



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CARMICHAEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 27, 2022

Livestream & In-Person

10:00 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

9:45 a.m.

PRELUDE

“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”
CPC Handbell Choir

Lowell Mason,
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Click [HERE](#) to register your attendance

Pastor Ivan N. Herman

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Dunn

Leader: Come, let us go into the house of the Lord!

People: Let us give thanks to the Lord, for that is our joyful duty.

Leader: For the sake of sisters, brothers, and friends I will say, “Peace be within you.”

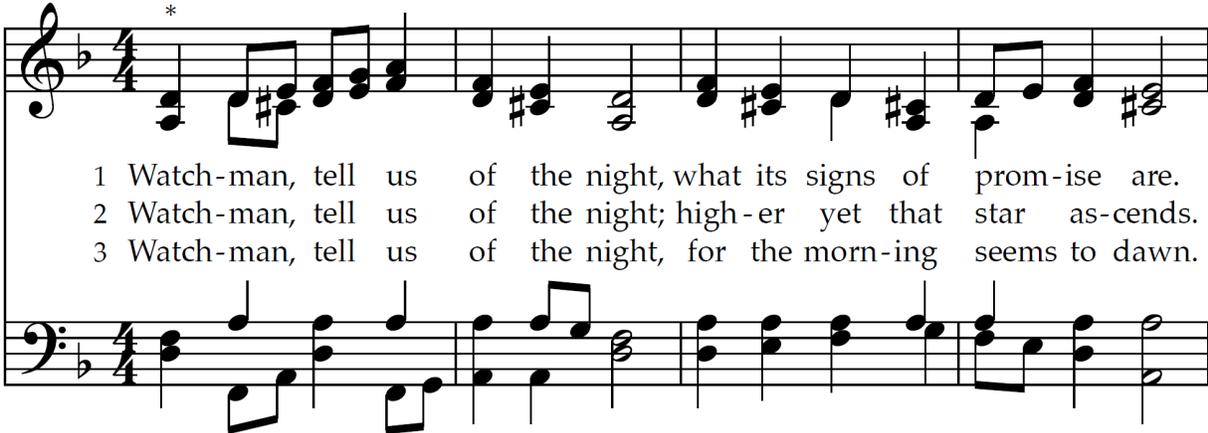
People: For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good.

* OPENING SONG

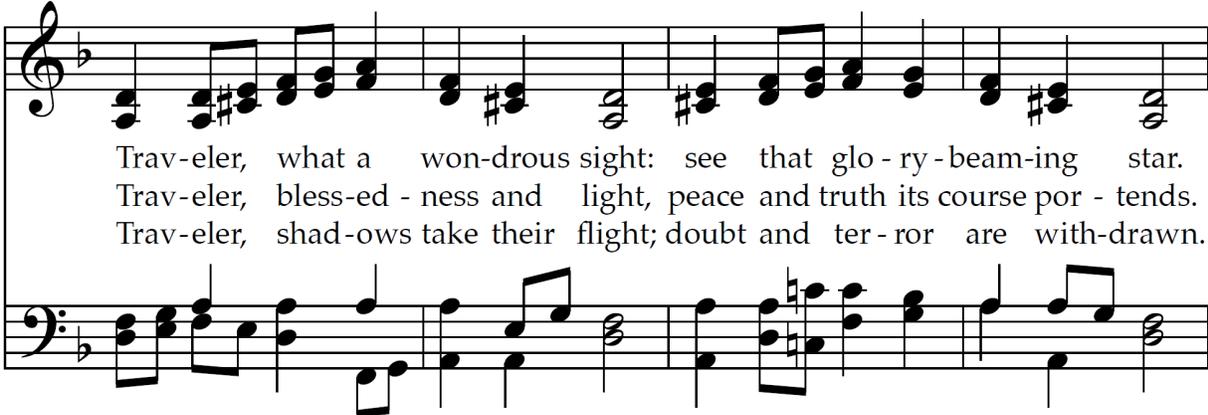
“Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

No. 97
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Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97



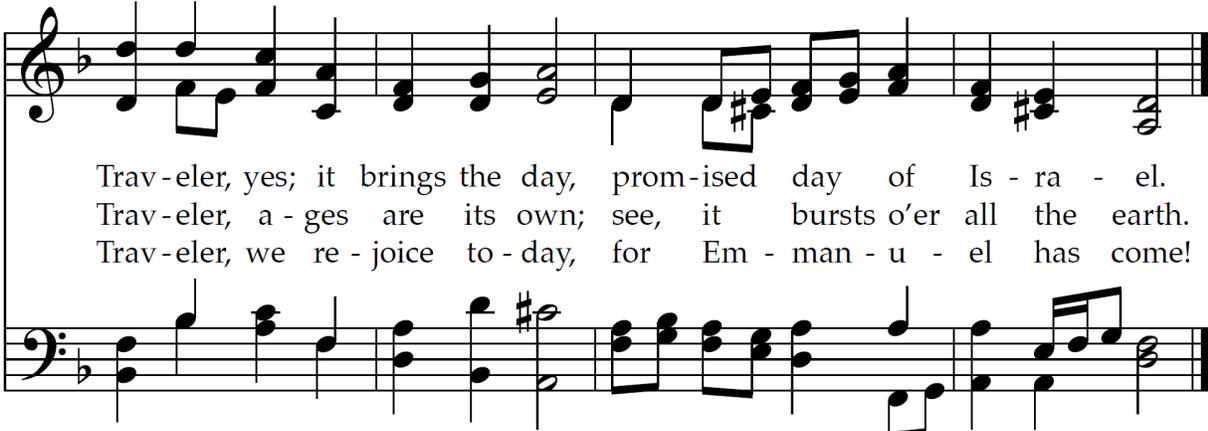
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1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.



Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.
Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.



Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?
Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.



Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.
Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
Trav-eler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!

**May be sung antiphonally.*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Bill Dunn

Leader: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in the time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

All: Holy God, remind us that you have formed us with your own hands, made us in your own image, and placed us in this world to be stewards of your good creation. Made for generous relationships, we have retreated into ourselves. Created for the purpose of making your goodness known, we allow lesser tasks to occupy our time. Forgive our failure to live in the way you made us to live. Renew within us the knowledge of your love so that we may live joyfully and gratefully, sharing what we have. For we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who offered himself for us, and opens to us the way of eternal life.

Silence

Leader: With the coming of Christ, God has given us the gift of forgiveness, even seventy times seven. God reaches out to offer us new life, a new day, a chance to begin again — loved and beautiful, even as on the first day of creation. Believe the promise of the Gospel:

People: In 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 CANDLE

Treon and Honnold Family

ADVENT PRAYER

All: God of Hope, as we wait for you, please send your Spirit to renew our longing for the days when all will be made right in our relationships with you, one another, and your creation. As we wait for those days, give us eyes to see your faithfulness and ears to hear of your goodness so that our hearts may be humbled and filled with hope for Christ's coming kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

*(Children are invited to the front of the church.
They may return to their seats afterwards to participate in the remainder of worship.)*

ANTHEM

“Christmas Is Coming”

Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir

Christmas is comin' let the church bells ring!
People celebratin' the birth of a King
Shoutin' Hosanna til the heavens ring,
Christmas is comin' let the church bells ring!

Christmas is comin,' Mary's baby boy
Bringin' us a message of comfort & joy
Glory hallelujah what a wonderful thing.
Christmas is comin,' let the church bells ring!
Glory filled the heavens. Music filled the night.
Shepherds heard the angels sing, Wise men saw the light!

Christmas is comin' let the church bells ring!
People celebratin' the birth of a King.
Shoutin' Hosanna til the heavens ring!
Christmas is Comin' let the church bells ring

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 the O Israel!

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

³⁶ 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

SERMON

The Art of Watchful Living

Pastor Keith L. DeVries

SONG

“The Days are Surely Coming”

No. 357
Glory to God

The Days Are Surely Coming 357



1 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says God to all the earth,
2 The days are sure - ly com - ing, says Christ, the prom - ised one,
3 The days are sure - ly com - ing when we will know at last



when you will see my prom - ise: sal - va - tion come to birth.
when you will read my warn - ing in moon and stars and sun.
the full - ness of God's pres - ence, God's prom - ise, come to pass.



My right - eous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land
Though earth and heav - en trem - ble, stand up and do not fear,
Then right - eous - ness and jus - tice will spread through - out the land



and you will be de - liv - ered by my al - might - y hand.
for I am your re - deem - er, and I am draw - ing near.
and we will be de - liv - ered by God's al - might - y hand.



OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
CPC Handbell Choir

Rowland Prichard
arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gracious God, because we are not strong enough to pray as we should, you provide Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit to intercede for us in power. In this confidence, we ask you to accept our prayers.

We offer our gratitude for all your blessings and gifts as we pause to celebrate our national day of Thanksgiving. May we share of our bounty with those neighbors who have little.

We pray today for your creation. You entrusted the earth to the human race, yet we disrupt its wholeness with violence and corrupt its purity with our greed. Prevent us from destroying what you have made and called good, so that our children's children may inherit lands and seas brimming with life and beauty.

We pray today for the people of the world. Preserve the people of every nation from tyrants. Heal them of disease. Protect them in disaster and war and famine. We pray especially for the people of Ukraine, for the people of Russia, and for the people of Iran and Syria. Help all women, men and children walk in the ways that lead to peace.

We pray today for our community. Heal the rifts and fear caused by violence and racism in our streets and schools. Take away the violence and death wrought by guns. Turn our swords into plowshares and our spears into pruning hooks. Protect all of our city's children and give them lives of safety, hope and joy.

We pray today for our country. Especially after our recent election, give wisdom to those who govern us, to our president and our congress, our state governments and our courts. Keep safe those who protect us from danger, and form us as a nation where justice flows like life-giving water.

We pray today for this church. Strengthen its leaders — its ministers, deacons, elders — sustain them and give them the energy of your Holy Spirit so that they may give others new life and hope. Be close to those in our community who are sick in body, heart or mind. We pray today especially for the newly baptized, that they may grow in the community of faith.

As we mark another season of Advent, remembering the One who came as our savior, let us remember too the kingdom he came to bring, the kingdom that we, as his disciples, are called to be partners in bringing.

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death. We rejoice in the lives of those who have died in faith.

Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every nation gathered before your throne in ceaseless praise. We pray these things through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the mystery of the Holy Spirit, in the name of the Triune God. In the name of the One who taught us to pray, saying,

All: 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.

(If you would like to privately share a concern, thanksgiving, or request for healing, please come to the Stephen Ministry banner on the east wall of the Sanctuary immediately following the service for individual prayer with a Stephen Minister)

* CLOSING SONG

“Even So, Come”

Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates, Jason Ingram

All of creation, all of the earth,
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come

There will be justice, all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

So we wait. We wait for You
God, we wait. You're coming soon.

BLESSING OF THE CRECHES

* THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

Manz, Op. 5, No. 4

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

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