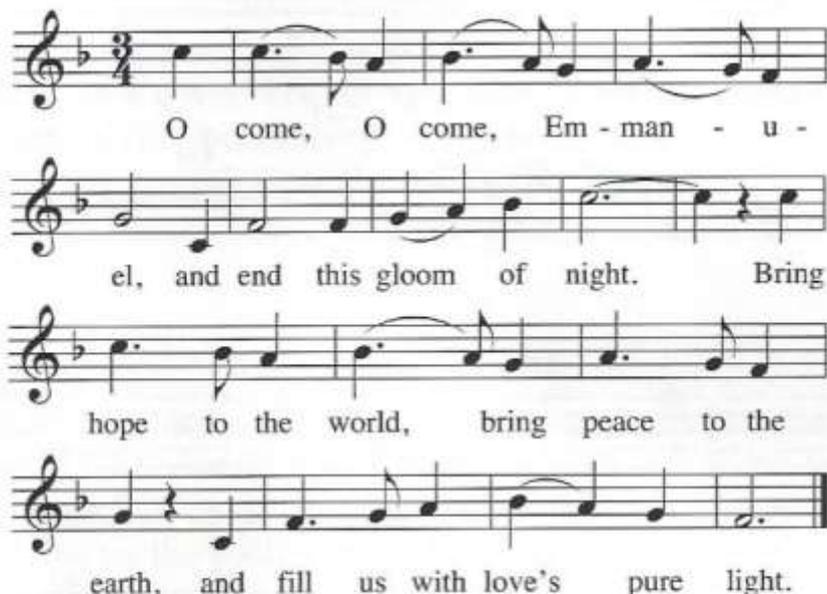


Love's Pure Light

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.

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Christmas Concert at Harmony House Café

This Friday, December 14th from 7 pm -10 pm

Harmony House Café - 47 North Main St, Washington

Cathasaigh will be performing her annual Christmas music.

Harmony House Café is a ministry of New Hope Church,

Washington. Pastor Tom Bellhy spoke at our Ladies' Tea

when the café was getting its start a few years ago.





Friday, December 28th
from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Bring your family and friends....
or just yourself!

We will enjoy a range of family-friendly
games in the Fellowship Hall.

RSVP with the Church Office (724-745-8362 or secy@venice-church.org)
so we can plan for dinner. Donations will be collected to cover the cost
of dinner, which will be served shortly after 6:00 pm.

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.



TONIGHT! 5:00 pm
followed by
Soup & Sandwiches

In addition, the Christmas Shoe Tree is a project that incorporates donated shoes. We know of the need for shoes in Haiti. The donated shoes that we receive will be sent to Haiti's LaCroix Mission. It's not too late to bring in shoes!

Tuesday Bible Study



meets this week, December 11, at 12 noon. We're studying the book of Mark. Join us! You're welcome to bring your lunch along if you'd like!

Meeting this Week:



Wednesday: Nominating Committee 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!

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**VENICE CHURCH EXTENDS
SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES**

to Doug, Robin, and Abby Allen upon the death of
Doug's father, Ted Allen, last weekend.

Please keep them in prayer as they begin to grieve
the loss of Ted.



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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

Monday, December 24th

7:30 pm



**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

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

Community Meals on Wheels - McDonald

A portion of our Missions Budget each year is given to support two local Meals on Wheels programs (Canonsburg-Houston and McDonald).

McDonald Meals-on-Wheels has sent a request for food donations and volunteers. If you are able to volunteer as a cook, a driver, or by donating food, please contact the McDonald program directly.

Janet Lauff (Cook) - 724-926-2104

Mike Slates (Driver Coordinator) 724-492-1117

Create-a-Christmas

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Create-a-Christmas for East Liberty Healthcare Center.



This morning, representatives of East Liberty Health Care Center are joining us at 11:00 am worship and will receive and transport the gifts to Pittsburgh. Thank you for your support!



It's that time of year again!

All church related **receipts for 2018 should be submitted to the Treasurer ASAP**, and no later than Monday December 31.

THANK YOU to everyone who has turned in their receipts in such a timely matter this past year—you helped to keep our financial reports up-to-date for committee meetings and decision making.

Second Sunday of Advent Candle Lighting - *Hope for God's Peace*

Responsive Litany

Leader: In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

People: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Leader: We witness the hostility between nations and neighbors.

People: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Leader: We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

People: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

Leader: We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

People: Christ is our light and the source of our peace.

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