

# Love's Pure Light

## Congregational part

*"Gesù Bambino"*  
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by  
JOEL RANEY

O come, O come, Em - man - u -  
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring  
hope to the world, bring peace to the  
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, G major. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second and third staves contain the second and third lines, and the fourth staff contains the final line. The music ends with a double bar line.

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**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)**  
is for pregnant women and mothers of  
young children ages birth - kindergarten.

**Meeting this Tuesday, December 4**  
**from 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

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**NEW!! December Newsletter**

**The December *Venice Views***  
**is available in the Main Entryway.**

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## **Hurricane Relief - Partnering with our denomination, the EPC**

In the past few months, the United States has experienced some serious natural disasters. These events have longstanding effects on the communities affected.

Venice Church's Session would like to invite the people of the church to join in sending financial help to at least two of the areas that have been struck.

Over the next few weeks, Venice Church will accept financial gifts to help with the on-going recovery work being done in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael. **Checks can be made out to Venice Presbyterian Church with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line and on the offering envelope. Cash can be place in offering envelopes from the pews and marked "Hurricane Relief."**

Later in December, we will send the collected money in equal parts to the Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael Relief funds that are being managed by the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and channeled through EPC churches in the affected areas. The EPC does not currently have a fund in place to help with the fire disaster in California. If that becomes an option in the future, we will let you know.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA ORDER FORM



# Christmas Poinsettias

\$8 each

**ORDER DEADLINE**  
**TODAY**  
December 2, 2018

Please make checks payable to Venice Presbyterian Church.

Place your form and payment in the Offering Plate or mail to the Church Office: 3694 Millers Run Road, McDonald, PA 15057

	Number	Total Price @ \$8 each
<b>Red</b>		
<b>White</b>		
<b>Pink</b>		
<b>Marble</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	

In memory / honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The two white flower arrangements in the chancel area are given to the Glory of God.**

If you or someone you know will enjoy these fresh flower arrangements in your home this week, please take them with you following the 11:00 am worship service. You are also welcome to keep the vases.



**Tuesday Bible Study**

meets this week, December 4, at 12 noon. We're studying the book of Mark. Join us! You're welcome to bring your lunch along if you'd like!



**Meetings this Week:**

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| <b>Monday:</b>    | Missions Com.     | 6:00 pm  |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | Session Meeting   | 7:00 pm  |
|                   | Deacons Meeting   | 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | Nurture Committee | 10:00 am |
|                   | Trustees Meeting  | 7:00 pm  |

**Upcoming Maternity Leave**

Sometime in the next few weeks when you call or send an email to the Office, you'll talk with or get a reply from Karla Slaugenhaupt, who will be filling in for Jess Golden while she's on maternity leave.

All the avenues of communication will remain the same—you don't have to do anything differently to contact the Office with your needs or requests, but you'll hear Karla's voice on the end of the line. Thanks, Karla, for your willingness to fill in!



Articles and Announcements for the January *Venice Views* should please be given to the Church Office by Wednesday, December 12.

Thank you!



**THANKS**  
*from the*  
**HEART**

Thank you for the cards, prayers, visits, and phone calls. Both for me and the Milbower Family. I appreciate the concern of my church family while my sister was ill and after her death. *-Evelyn Hill*

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Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**  
**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:30 pm**



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## **Faithful Cleaners Needed** **to Prepare our Sanctuary for Christmas**

Saturday, December 15th from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Bring your buckets, sponges, and cleaning supplies and help us to deep clean the Sanctuary. If you can only come for a little while, that's ok. Every bit of time that each of us can offer will make the work lighter!



Please contact Karen Nicksic to let her know you're available, or with any questions you have. 724-926-9438

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## **VENICE VOLUNTEERS**

Are you in need of temporary assistance?  
If so, a Venice Volunteer may be able to help.

We have volunteers who can assist with:

Transportation  
Shopping and errands  
Caregiver relief  
Paperwork

Minor household maintenance  
Light housekeeping  
Meal preparation  
Supportive visitation

**If you think a Venice Volunteer might be able to help you, do not hesitate to contact Jess in the Church Office at 724-745-8362.**

## Cans for Cameroon

When you gather around your table with family to celebrate Christmas and the New Year, remember to save your empty aluminum cans!



We recycle those cans and use the money to support the Bakossi Literacy Project in Cameroon, Africa.

The literacy project helps to train and financially support teachers who help the Bakossi people to read the New Testament in their native language.

## Volunteer needed to coordinate can recycling.

The Missions Committee would like to thank Walt Herbst for collecting and recycling cans over these last few years. We are in need of someone to take over. This person would collect the cans that are brought to church, take them to a recycling center, and bring the proceeds to the church. Please contact John Kaufman if this is a way you are able to volunteer. John: 724-745-1465

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## Create-a-Christmas

Join the Dorcas Circle in spreading the love of Christ this Christmas by creating and giving a package to a patient served by the Home Outreach Department of East Liberty Health Care Center.

**Patients names are available this morning on the Christmas tree in front of the Cry Room.**

Buy a few of the requested items to wrap; the name card will show what that person would like. We suggest a \$20 limit.



### Remember:

- attach only the name portion of your card to your package
- include a personal card inside if you wish
- Include gift receipts for clothing (in case an exchange is needed)

Gifts need to be returned by next Sunday, December 9th.

A representative from East Liberty Health Care Center will join us at our 11:00 am worship that day to receive and transport the gifts to Pittsburgh.

# **First Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting - *Hope for God's Presence***

Responsive Litany

Leader: In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

**People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope**

Leader: In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

**People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope**

Leader: In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

**People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope**

Leader: In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

**People: Christ is our light and the source of our hope**

*Congregational Chorus can be found on the reverse of this insert.*