

FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 19, 2021

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Christmas Pastorale”
Randy Benfield, organ

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Luke 1:46)

Karen Orlando

Leader: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.”

People: With Mary, our spirits rejoice and we sing God’s praise.

Leader: Let us honor God with our worship this fourth Sunday of Advent.

* HYMN

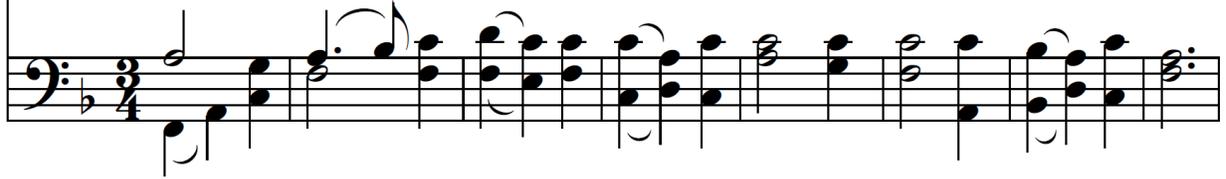
“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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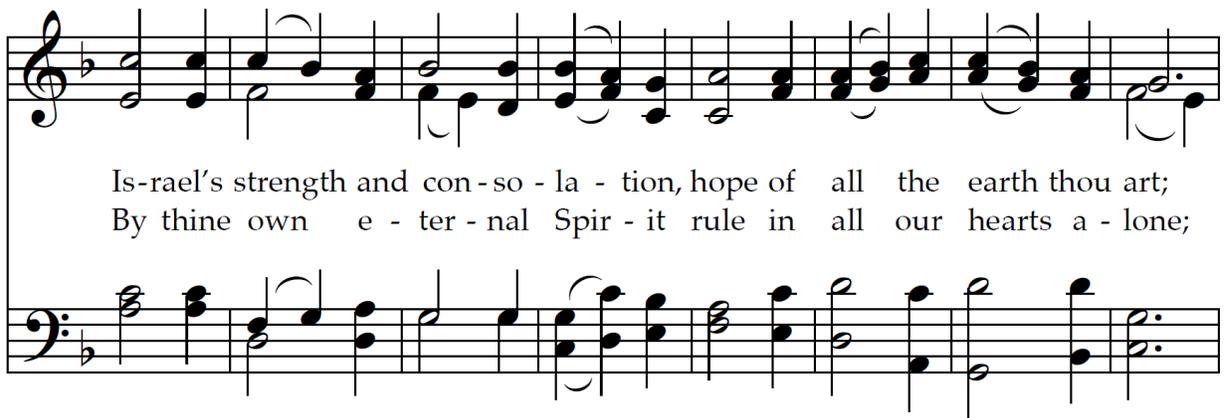
1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



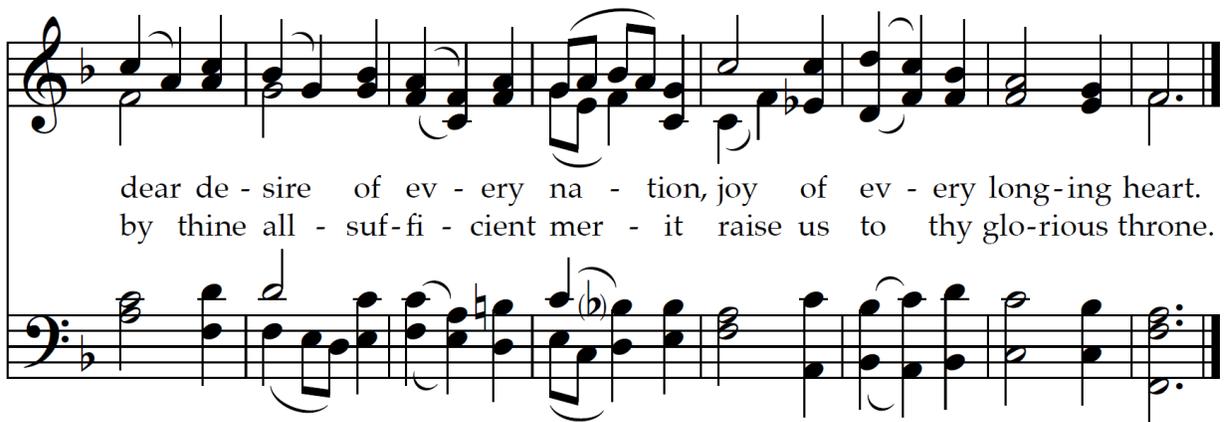
from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



CALL TO CONFESSION

Karen Orlando

Leader: The prophet Micah tells us that the “one of peace” will come from Bethlehem. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, let us confess our sins and set ourselves on Christ’s path.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Soon we will celebrate the Prince of Peace, but we are not a people at peace. We glorify violence and dismiss the pacifist as weak. We dominate and demean in our conversations and relationships. We wage war with our enemies and invest in self-defense without careful regard of the consequences or exhausting non-violent strategies. Lord, forgive us. Help us work towards your peaceable kin-dom, where swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (from Micah 5:4-5)

Leader: “And he will stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord ... And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.” In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

* RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

“Gloria Patri”

Traditional

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Mike, Tara, Maya, & Gabriel Calderon

UNISON ADVENT PRAYER

God of Peace, you send us the Prince of Peace. We long for his peace to rule in our lives and relationships. We yearn for every corner of your world to be subject to your peace. We eagerly await the days when your whole flock will live in the security of your peace. May we, through the power of your Spirit, shine the peace of Christ in the darkness. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

DRAMA PRESENTATION

Mary’s Story

Emerson Leslie

written and directed by Karen Orlando

*Do you have the courage to answer God’s call? Mary, a simple girl in Nazareth did.
Hear what she might have experienced on her journey.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Annunciation” and “The Magnificat”

Haugen

Claire Aretsky, CJ Herman, Madelyn Sevigny, and Elise Treon
Nancy Studer, Director; Kathy Phillips, Accompanist

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Come, O Come, Emmanuel...

Come to bring peace to those at war with themselves, their families, their enemies. May those who govern do so with good will and justice, breaking down barriers, fostering understanding, and drawing our communities and our nations together in peace.

Come, O Come, Emmanuel...

Come to bring comfort to those in pain, those who grieve, those in need of healing and restoration. May those who suffer be assured of your extravagant grace and comforted by the hope that nothing shall separate them from your love.

Come, O Come, Emmanuel...

Come to bring compassion to those who are weak and weary, those who stumble through their days unable to recognize the beauty and meaning of life. May those who are unemployed, those who are struggling financially, those suffering under the crushing weight of debt, find your way out of no way. Grant them options, God. Grant them hope.

Come, O Key of David, O Radiant Dawn, O Root of Jesse, O Emmanuel. Come to us again this Christmas. Fill the world with your grace and peace.

Finally, hear us now, as we pray the prayer Christ taught us by saying together,

Unison: 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

“To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary”

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98 To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

Capo 3: (Em) (B7) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)
 Gm D7 Gm Cm D Gm

1 To a maid whose name was Mar - y, the an - gel Ga - briel came.
 2 "For you are high - ly fa - vored by God the Lord of all,
 3 But Mar - y was most trou - bled to hear the an - gel's word.
 4 "Fear not, for God is with you, and you shall bear a child.
 5 "How shall this be?" said Mar - y, "I am not yet a wife."
 6 As Mar - y heard the an - gel, she won - dered at his words.

(Em) (B7) (Em) (G) (D) (G)
 Gm D7 Gm B \flat F B \flat

"Fear not," the an - gel told her, "I come to bring good news;
 who e - ven now is with you. You are on earth most blest;
 What was the an - gel say - ing? It trou - bled her to hear,
 His name shall be called Je - sus, God's off - spring from on high.
 The an - gel an - swered quick - ly, "The power of the Most High
 "Be - hold, I am your hand - maid," she said un - to her God.

(Em) (Am) (B) (Em) (Am) (B) (Em)
 Gm Cm D Gm Cm D Gm

good news I come to tell you, good news, I say, good news."
 you are most blest, most bless - ed; God chose you, you are blest!"
 to hear the an - gel's mes - sage, it trou - bled her to hear.
 And he shall reign for - ev - er, for - ev - er reign on high."
 will come up - on you short - ly, your child shall be God's child."
 "So be it; I am read - y ac - cord - ing to your word."

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Lord whom we love, whom we worship and adore,
 We will serve throughout this coming week. He it is who binds us together,
 And He it is who sends us apart, to be God's people, be God's people. Amen.

POSTLUDE

"Patapan"

French Carol

*Please stand if you are able.

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