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Memorial Presbyterian Church

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

3rd Sunday in Advent

December 12, 2021

A HOME FOR ALL (JOY)

*God our Savior—
your word shakes the wilderness,
washes away evil,
and causes all flesh to rejoice.
Make us ready to greet you
at the coming of your holy realm;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Janelle Crane

CALL TO WORSHIP

Vince Leseney

A voice calls out in the wilderness.

It sings of a home for all.

It speaks of justice and peace.

We could choose to ignore it.

We could drown out that song.

We could choose not to listen.

Instead, we come into this space.

We let the world grow quiet.

We listen.

A voice calls out in the wilderness.

Do you hear it?

We hear it. In listening, we worship.

Let us draw near to God.

CANDLE LIGHTING LITURGY

Linda, Arabella and Odette Eckel

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hymnal, No. 82

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us pray. . .

Expansive God,

We know that the church is your house, and your house has room for everyone.

Yet, too often, instead of setting the table for our neighbors, we block the door.

Instead of welcoming all, we judge others by our own standards. Instead of sharing our second coat, we hide it in the attic, holding on to fear instead of letting go with love. Remind us that your home is a home for all, that truth requires hard work, that truth requires uncomfortable justice.

Help us to be bold enough to see it and brave enough to live it. With hope we pray, amen.

So rest in this good news:

We are at home with God—forgiven, claimed, and loved. The door is al-

**ways open for us.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

***THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

***SONG OF RESPONSE** Gloria (refrain only) Hymnal, No. 113
Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING Melissa Gill

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 766
Zephaniah 3:14-20
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Page No. 834
Luke 3:1-18
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE A Home for All Tracy L. Evans
***SONG OF FAITH** A Home for All Bulletin p. 6

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe that God has entrusted the church
with the message of reconciliation
in and through Jesus Christ.
We believe that the church is called
to be the salt of the earth
and the light of the world.
We believe that the church is called blessed
because it is a peacemaker.
We believe that the church is witness
both by word and by deed
to the new heaven and the new earth
in which righteousness dwells.
*Adapted from the Confession of Belhar***

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS
The Lord's Prayer Hymnal, p. 35

THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** Doxology (Verse 4) Hymnal, No. 143
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SENDING SONG

While We Are Waiting, Come

Hymnal, No. 92

*BLESSING AND CHARGE

*POSTLUDE

We invite anyone who wishes to consider membership in this church to contact the pastor or a member of the session. You may also indicate interest in membership by checking the appropriate column in the ritual of friendship booklet. Membership in this church is a step made by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith or transfer of church letter.

Lectionary Readings for December 19: Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45; (46-55)

We are truly grateful for you joining us today, in person or via live streaming. This is new for us all, and we thank you for your patience with this new way. We will be adapting and changing as we work together to worship with devotion and safety protocols. If you have comments or suggestions, please let the pastor or a worship committee member know.

The Food & Shelter item of the month for **December is Peanut butter** Please place your donations in the box by the church information table

Hearing-assistance devices and **large print hymnals** are available from the head usher.

MISSION and EVANGELISM – **CHRISTMAS GIFTS for WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER
THANKS TO ALL WHO SIGNED UP TO PROVIDE GIFTS THIS YEAR!**

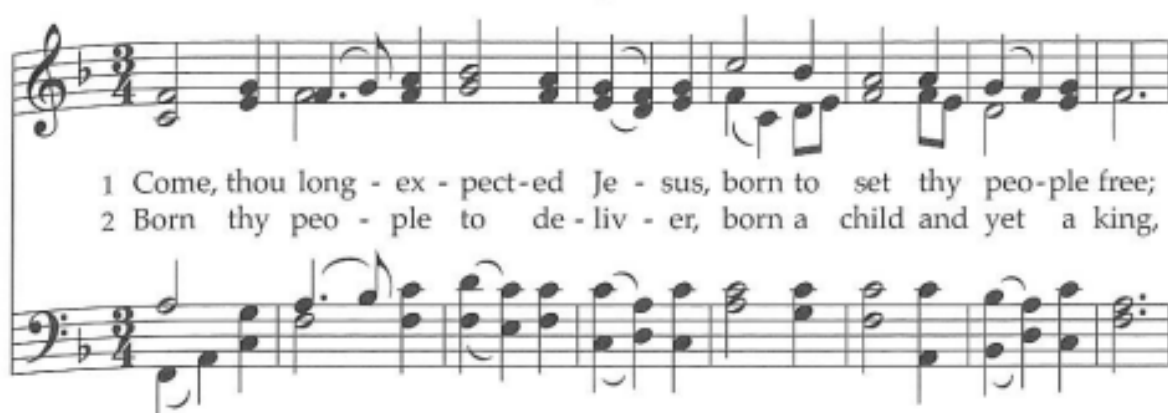
**THE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15TH, SO PLEASE BRING YOUR UNWRAPPED
GIFTS WITH THE LIST ATTACHED TO CHURCH THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 12TH, IF POSSIBLE**

If you have questions, or need gifts picked up, please contact either:

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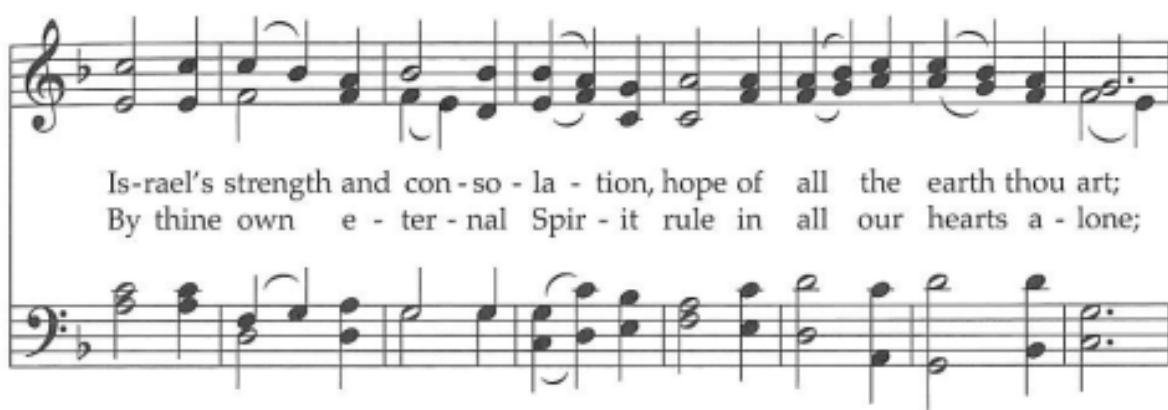
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



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.



A Home for All

MENDELSSOHN 7.7.7.7 D with refrain

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)

Music: Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1840)

Light the can - dles, deck the halls We are mak - ing room for all
Stack the gifts be neath the tree Hang the lights where all can see
Set the ta - ble for a feast Crys - tal, chi - na, sil - ver gleam

Prac - tice hos - pi - tal - i - ty Give in Chris - tian char - i - ty
Send cards full of Christ - mas cheer To the fam - ily far and near
Once the ban - quet has been blessed Ga - ther 'round in Christ - mas best



But to cre - ate las - ting change A trans - ac - tion - al ex - change
 But the great - est gift we share Is a world that's just and fair
 But Christ's ta - ble has been set With the sim - plest meal of bread

Won't make straight our crook - ed ways Or lift val - leys in - to plains
 Though it feels so far a - way We work for God's pro - mised day
 Of - fer - ing a bun - dant grace Here all peo - ple have a place

Pro - phets of the ag - es call: "We must build a home for all!"


92 While We Are Waiting, Come



1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;



while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.



Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,



while we are wait - ing, come.