

December 4, 2022

First Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent



Following Jesus, Transforming Life

Mission Statement:

First Presbyterian Church of Arlington is transforming life by glorifying God, following Jesus, and loving our neighbor.

Preaching: Rev. Chris Campbell

Liturgist: Adrian Rodriguez

Lay Leader: Anna Njei

Organist: Shina Heo

The Worship of God

Words in bold are spoken by the congregation.

§ Invites all who are able to stand.

*Please silence all phones and devices.
Please fill out the Friendship Pad in your pew.*

Gathering

Prelude

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Gordon Young

Preparation for Worship

*O Root of Jesse, O Peace, stir up your power within us,
that in this time we may await with abundant expectation
the fulfillment of your eternal presence in creation,
for you live and reign among us, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Welcome

Rev. Chris Campbell

Lighting the Advent Candles

The Dill Family

We light the candle of Peace as a sign of the coming light of Christ,
who is called the Son of the Most High;

Of his kingdom there will be no end.

About the hour of Christ's coming no one knows; therefore keep awake,
for you do not know when the time will come.

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the Word of God endures forever.

§ Hymn 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

§ Prayer of Confession

Refining God, you have sent us prophets, and we have not listened.

**We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives,
our church, and our society.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel! **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

§ Gloria Patri

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.

Proclaiming

Children's Time

Children (age 3 to fourth grade) are invited to go to Kids For Christ (KFC) in the Fellowship Hall.

Gospel Reading	Matthew 3:1-12	New Testament page 2
Anthem	Dona Nobis Pacem <i>Grant us peace. (sung in Latin)</i>	arr. Hal Hopson
Old Testament Reading	Isaiah 11:1-10	Old Testament page 640
Sermon	The Peace of Christmas	Rev. Campbell

Responding

§ Hymn 87	Comfort, Comfort, Now My People	GENEVAN 42
Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives		
Offertory	Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming	Gilbert Martin

The Table

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord's Prayer sung (see page 4)

Words of Institution

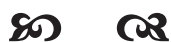
The Bread and Cup

Eat the bread as it is served. Hold the cup to drink together. While passing the elements, you may say, "the body of Christ, broken for you," and, "the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Prayer after Communion

Sending

§ Hymn 93	Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates	TRURO
§ Charge and Benediction		
Postlude	Deck the Hall	Jack Jones



The Lord's Prayer

for the congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Arlington, Texas

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be thy name; ———

Thy king - dom come; Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heav - en.

Give us this day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our debts as we for - give our debt - ors;

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil:

For Thine is the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The musical score is written on six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a 3/4 time signature, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

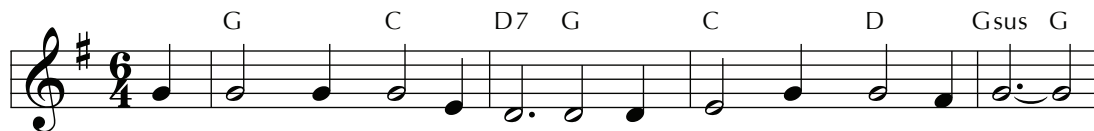
The Mitten Tree

Please help families during this Christmas season and during the cold winter months by bringing new warm gloves, hats, and scarves and hang them on the Mitten Tree! These will be given to Arlington Charities for children and adults in time for Christmas. The Mitten Tree is located by the choir room. Please stop by and make someone's Christmas happy...and WARM!

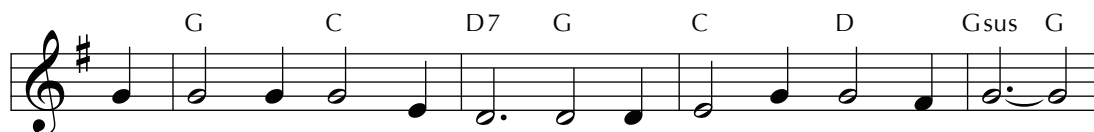
The Dove Tree

The Dove tree is in the Narthex. Each dove has a name of one of our home bound members. Please take a dove and make a visit to one of our senior members. A small gift, a visit, poinsettia, etc. will brighten their Christmas season and you will be blessed in return.

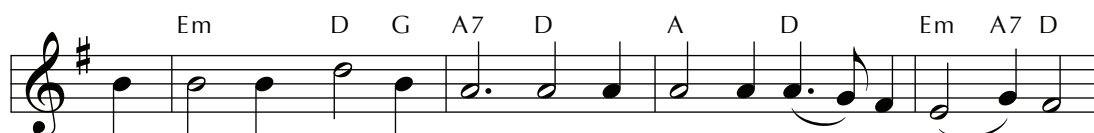
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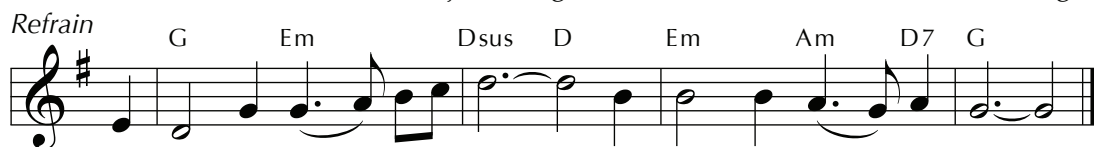
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

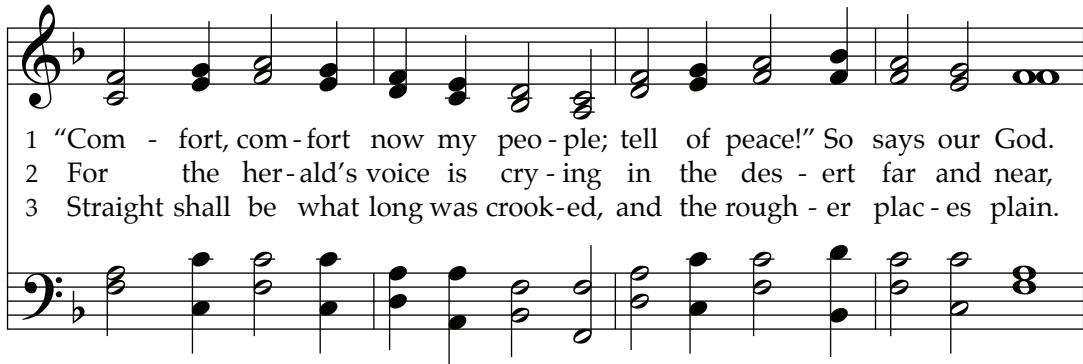
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

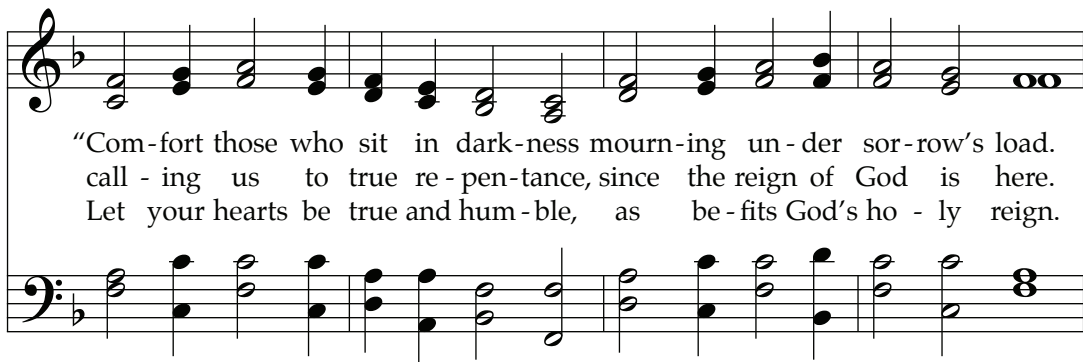
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 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

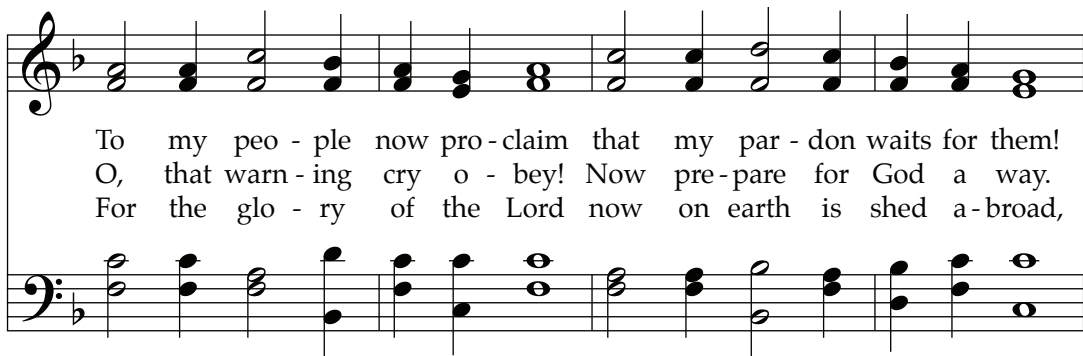
Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



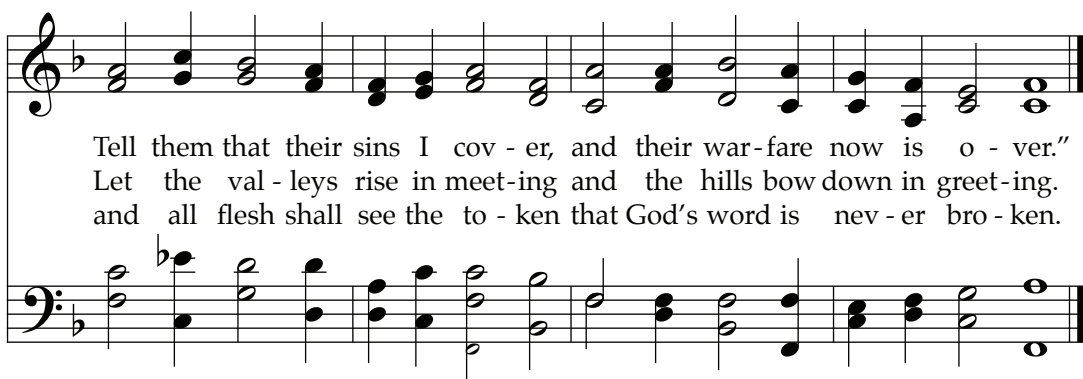
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"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.



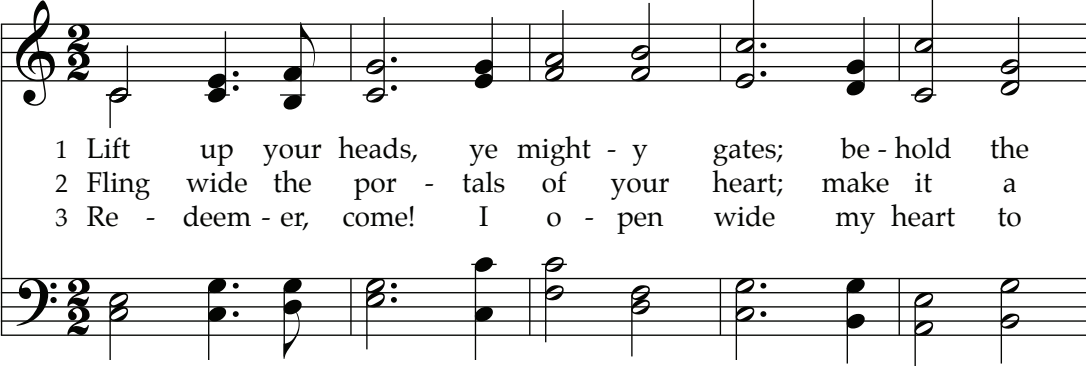
To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



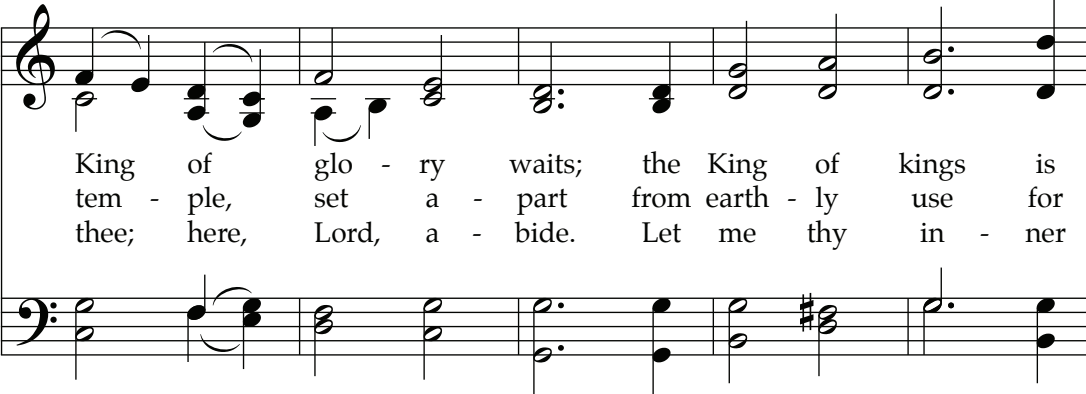
Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver."
Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1–5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

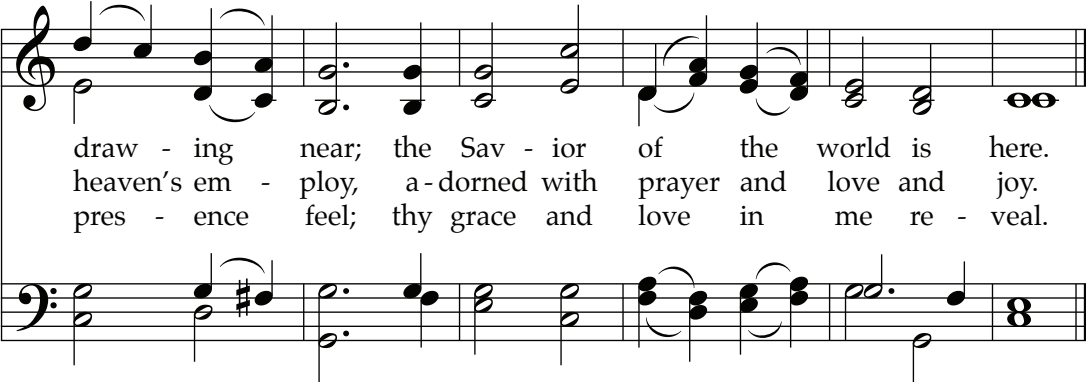
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is
tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

Family Christmas Party

Please join us for a “Family” Christmas Party for our children and youth families on Sunday, December 11 immediately after our worship service in the fellowship hall. This year our Children and Youth Ministries would like to join together and provide a Christmas Party that incorporates the entire family--parents, children, and youth. Food, snacks, and games will be provided as we celebrate all that God has done for our children, youth, and families throughout the year.

Please contact Adrian Rodriguez--adrian@firstprestexas.org or Kyle Terwilliger--kyle@firstprestexas.org with any questions.

Christmas Poinsettias

Help prepare the Sanctuary to celebrate the birth of the Savior by ordering a poinsettia that will decorate the Chancel Sunday, December 18, through the Christmas Season. Poinsettia orders can be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. Order forms are available in the Narthex. Place completed forms in the basket or the offering plate, or bring it to the church office. The cost is \$12.00 each, and the deadline is December 11.

Two Special Offerings in December

Our church supports two special offerings during the month of December. Special offering envelopes can be found outside the sanctuary or chapel or you can designate on a blank envelope or your check which offering you are supporting.

The Christmas Joy Offering is designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to provide congregations a direct way of supporting specific causes that help those in need. The receipts from the Joy Offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to the National Ministries of the General Assembly Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic education. To read brief accounts of those who have benefited from the Christmas Joy Offering, visit: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/stories/>

Our church continually supports PCHAS but especially at Christmas. During FPCA’s Christmas Eve service, the undesignated offerings will benefit PCHAS. You could also speak to Marge and Bob Dawson, PCHAS Ambassadors and volunteers, about this very worthy organization which supports many children and families. For more about PCHAS, visit: <https://www.pchas.org/who-we-are/pchas-way>

GIFTS *
* of **HOPE**

**Order forms
are here!**

Gifts of Hope offers a way to give a gift to a loved one, and to benefit mission organizations locally and around the world.

*It is more blessed to give
than to receive.*
Acts 20:35b



An Advent Festival

a service of worship in song

celebrating the coming of the Savior with
choirs of children, youth, adults, and handbells,
along with readings and congregational carols

Sunday, December 11, 2022
11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary

featuring *Gloria: A Collage*
including the works of Vivaldi, Rutter,
Poulenc, Mozart, Schubert, Haydn, and Bass

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 12/04

Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship in Sanctuary	11:00 a.m.
Children's Ministry Luncheon	12:00 p.m.
Children's Music Ministries	12:15 p.m.
Youth Music Ministries	12:15 p.m.

Tuesday 12/06

Senior Flexibility Class	9:30 a.m.
Tues. Morning Women's Bible Study	10:30 a.m.
H. O. P. E Tutoring	6:30 p.m.
Women's Advent Kickoff Celebration	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 12/07

Men's Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Quilting Group	10:00 a.m.
Ring of Praise Handbell Rehearsal	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.
CWF Women's Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Friday 12/09

Kid's Night Out	6:00 p.m.
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Prayer Ministry

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

The family of Jeanne Malone, Jack Bos, Carol Browning, Billie Jo Campbell, Frank Coburn, Edna Collins, Cyprian Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Bunny Floyd, Mary Lou Garrison, Joe and Lila Glenn, Grady Herzog, the Hydock Family, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Gary Lindley, Mathias Mbeng Ndip, Jim L. Quick, Tonya Scrabeck, Esther Teboh, John and Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Danny Womble

Prayers for family serving in the armed forces:

Ben Boughton, Riley Curnutt, Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Damien King, Amie Murtha, Stephen O'Neil Sosa, Colin Peden, Ryan Powell, Peyton Steeno, Christopher Young, Robbie Wallace

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Esther Albright, Tom and Bobbie Fowler, Barbara Hughes, Family of Jeanne Malone, Charlene Miller, Betty Snowden, Dee Uhri, Richard Whitenight, Mary Jane Wright, Polly Baugh, Lucy Cleaver, Madge Casselman, Elizabeth Harris

Prayers for those who do not know Christ

If you have any congregational care needs, contact Parish Associate, Jim Shroyer at 682-445-0155 or jim@firstprestexas.org

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