



The Worship of God

The 1st Sunday of Advent

November 26, 2023 | 10:00a

Inspired by the bold and boundless hospitality of Jesus, we are “open to all,” which means we welcome and accept all people into the life of our Church without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, age, economic status, political affiliation, physical or mental capacity, or religious belief. We believe that God’s call is given to all people, and we embrace the Spirit that continues to cross boundaries in order to unite the world.

Masks are encouraged but not required for anyone. We encourage you to make the best decision for yourself and your family.

Childcare is available for children ages birth – kindergarten. Please see a greeter for more information.
Worship activities for children are available in the Narthex.

Prelude

“Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 659”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ
J.S. Bach

Call to Worship and Invocation

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

*Opening Hymn

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

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Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who ordered all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in its ways to go. [*Refrain*]

O come, O Bright and Morning Star,
and bring us comfort from afar!
Dispel the shadows of the night
and turn our darkness into light. [*Refrain*]

*Lighting the Candle of Hope

Ron and Angel Diaz

Leader: Christ shall come, God’s gift to the world: that the desperate should find hope—
that the persecuted should find peace—that the dejected should find joy—
that the lonely should find love.

**All: O Christ of the world, your time is now!
We wait, we watch, we wonder! Come!**

(Lighting the Candle of Hope.)

Musical Reflection

Chancel Choir
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

“Canticle of the Turning”

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west, shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring, let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. [Refrain]

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev’ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. [Refrain]

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God’s mercy must deliver us from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
'til the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. [Refrain]

Church at Prayer

J. Kevin Gray

The Lord’s Prayer

Our God who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Rev. Gary Hudson

*There are several ways to give:
scan the QR code below or drop your offering in the plate.*



Offertory

J. Kevin Gray & David Young
Mark Hall & Matt Maher

“Make Room”

A family hiding from the storm found no place at the keeper's door,
it was for this a child was born to save a world so cold and hollow.
the sleeping town they did not know that lying in a manger low,
a savior king who had no home has come to heal our sorrows.

Chorus:

Is there room in your heart? Is there room in your heart?
Is there room in your heart for God to write God’s story?

Shepherds counting sheep at night do not fear the glory light,
you are precious in God's sight, God has come to raise the lowly. [Chorus]

Bridge:

You can come as you are, for it will set you apart,
when you make room in your heart,
and trade your dreams for God's glory.
Make room in your heart, make room in your heart.

A mother holds the promise tight, every wrong will be made right.
The road is straight, the burden's light for in his hands he holds tomorrow. [Chorus and Bridge]

***Presentation of Gifts and the Doxology**

**O Glorious God, to you we bring
All that we are as offering;
Spirit of hope, among us dwell;
Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Amen.**

OLD HUNDREDTH
Paula Testerman

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Gary Hudson

***Closing Hymn**

“Watchman, Tell Us Of the Night”

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ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

Recognition of Departing Staff

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Ben Boswell

Postlude

“Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661”

Dr. Matthew Manwarren, organ
J.S. Bach


*If you are our guest today, please connect with a
minister after worship and receive a Welcome bag.*

Childcare for children ages birth to kindergarten will be provided until noon.



Audio/Video Team Members are Wes Cobb, Joe Kuhlmann,
Hannah Combs, Alicia Dunn, Eric Roberts, and volunteers.

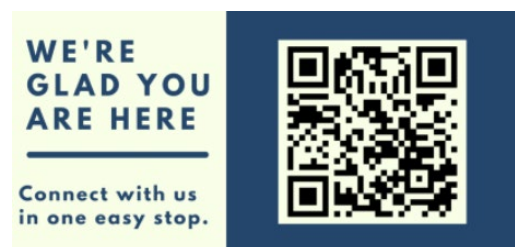


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Becoming a member of Myers Park Baptist is as simple as
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To receive a card or learn more, contact Rev. Carrie Veal at
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Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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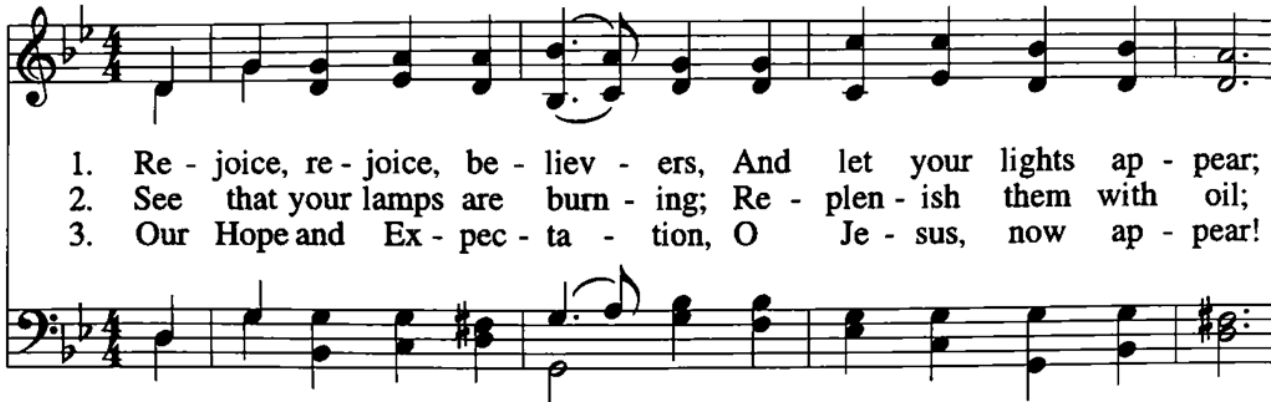
Welsh folk melody

Laurentius Laurenti, 1700

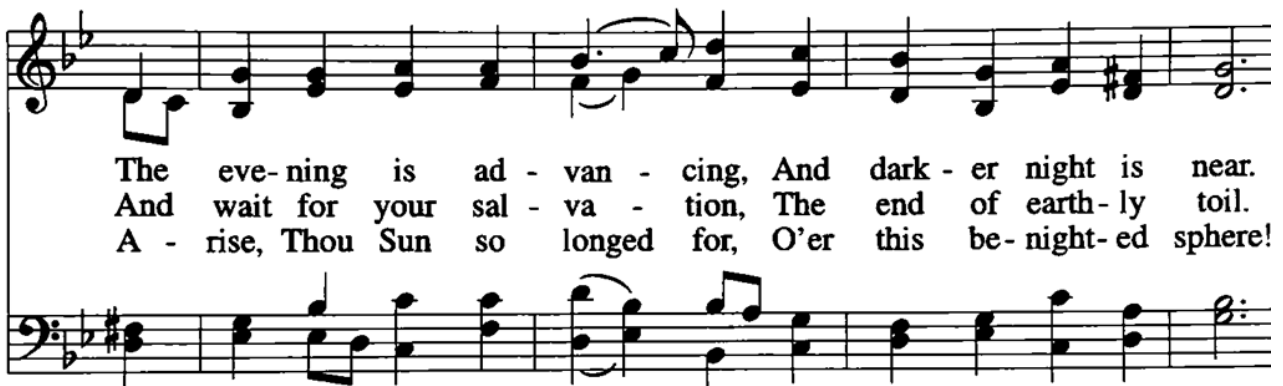
Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865

Trans. by Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854

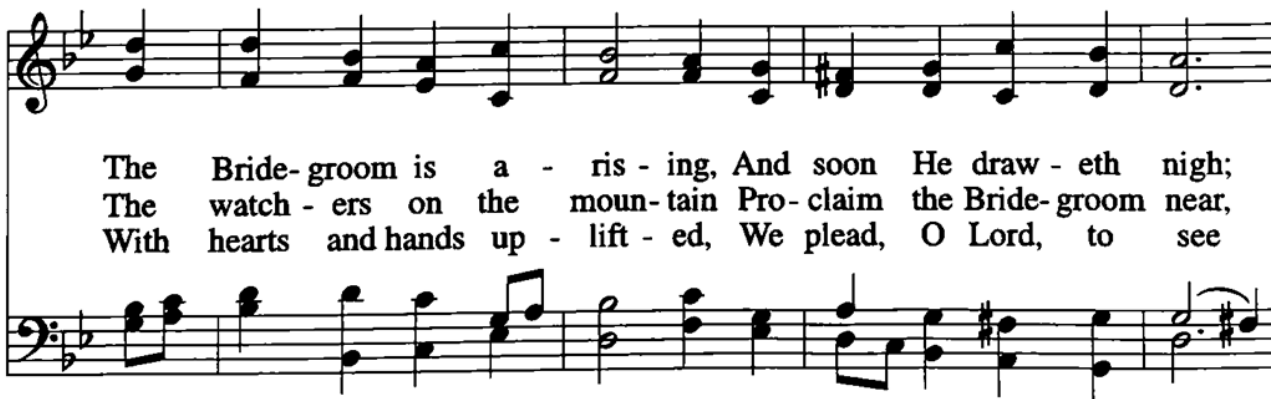
As in *English Hymnal*, 1906



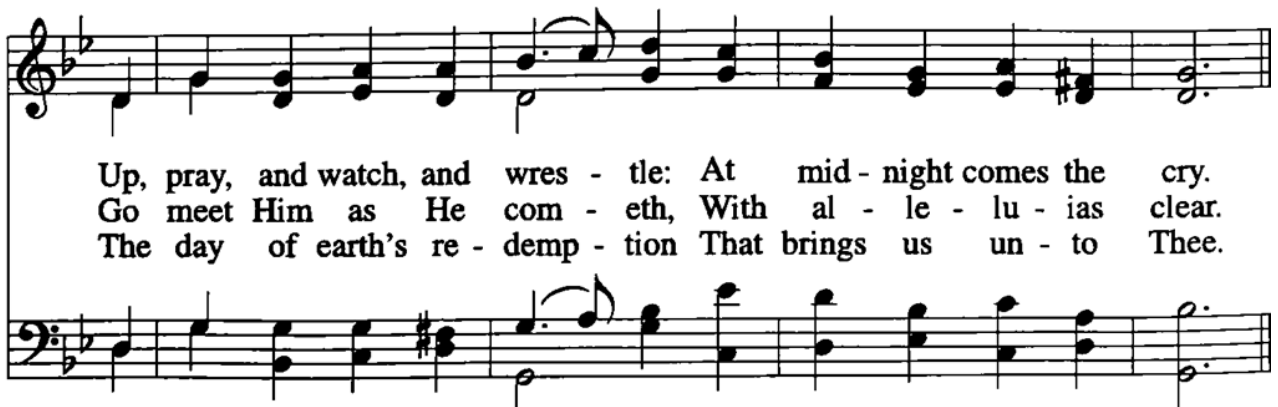
1. Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
2. See that your lamps are burn - ing; Re - plen - ish them with oil;
3. Our Hope and Ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear!



The eve - ning is ad - van - cing, And dark - er night is near.
And wait for your sal - va - tion, The end of earth - ly toil.
A - rise, Thou Sun so longed for, O'er this be - night - ed sphere!



The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, And soon He draw - eth nigh;
The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride - groom near,
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see



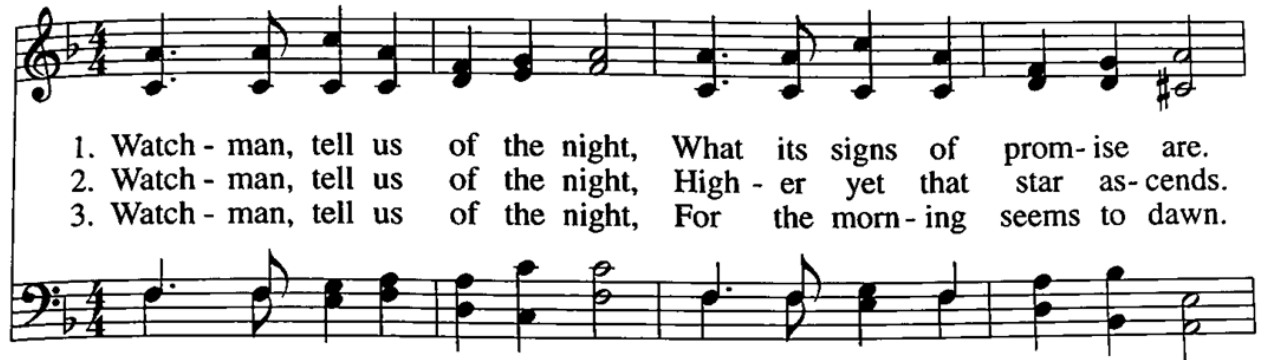
Up, pray, and watch, and wres - tle: At mid - night comes the cry.
Go meet Him as He com - eth, With al - le - lu - ias clear.
The day of earth's re - demp - tion That brings us un - to Thee.

Watchman, Tell Us Of The Night

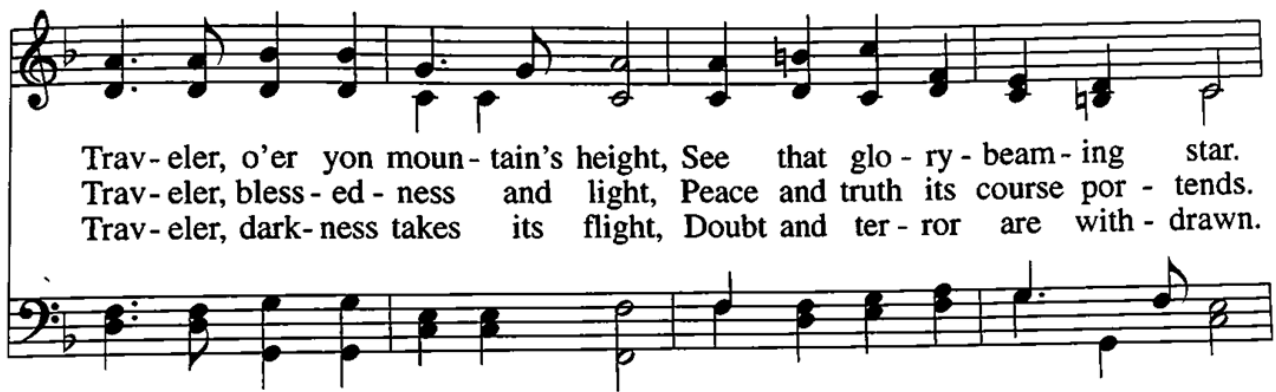
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John Bowring, 1825; alt.

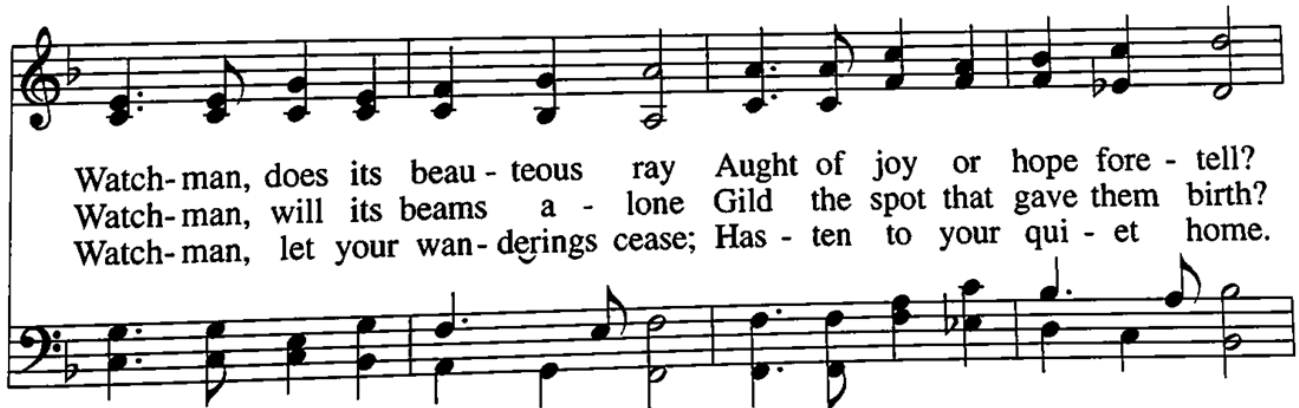
George Job Elvey, 1859



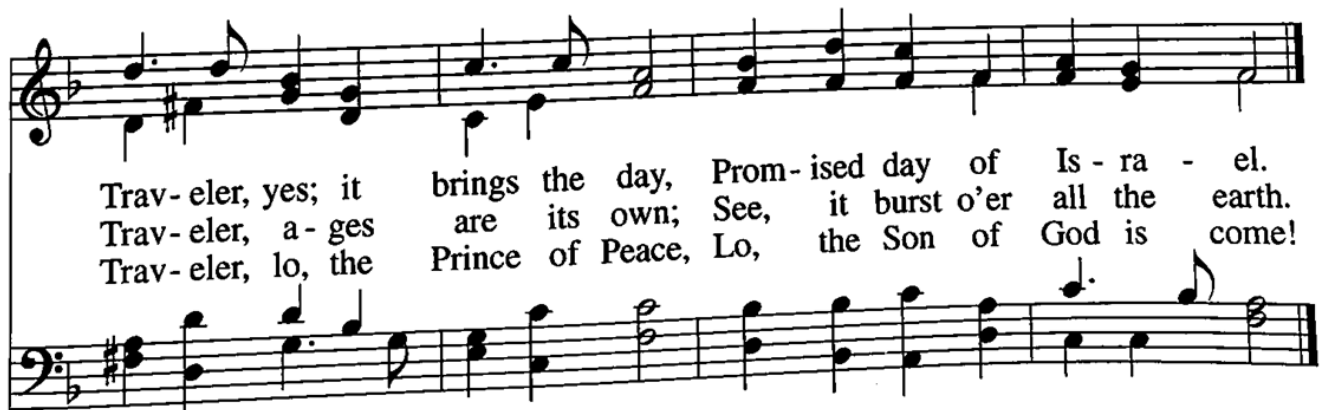
1. Watch - man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom - ise are.
2. Watch - man, tell us of the night, High - er yet that star as - cends.
3. Watch - man, tell us of the night, For the morn - ing seems to dawn.



Trav - eler, o'er yon moun - tain's height, See that glo - ry - beam - ing star.
Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, Peace and truth its course por - tends.
Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, Doubt and ter - ror are with - drawn.



Watch - man, does its beau - teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore - tell?
Watch - man, will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Watch - man, let your wan - derings cease; 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 burst o'er all the earth.
Trav - eler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!

Our Covenant

We, the members of the Myers Park Baptist Church, are a people on a journey of faith. By God's grace we are experiencing love through Jesus Christ and in the community of the faithful. We are discovering in this experience our freedom to become new creatures and our responsibility to be faithful stewards of our lives and of this world.

We will be open to all new light, strengthened by God and each other in our faith. We will sustain a critical examination of Scripture, belief and ritual as interpreters of God's active presence in the world. We will accept controversy as a reality of life together and an opportunity for growth toward maturity. We covenant to be a community of God's New Creation and affirm that we are open to all and closed to none.

We covenant together to nurture this church as a community of faith and as an instrument for reconciliation in the world: by worship, by Christian education, by the dedication of our personal and material resources and by all the other ways we express the significance of our lives with God and one another.

We covenant together to be priests celebrating God's presence in community and in the world, believing we are participants in God's kingdom on Earth.

OUR MINISTERS

Rev. Dr. Benjamin Boswell

Senior Minister

Rev. Carrie Veal

Executive Minister

Rev. Tara Gibbs

Associate Minister of Spiritual Growth

Rev. Dr. JJ Flag

Associate Minister of Pastoral Care & Justice

Rev. Leigh Anne Duncan

Campus Administrator

J. Kevin Gray

Minister of Music & Worship



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