



# LAKE GROVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Partnering with Christ who transforms the world one life at a time

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A COMMUNITY WITH

*unusual  
faith*

DECEMBER 14TH | 9:30 AM

SANCTUARY

**Welcome to Worship on this Third Sunday in Advent!**

**Waiting is one of the historical Advent themes. The prophets waited for the birth of the Messiah; we wait for his return. We acknowledge that we live in a world that is weary for many reasons, waiting for better times. The coming Christ child offers better times already! We pray that our time of waiting and worshipping God together will be a source of hope, peace, joy and love for us all.**

**We're glad you are here!**

# TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

*\*please stand if able*

## Prelude

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People  
by Georg Böhm*

## Welcome

## Church Alive

## Advent Candle Lighting

## Advent III: Joy

*Will, Emily, Lucy and Lilly Bronec*

One: Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of Joy.

One: Advent is a time of waiting. Like the Israelites who wandered through the Wilderness, waiting to come into the Promised Land, our own community waits for the coming of the Joy of Ages.

One: We wait for the day where we can join our voices with the angels to sing "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!" We wait for the day when everlasting joy is within each of us

One: We light this candle in Joy.

**All: On this day, we remember the Spirit who breathes joy into our lives.**

## \*Hymn 145

*What Child is This*

## \*Prayer of Adoration

## Anthem Prepare Ye the Way

*A voice in the distance, song in the night,  
a whisper of wonder, as angels take flight.*

*A bright star that turns all our darkness to day, Emmanuel.*

*Prepare ye the way!*

*"Make way, a Savior is coming,"*

*the prophets all declare.*

*The child of hope, the promise of peace,*

*the answer to our prayer.*

*The voice ever stronger, the song loud and clear,*

*the whisper a "welcome,"*

*God's true light is near.*

*A bright star that turns all our darkness today, Emmanuel.*

*Prepare ye the way!*

*Venite adoremus, venite adoremus,*

*Venite adoremus, Dominum.*

*O come, Lord, and turn all our darkness today, Emmanuel.*

*Prepare ye the way! Prepare ye the way!*

*Prepare ye the way!*

*arr. Mark Burrows ©2019 Choristers Guild CCLI #207039*

## Prayer of Confession

## Assurance of Pardon

## \*Sung Response Hymn 121

**O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;**

**Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.**

**We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;**

**O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

## \*Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Baptism of Ben & Paige Aprati

**\*Hymn 88**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Prayers of God's People & 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever.  
Amen.

**Scripture**

**Luke 1:46-55 NIV**

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said:

<sup>46</sup>"My soul glorifies the Lord

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has been mindful

of the humble state of his servant.

From now on all generations will call me blessed,

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me—  
holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy extends to those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;  
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones  
but has lifted up the humble.

<sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things  
but has sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
remembering to be merciful

<sup>55</sup>to Abraham and his descendants forever,  
just as he promised our ancestors."

**Luke 1: 67-79 NIV**

<sup>67</sup>His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

<sup>68</sup>"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,  
because he has come to his people and redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup>He has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David

<sup>70</sup>(as he said through his holy prophets of long ago),

<sup>71</sup>salvation from our enemies

and from the hand of all who hate us—

<sup>72</sup>to show mercy to our ancestors

and to remember his holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup>the oath he swore to our father Abraham:

<sup>74</sup>to rescue us from the hand of our enemies,

and to enable us to serve him without fear

<sup>75</sup>in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

<sup>76</sup>And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him,

<sup>77</sup>to give his people the knowledge of salvation  
through the forgiveness of their sins,

<sup>78</sup>because of the tender mercy of our God,

by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven

<sup>79</sup>to shine on those living in darkness

and in the shadow of death,

to guide our feet into the path of peace."

**Next week's passage:** Exodus 12:1-4; Matthew 1:1-17

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory** *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*

*The Virgin Mary had a baby boy,  
And they say that His name was Jesus.  
He come from the glory,  
He come from the glorious kingdom.  
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer!  
The angels sang when the baby born,  
And proclaimed Him the Savior Jesus.  
He come from the glory,  
He come from the glorious kingdom.  
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer!  
The shepherds came where the baby born,  
And they say that His name was Jesus.  
He come from the glory,  
He come from the glorious kingdom.  
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer!  
The Wise Men saw where the baby born,  
And they say that His name was Jesus.  
He come from the glory,  
He come from the glorious kingdom.  
Oh yes, believer! Oh yes, believer!  
He come from the glory,  
He come from the glorious kingdom.*

*West Indies Carol arr. Victor C. Johnson ©2023 Alfred Music CCLI #207039*

**\*Hymn 87**

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*  
*by Georg Böhm*



## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Preaching:** Pastor Susan Graham

**Assisting:** Pastor Graig Flach

**Musicians:** Hope and Peace Choirs directed by Abigail Krawson; Ka Ki Rohde, *percussion*; Sergio Carreno, *percussion*; Jeff Wood, *organ & piano*

**A/V Production:** Mark Alcala, Spencer Hadduck

**For pastoral and congregational care needs email [care@lakegrovepres.org](mailto:care@lakegrovepres.org), or leave a message in the Pastors' voicemail box at 503-210-6062.**

**Let's connect!** Join us in the Fellowship Hall for *Beanediction*, our coffee and fellowship ministry, after each service.

The **Deacon Food Pantry** needs the following toiletry and food items: ***Toilet paper, condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise), cereal, and shelf-stable milk.*** We are currently teaming up with Lake Oswego Hunger Fighters, who serve those in our community. Your generosity is making a difference. Thank you for doing what you can! *Our Deacon Pantry Drop box is located just off the Gathering Area in the hall near the coat rack.*

## LGPC Prays

Prayer is the primary work of God's people. It is a vital connection to God where we can hear from, listen to, and respond to the Lord. Here are some ways you can pray this week...

## Mission Partners

**Local: Love INC** - Pray for Love INC (In the Name of Christ) as they mobilize churches supporting Clackamas County families in need. Would you like to become a part of this vital ministry by becoming a Lake Grove Church liaison?

**Pink Eraser** - Pray for the students of economically insecure families in our community, also for their teachers, administrators, and counselors. May 2026 be a brighter year for them all.

If you would like to receive or be included on the weekly churchwide prayer chain, please email: [prayer@lakegrovepres.org](mailto:prayer@lakegrovepres.org).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Longest Night Service

*A sacred Christmas service for those in grief*



DECEMBER 14 | 2PM  
COURTYARD ROOM



## NOAH'S ARK presents A Christmas Pageant



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 | 11:30AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

## 25th Annual Bells and Brass

Featuring Lake Grove's Covenant Bells and Brass from the Oregon Symphony

*Celebrate the magic of Christmas with beloved carols and holiday favorites at our Bells and Brass concerts!*

FREE CONCERT | DECEMBER 21 | 11:30AM & 5:30PM  
4040 SUNSET DRIVE, LAKE OSWEGO



## Christmas Eve

AT LAKE GROVE  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

join us for worship

2:30PM CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICE  
3:30PM MODERN SERVICE  
5 & 7PM TRADITIONAL SERVICES



## 145

## What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;  
 Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
 Raise, raise the song on high. The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by.



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!  
 Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



This Victorian text gains scope and power by having the original second halves of stanzas two and three restored. They give a stark forward glimpse of what lies ahead for this "babe, the son of Mary!" The tune is much older, dating from Tudor England.

## 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 our spirits by thine advent here;  
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

*One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:*

*Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)*

*Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)*

*Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)*

*Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)*

*Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)*

*Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)*

*Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)*

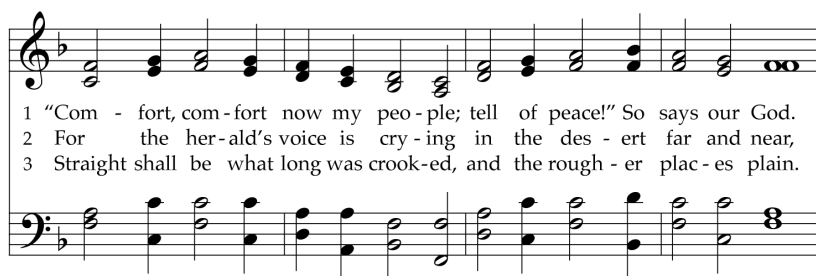
These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

TEXT: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; trans. composite  
 MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988  
 Music Arr. © 1990 John Weaver

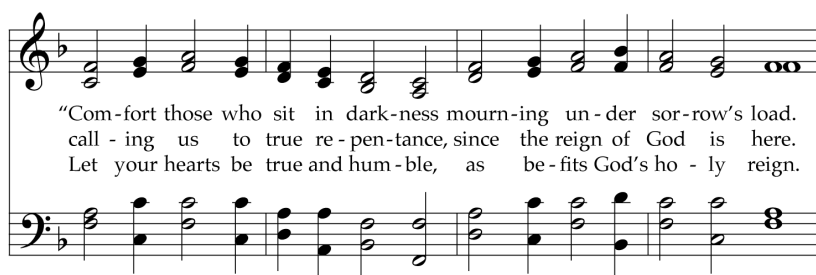
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 LM with refrain



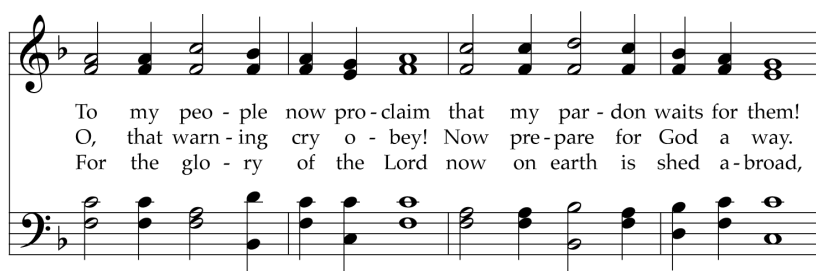
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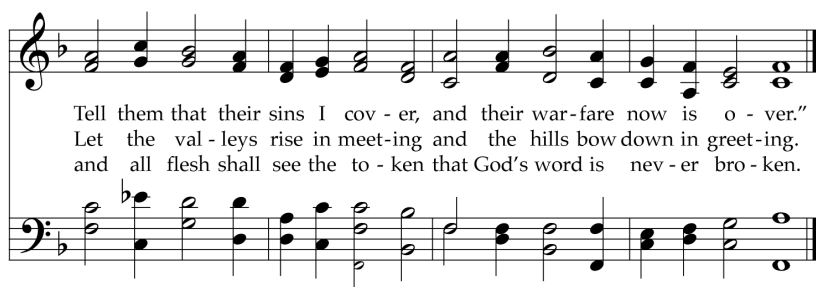
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"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 Psalm tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

TEXT: Johannes Olearius, 1671; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.  
 MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

GENEVAN 42  
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