

LAKESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 6, 2020, 11:00 a.m.
Online Live Streaming Service
The Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Comfort, comfort ye my people
Variation 11
Thom Miles, organ

Georg Böhm

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

So family of faith, how do we prepare our *minds* for worship?

We silence the inner critic. We let go of busy thoughts.

We make space for God to speak.

How do we prepare our *hearts* for worship?

We bless all emotions. We feel what we feel.

We open ourselves up to be moved.

How do we prepare our *bodies* for worship?

We take in the scent, sight, and feel of this space.

We breathe in God's mercy. We exhale God's love.

How do we prepare our *souls* for worship?

We bring our full selves into this space.

We wear our hearts on our sleeves. We trust that even now, God is here.

Family of faith, what we practice in worship, we must live out in our daily lives.

So, prepare the way. Let us worship Holy God.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

The Knapke Family

HYMN #87

Comfort, Comfort Now My People
(music for this hymn included at the end of the bulletin)

GENEVAN 42

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, We wish that peace was something we could buy.

We wish that peace could be ordered in a subscription service,

found on a map, downloaded in an app, or voted for in a ballot.

We wish that peace was as easy as a one-time choice when we are feeling our best.

But we know that peace involves everyday decisions, made over and over,
whether or not we are feeling our best.

So today we confess, in front of this community of faith,
that we need your help in this Advent season.

Prepare the way for greater peace and teach us how to be a part of it.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

May God forgive you. May God’s guiding hand surround you. May you know comfort.
May you know peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

GLORIA

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

FRENCH CAROL

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

ANTHEM

Ev’ry Valley

G. F. Handel

Jason Vest, Tenor

Northern Kentucky Community Chorus, December 2015

Stephanie Nash, Artistic Director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Eck Family

God of Peace, We must admit, there are a million things on our minds. We would like to be as focused as John the Baptist—preparing the way, gathering the crowd, spreading the word of your arrival. Maybe then we’d know peace. However, more often than not, we are a swirling compilation of grocery lists, text messages, e-mails, and over-referenced to-do lists. So today, we ask for your help in preparing the way. God, start with our ears and then move to our hearts. We’d like to hear you more clearly. Maybe then we’ll know peace. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:1-11

PSALM READING

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 1-8

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Louisa W. Umphres

REFLECTION

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Members of Lakeside Ringers

PICARDY

EUCHARIST

MOMENT FOR OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

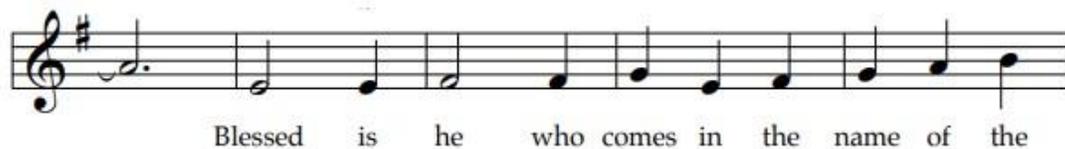
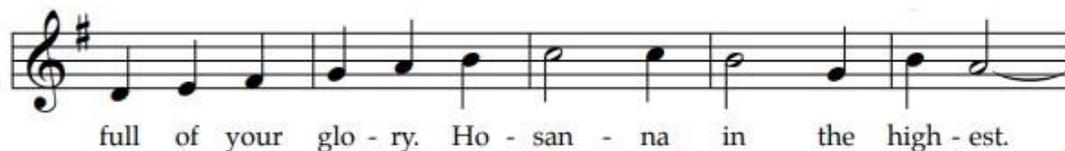
INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

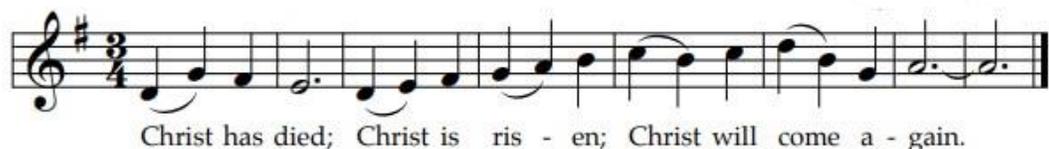
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



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SANCTUS (Pavlechko)



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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Pavlechko)



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AMEN (Pavlechko)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD *(please partake as you are able with elements from your home.)*
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

CHARGE AND BLESSING

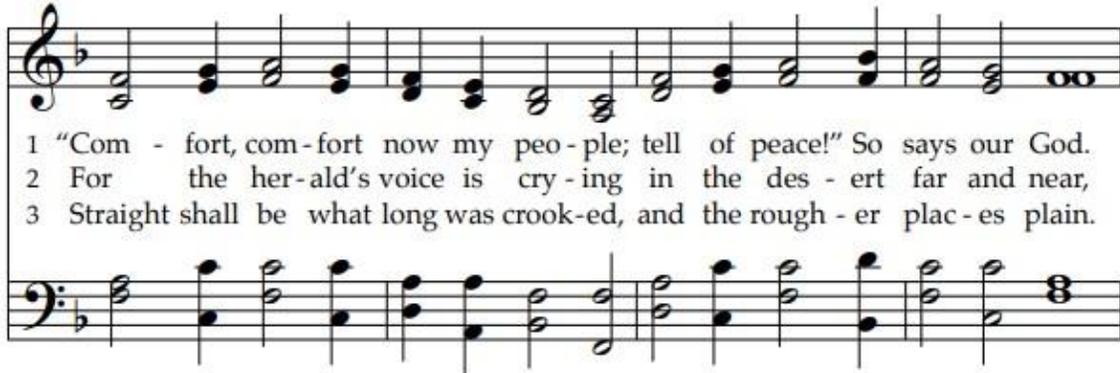
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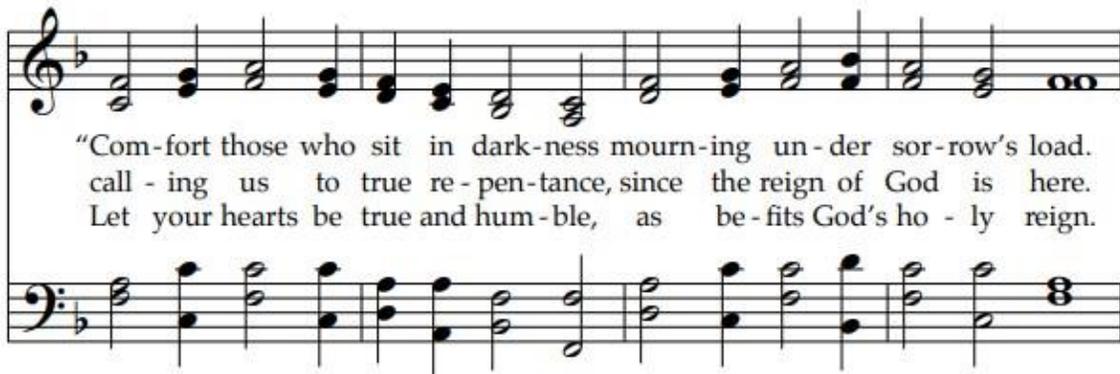
**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

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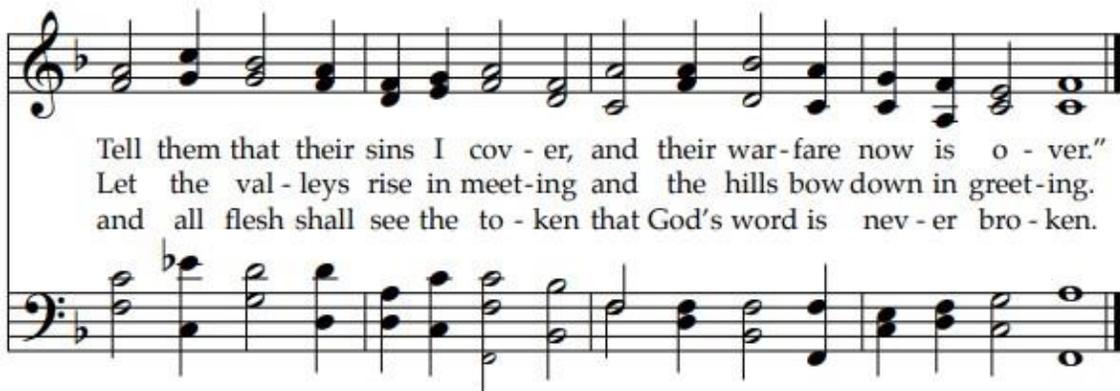
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"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.