

The Second Sunday in Advent

An Advent Festival



First Presbyterian Church Arlington

1200 South Collins St.
Arlington, TX 76010

The people gather for the Worship of God
Sunday, December 7, 2025

Pastor: Rev. Chris Campbell

Organist: Shina Heo

Assistant Organist: Cheryl Harris

Minister of Music: Russell Farnell

Youth and Children's Music Ministries

Leaders:

Laura Farnell, Shannon Annen,

AJ Baker, Emily Ledesma,

Matthew Stringer

Festival Players:

Jake Fridkis, flute Emily Loh, violin

Drew Lang, percussion

Mission Statement:

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

About our service

Please silence all phones and devices.

• Please fill out the Friendship Pad in your row.

• Words in **bold** are spoken by the congregation.

• § Invites all to stand in body or spirit

• Our communion grape juice is alcohol-free.

• FPCA follows the liturgical calendar. Currently we are in the season of Advent. We use purple paraments as a symbol of penitence and royalty.

• If you are a guest today, please stop by the narthex for information and a warm FPCA welcome!

Gathering

Prelude Abide With Us, Our Savior Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Preparation for Worship

*God of Israel, with expectant hearts, we your people await Christ's coming.
As once he came in humility, so now may he come in glory, that he may make all things perfect in your everlasting kingdom.
For he is Lord forever and ever. Amen.*

Welcome and Opening Prayer Rev. Chris Campbell

Lighting the Advent Candles Choir Members

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.

Isaiah 40:1-5 "Comfort, O comfort my people"

§ Hymn 87 Comfort, Comfort Now My People GENEVAN 42

Carol Go Tell It On the Mountain arr. Laura Farnell
Children's Music Ministries Chimes Shannon Annen, director
Annabelle Ellis, xylophone

Isaiah 60:1-5 "Arise, shine, for your light has come"

Introit Arise, Shine Robert Lau
Children's Music Ministries Singers Emily Ledesma, director
Matthew Stringer, violin

*Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Darkness will cover the earth, and darkness will cover the people,
But the Lord will arise upon you, and God's glory will be seen by all.
Sing holy, holy, holy is the name of the Lord.
Holy, holy, sing God's praise forever more! Sing praise to the Lord!*

§ Hymn 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

§ Prayer of Confession

**Gracious and welcoming God, have mercy on your people.
We confess that we do not believe in your incarnation.
We do not heed your word each day in all that we say and do.
We do not see our neighbors, families, and friends
as beloved children whom you have made.**

**In your mercy, forgive us, for we repent of our ways and look to your power
to heal us and raise us up, so that, at the last, you will gather us to you and
give us peace. Amen.**

§ Assurance of Pardon

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

2. Creation Sings

*O sleep, o sleep Thou Holy Child, the Son of God, so meek, so mild.
The donkey carried your mother blessed, the cow gives hay to hasten your rest,
And all creation sings the birth of Christ, the Savior of the earth!*

*O sleep, o sleep Thou Holy Child, the Son of God, so meek, so mild.
The stars will hum a slumber tune as oxen bow and sweet birds croon,
And all creation sings the birth of Christ, the Savior of the earth!*

*Rejoice, rejoice! This holy child the Son of God so meek so mild
Has come that darkness now might cease! Sing welcome to that light of peace!
Now all creation sings the birth of Christ, the Savior of the earth!*

3. Peace on Earth

*Peace on Earth, We shall know peace, when Christ comes to reign within us, when Christ is born in us.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Et in Terra Pax hominibus bonae voluntatis!*

Homily

Revelation: The Glory of the Lord Shall Be Revealed

Rev. Campbell

4. The Call

*We greet the joy of Christmas and the chorus the angels sing!
Ring out a song of welcome to the Christ, the newborn king!
For present in that welcome of the light through blissful birth
Is a welcome to all people, and the promise of peace on earth.*

*We feel the call of Christmas in the message that the shepherds heard.
Though they were but common people, they were chosen to greet the Word.
"Oh, Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all of good will!"
But will we embody the promise when the ancient song is stilled?*

*Forgive us, Lord, forgive us when we look to the rich and strong
Instead of the lowly stable for the power to right earth's wrongs.
O use us, the poor and lowly, inspired by the song from above
To seek the lost and broken to heal the world with love.*

Offering our Tithes, Gifts, and Lives

Offertory

Sing We Now of Christmas

Kevin McChesney

Ring of Praise Handbell Ensemble

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

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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 141

On This Day Earth Shall Ring

PERSONENT HODIE

§ Charge (be seated for the Choral Benediction)

Choral Benediction

5. Alleluia

Alleluia! Peace on Earth! Good tidings to all!

*The Angel song rings from on high! The star is shining in the sky!
And all the heavens seem to cry: "Alleluia!" Peace on Earth! Good tidings to all!*

*From the darkness shines an endless light, never overcome by ceaseless night,
We greet the dawn with great delight! Alleluia! Peace on Earth! Good tidings to all!*

*The chorus falls like holy rain and rings and echoes over the plain,
The creation joins the song again: Alleluia! Peace on Earth! Good tidings to all!*

*Now we no more cling to doubt and fear since the Prince of Peace has entered here,
And we greet the morning with great cheer! Alleluia! Peace on Earth! Good tidings to all!*

Congregational Amen

Postlude

Everything Exists With God's Blessing

Sigfrid Karg-Elert



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.

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This week:

Sunday, Dec. 7

- Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in classrooms
- Worship Service - 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Children and Youth family Christmas party - noon in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 9

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study - 10:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- HOPE tutoring - 6:30 p.m. in room 218

Wednesday, Dec. 10

- Men's Bible Study - 8 a.m. in room 204
- Quilting - 10:30 a.m. in room 204
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal - 7 p.m.
- CWF Meeting - 7 p.m. online

Thursday, Dec. 11

- Senior Flexibility Class - 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Saints Alive - 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- Prayer Council Meeting - 1 p.m. in the Conference Room
- Deacon Meeting/Dinner - 5:30 p.m. in the Parlor

Friday, Dec. 12

- HOPE Tutoring Christmas Party - 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Coming up:

Sunday, Dec. 14

- Congregational meeting after worship in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, Dec. 24

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Child care available.

Community:

Dove and Mitten Trees are up!

The Dove and Mitten Trees will be up in the Narthex and Cross Hall. Each dove has a name and address of one of our

homebound members. Please bring 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. Stop by and make someone's Christmas happy and warm.



Join TBC for an evening of Christmas music

Get ready to jingle all the way with the Texas Boys Choir this Christmas season Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. as they spread holiday joy. TBC's most beloved annual tradition returns bigger than ever. Tickets are available at artsacademics.org.



Children and Youth family Christmas party today!

All Children and Youth Families of

FPCA, please join us for a joyful celebration filled with laughter, love, and holiday cheer on Dec. 7 in Fellowship Hall right after church. Come ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus and make memories.

Get  connected:



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Prayer Ministry:

Send prayer requests to prayer@firstprestexas.org

Prayers for those with health and other concerns:

Richard Price, Charles Arnold, Carol Browning, Judy Crowell, Cyprain Engwenyi, Betty Farrell, Ken Floyd, Bobbie Fowler, Ivone Franzolin, Jay and Susan Graham, Nancy Guerry, Elaine Keefer, Bob and Beverly Koch, Lisa Landolt, Margaret Landolt, Shawn LeBlanc, Pat May and her son Tim Karnes, Judy Reck, Debbie Richardson, Lisa Scrabeck, Tonya Scrabeck, David Spencer, Drew Stephenson, Susie Thurston, Donna Vickers, Nancy Welborne, Patrick Welborne, Sherry and Shelby Wolfe, Danny Womble

Prayers for family in the armed forces:

Jeff Grimes, Nathan Haerer, Wolfgang Van Wie, Christopher Young

Prayers for our home-bound members:

Bettye Burdett, Madge Casselman, Judy Crowell, Margaret Fite, Bobbie Fowler, Lila Glenn, Jay and Susan Graham, Teresa Hanson, Ann Scarr, Becky Speck, Leonard and Mary Jane Tibbetts, Dee Uhri, Biddie Walker

Pray 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.

Follow The Little Man

Our Prayer Ministry has been unveiling The Little Man – a 16-week visual storytelling experience along the east wall of the Fellowship Hall hallway. To deepen the experience, our weekly E-News will feature a short devotional insight – an invitation to pause, reflect, and engage with the journey in your own life. Join us as we walk alongside The Little Man, exploring the quiet courage of decision-making and the grace that meets us along the way.

Congregational Meeting Dec. 14

After worship next Sunday we will hold a short congregational meeting to discuss the election of officers and the 2026 Terms of Call.

Give a Gift of Hope

FPCA will again be offering Gifts of Hope, an alternative gift market, with an opportunity to honor friends and family through donations to a wide range of outreach organizations. Cards are provided to share with honored recipients. Gifts of Hope will be available for purchase before and after worship the first three Sundays in December as well as online through the website. For more information, contact Bob Dawson at 214.415.5396.



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JOIN US IN WORSHIP

Christmas Eve



A candlelight service celebrating the birth of Jesus


FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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24 December	7:30 PM	Cookies and hot chocolate will be served in Fellowship Hall after the service.
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Childcare is available

Join us for a holiday performance from the Texas Boys Choir


Christmas With TBC




Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m.
in the sanctuary

Special offerings for DECEMBER

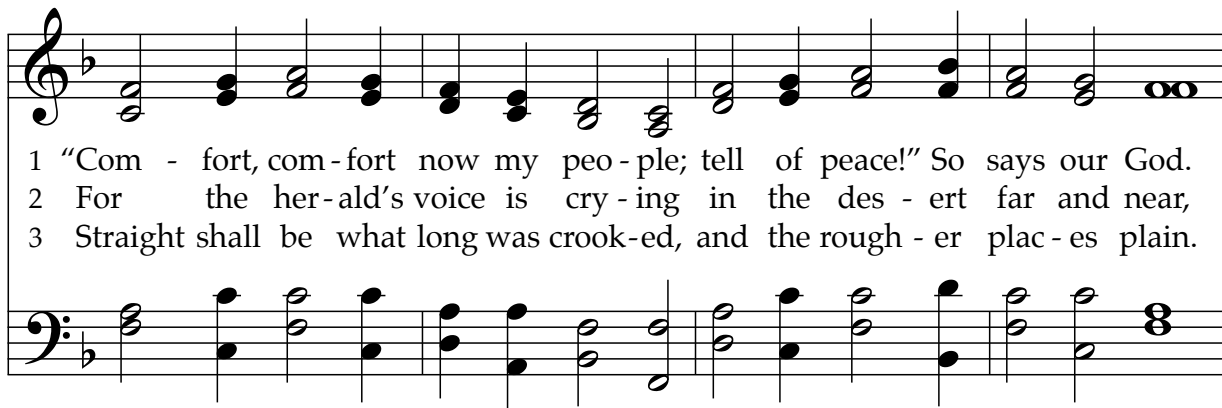
FPCA supports two special offerings in December. Special offering envelopes can be found in the narthex or you can designate on a blank envelope or on the memo line of your check which offering you are supporting.

 A Presbyterian tradition for over 70 years, the **Christmas Joy Offering** is designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to provide congregations a direct way of supporting causes that help those in need. Joy Offerings 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. Visit: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>

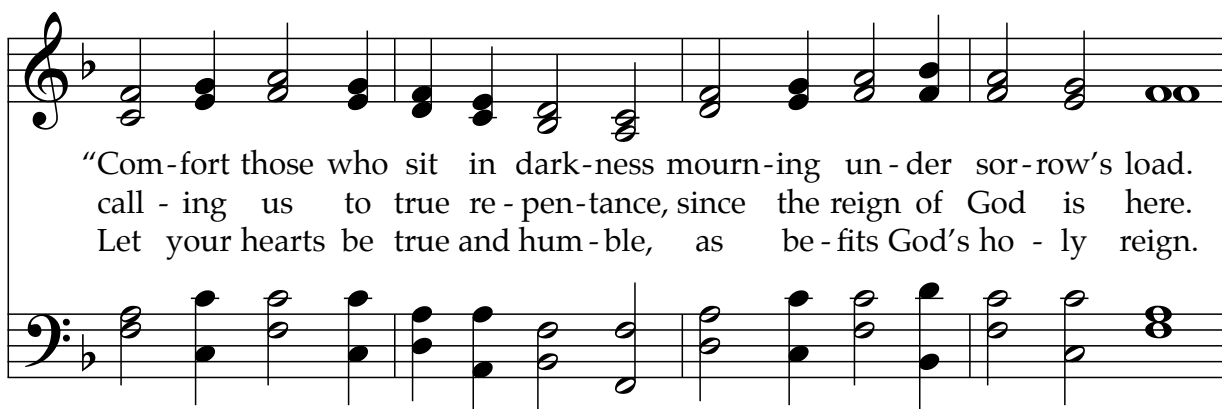
 During FPCA's Christmas Eve services, the undesignated offerings will benefit **Presbyterian Children's Home and Services (PCHAS)**. You could also speak to Marge and Bob Dawson, PCHAS Ambassadors and volunteers, about this very worthy organization which supports many children and families with services you or someone you know might find helpful. To find out more about the many services PCHAS offers, visit pchas.org.



Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



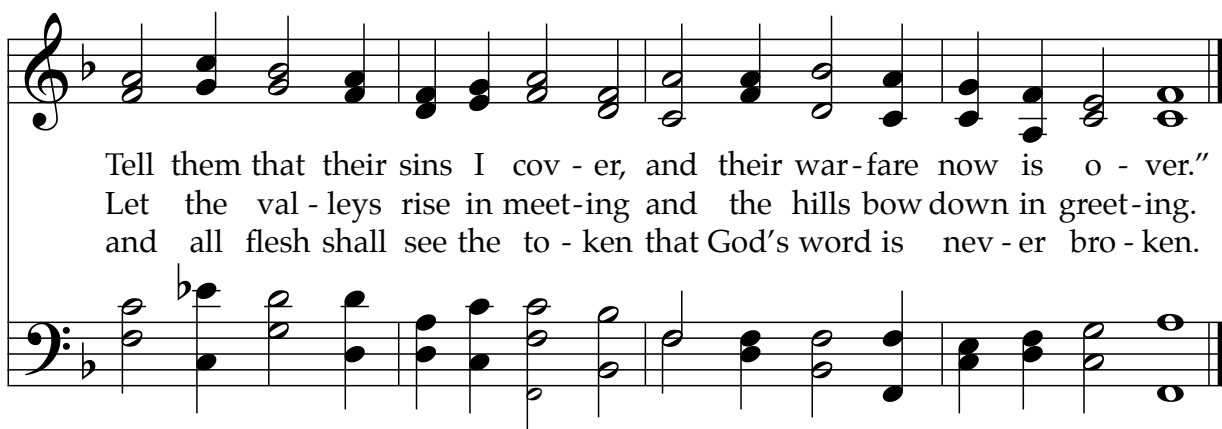
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"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.

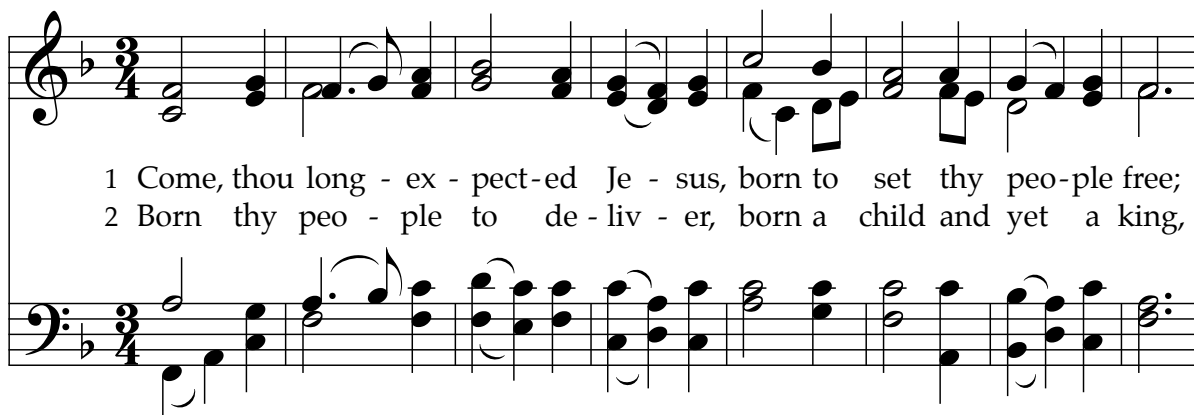


To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!
O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



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.

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;

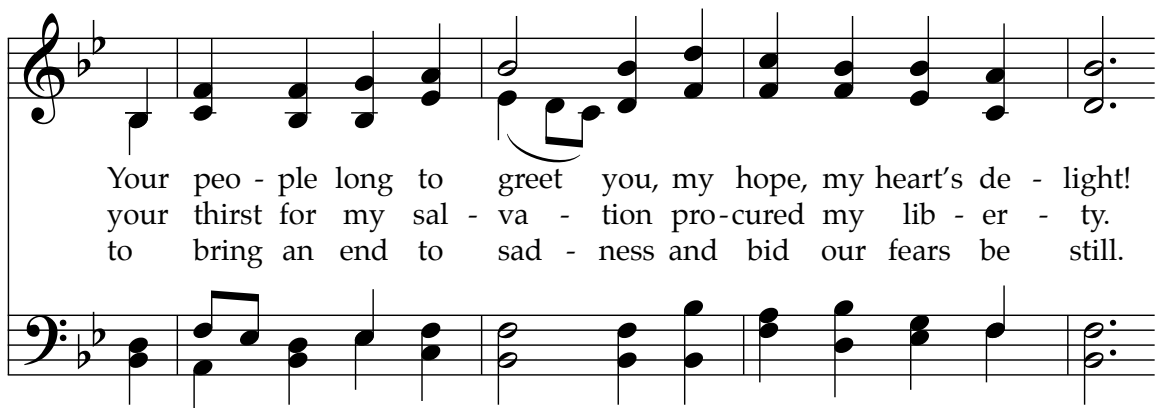


dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

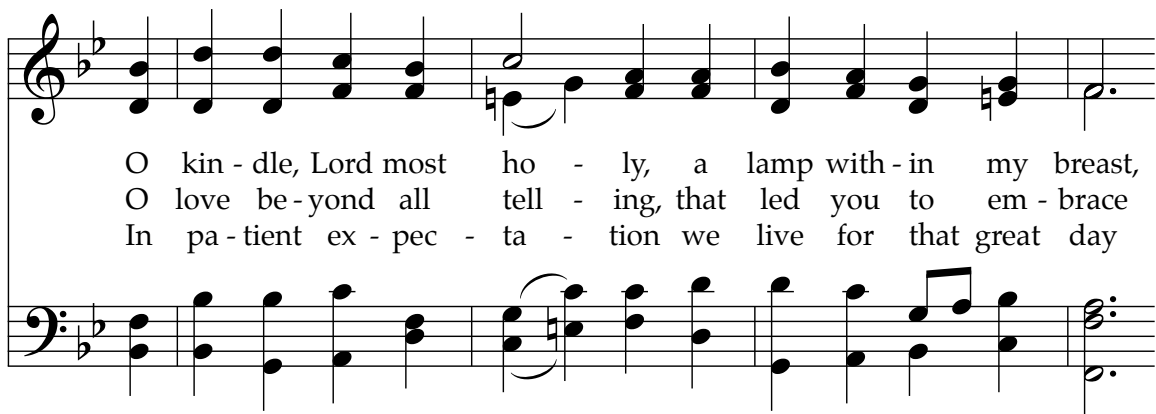
O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104



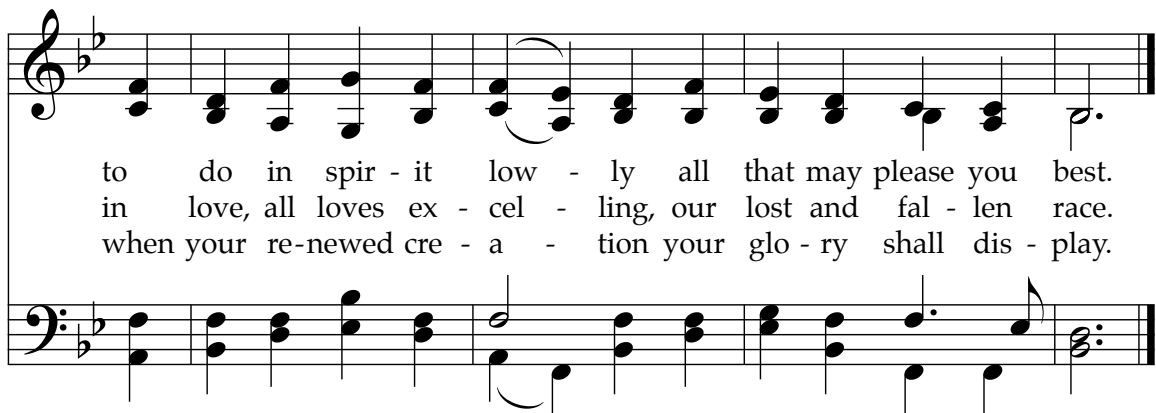
1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

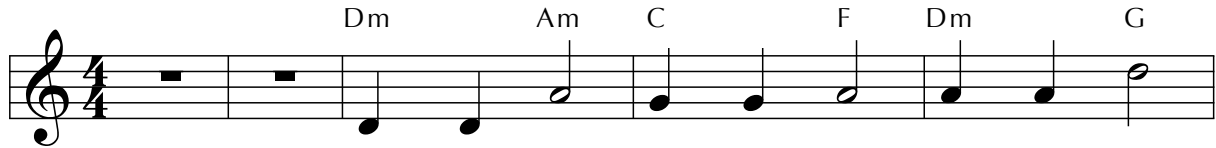


O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

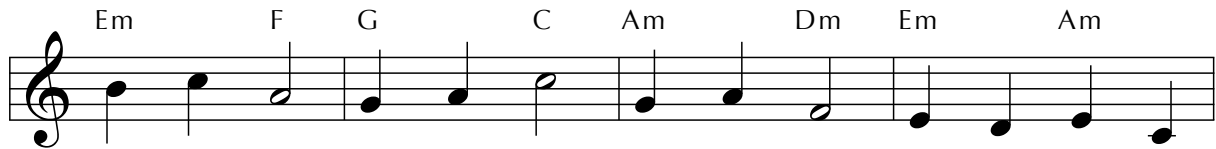


to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

141 On This Day Earth Shall Ring



1 On this day earth shall ring with the song
 2 His the doom, ours the mirth; when he came
 3 God's bright star, o'er his head, wise men three
 4 On this day an - gels sing; with their song

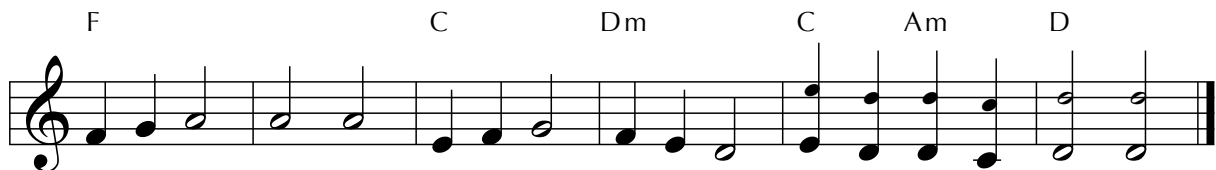


chil - dren sing to the Lord, Christ our King, born on earth to
 down to earth Beth - le - hem saw his birth; ox and ass be -
 to him led; kneel they low by his bed, lay their gifts be -
 earth shall ring, prais - ing Christ, heav - en's King, born on earth to

Refrain



save us; him the Fa - ther gave us.
 side him from the cold would hide him. *Id - e - o - o - o,
 fore him, praise him and a - dore him.
 save us; peace and love he gave us.



id - e - o - o - o, id - e - o glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

