywhere, that Eden is restored: in Jesus is restored. Regained is Adam's blessedness: the angels sheathe their swords: in joyful carols all confess the kingdom is the Lord's the glory is the Lord's! Renewed, restored, we look ahead to glimpse that glorious day when in the new Jerusalem all griefs will pass away. "Amen, Hallelujah!"



### I Wonder as I Wonder

I wonder as I wander out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor orn'ry people like you and like I; I wonder...When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall, with wisemen and farmers and shepherds and all. But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, the promise of ages it then did recall. If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, He surely could have it, 'cause He was the King.

### Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Of the Father's love begotten  
e're the worlds began to be  
he is Alpha and Omega  
he the source, the ending he.  
Of the things that are that have been  
and that future years shall see  
evermore and evermore.

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming  
from tender stem hath sprung,  
of Jesse's lineage coming  
as men of old have sung.  
It came a flow'ret bright  
amid the cold of winter  
when half spent was the night.

### Pretty Little Baby

Oh, what a pretty little baby, pretty little baby, born in a manger. Jesus is His name. And the government shall be upon His shoulders and His name shall be wonderful. Oh, what a pretty little baby. I Oh, come, let us adore him, born the king of angels...Jesus is His name.

### Go Tell It on the Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born! Down in a lowly manger our humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn...While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. Go tell it...Jesus Christ is born!

### O'er the Hill and O'er the Vale

O'er the hill and o'er the vale come three kings together, caring nought for snow and hail, cold and wind and weather; now on Persia's sandy plains, now where Tigris swells with rains, they their camels tether: Now through Syrian lands they go, now through Moab faint and slow, now o'er Edom's heather.

O'er the hill and o'er the vale each king bears a present: Wise men go a child to hail,  
monarchs seek a peasant: And a star in front proceeds, over rocks and rivers leads,  
shines with beams incessant: Therefore onward, onward still! Ford the stream and  
climb the hill: Love makes all things pleasant.

He is God ye go to meet: Therefore incense proffer: He is king ye go to meet: gold  
is in your coffer: Also Man, He comes to share every woe that man can bear,  
tempter, railer, scoffer: Therefore now, against the day in the grave when Him they  
lay, myrrh ye also offer.

O'er the hill and o'er the vale...now o'er Edom's heather.

**New to Westminster Church of Detroit?** We are so thankful that you have joined  
us today for worship, and we would love to get to know you and help you get to  
know us. Please sign the Friendship Pad which can be found in each pew rack. Sign  
it then pass it down to others sitting in your pew.

### **Westminster Church of Detroit News and Events**

#### **Coffee Hour Sign-Up**

Church members and friends are invited to sign up to bring a nut-free snack or  
treat for our Sunday morning coffee hour. Choose which Sunday to participate  
using the Sign-Up Genius link in the weekly email or by adding your name to the  
sign-up sheet on the table located beside the lighted bulletin board in the lobby  
outside of the sanctuary.

#### **Mitten Christmas Tree**

This holiday season help us decorate the mitten tree with warm mittens and  
gloves. All sizes are acceptable. Donations can be placed directly on the tree  
when you bring them to the church. The donations will be given to the children  
and youth in the community.

#### **Advent Devotionals for Children, Families and Adults**

This year we are offering two different types of devotionals for Advent. One for  
families, that offers simple activities that parents and children can do together at  
home and a devotional from the PCUSA, written specifically for adults. Both are  
available on the table in the lobby outside of the office.

### **Christmas Tree Decorating – Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

All are invited to come and decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served, and Rev. Dakota will lead us into a Christmas Carol sing along.

### **Children and Youth Christmas Pageant – Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

On Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, during the morning worship service, the Westminster Church Sunday School classes will present their annual Christmas Pageant, titled, “Christmas Hope” by Julie Synder. This light-hearted Christmas story is about a single mother with five children who think Christmas is all about gifts and toys! Mom must remind them of the true meaning of Christmas. Come and enjoy what our children have prepared for you!

### **2024 Donations End of Year Deadline**

As we approach the end of the fiscal year, note that any final donations for 2024 should be received by the church no later than **05 January 2025** (and dated in 2024) to be recorded in 2024. Anything received after that deadline will be reflected in your 2025 statements.

### **Offering Envelopes for 2025**

Boxed sets of offering envelopes are now available for 2025 and can be found on a table outside of the church office.

### **Christmas Joy Offering 2024**

The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings. This provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.

This offering will be collected during the entire month of December. Christmas Joy offering envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex.



# Once in Royal David's City 140

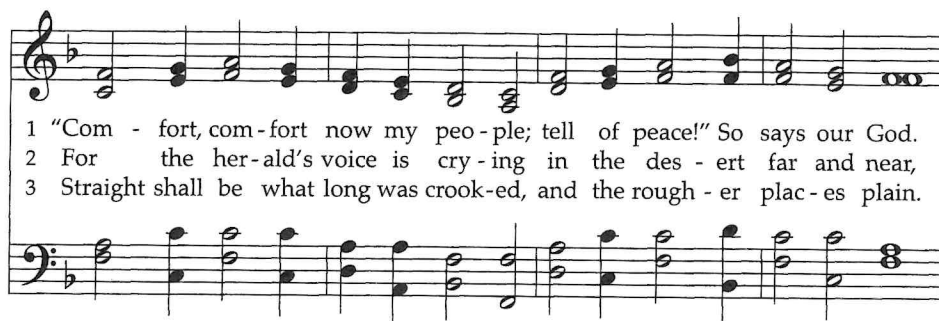
1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and  
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by day like  
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re -

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

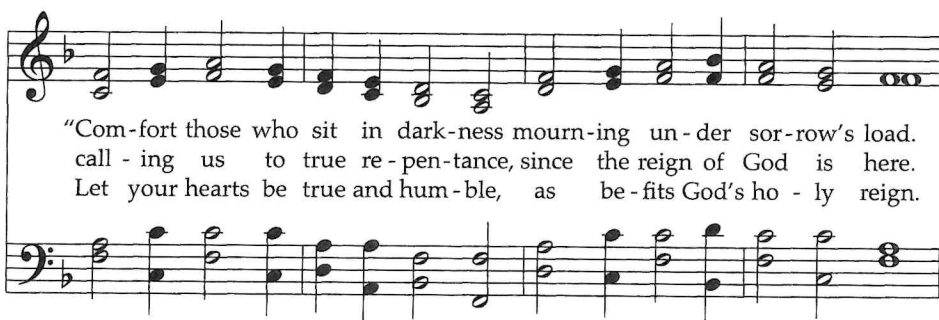
man - ger for his bed: Mar - y was that moth - er  
 cra - dle was a stall; with the poor and meek and  
 smiles like us he knew; and he feels for all our  
 Lord in heaven a - bove; and he leads his chil - dren

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.

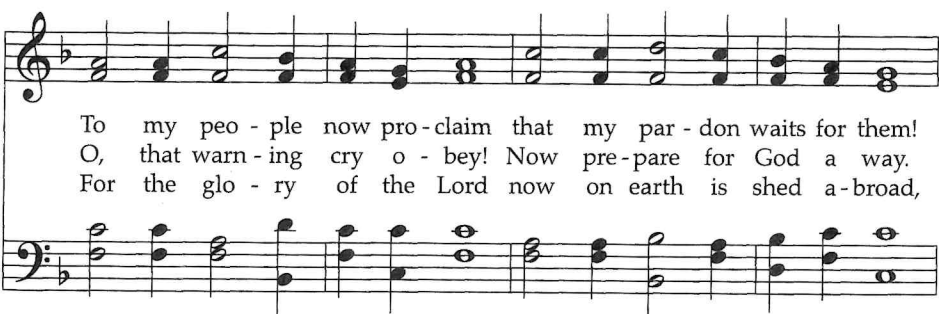
# Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



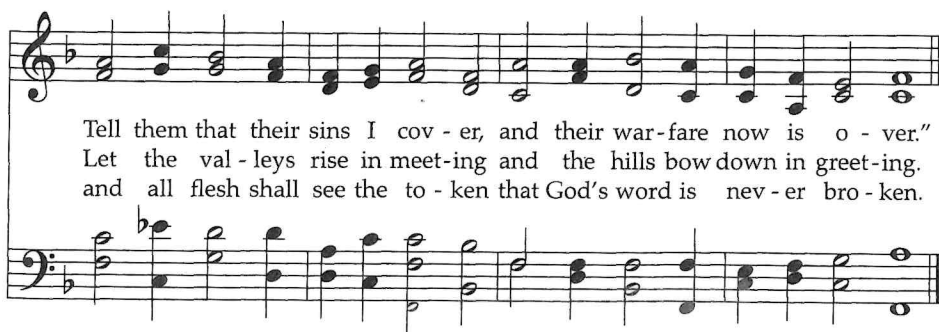
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.  
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don 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 on 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.

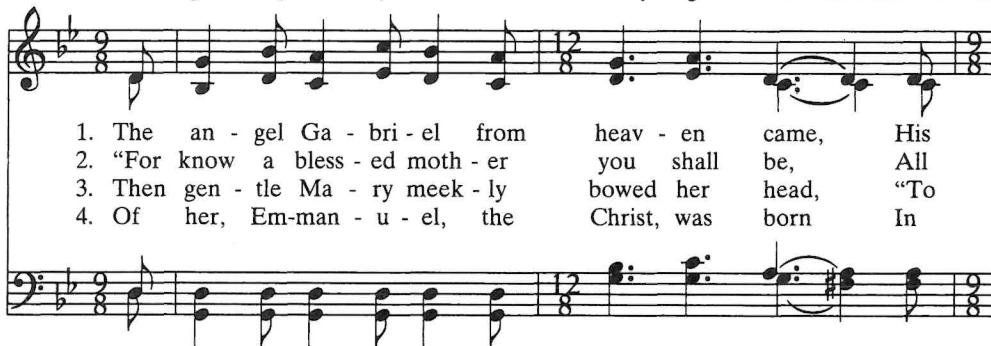
# The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came 16

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE 10.10.12.10


Basque carol

Para. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

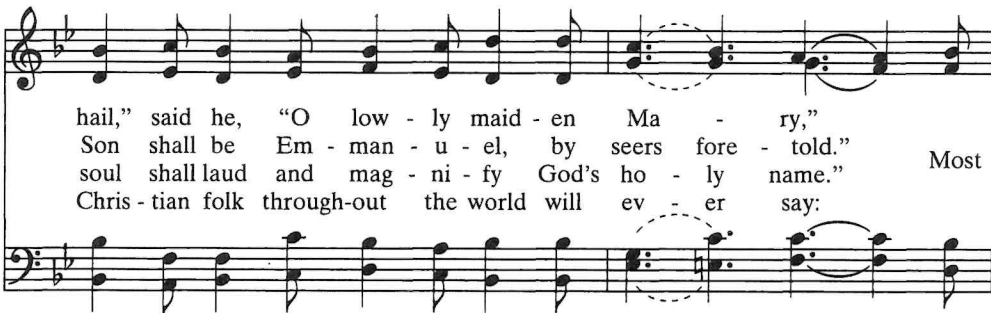
Arr. by Edgar Pettman and John Wickham



1. The an - gel Ga - bri - el from heav - en came, His  
 2. "For know a bless - ed moth - er you shall be, All  
 3. Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head, "To  
 4. Of her, Em-man - u - el, the Christ, was born In



wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame; "All  
 gen - er - a - tions praise con - tin - ual - ly, Your  
 me be as it pleas - es God," she said, "My  
 Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn, And



hail," said he, "O low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,"  
 Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told."  
 soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy God's ho - ly name." Most  
 Chris - tian folk through-out the world will ev - er say:



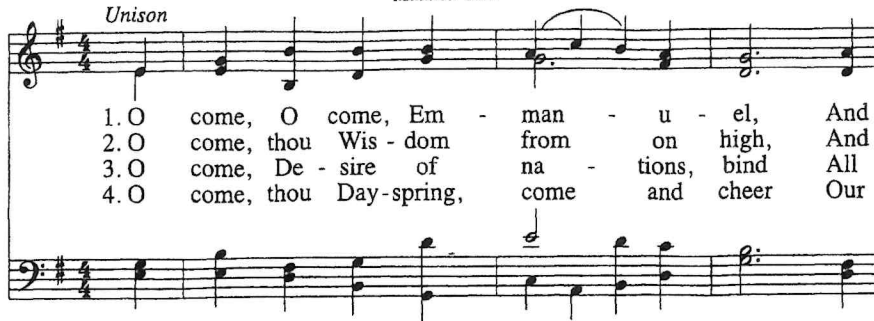
high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!

# 188 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

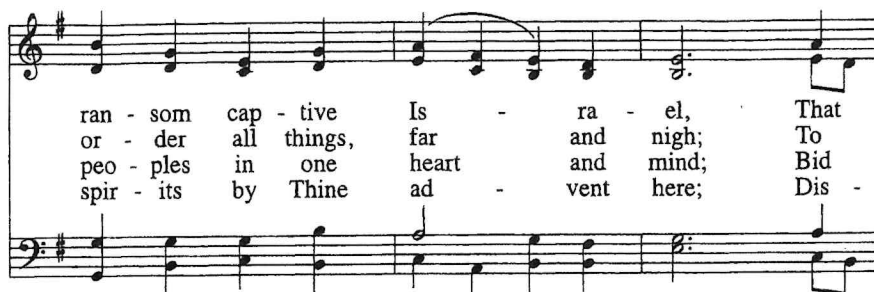
"...the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and they shall name Him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

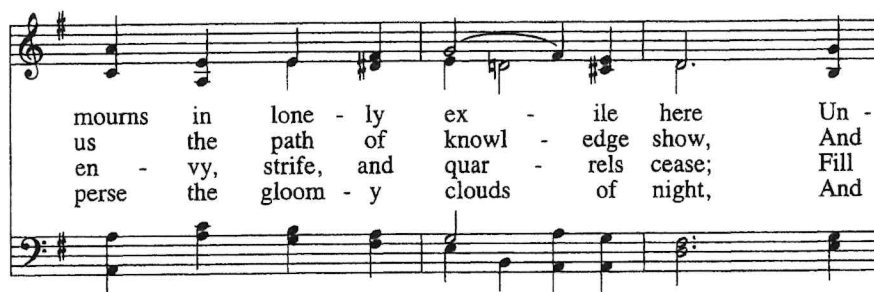
Unison



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And  
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, And  
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All  
 4. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer Our



ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el, That  
 or - der all things, far and nigh; To  
 peo - ples in one heart and mind; Bid  
 spir - its by Thine ad - vent here; Dis -




mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here Un -  
 us the path of knowl - edge show, And  
 en - vy, strife, and quar - rels cease; Fill  
 perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And



til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 cause us in her ways to go.  
 the whole world with heav - en's peace.  
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight.

Harmony



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!