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But of the Son he says,
“Your throne, O God,
is forever and ever,
the scepter of uprightness
is the scepter of your kingdom.”

Hebrews 1:8



“Preaching God’s Sovereign Grace to a World of Need”

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The Lord's Day

December 7, 2025

God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

Advent Reading: Luke 1:26-35

The Hall Family

***His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 117

Elder: Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

People: **Praise the Lord!**

Elder: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Elder: The Lord is dwelling among His Congregation.

People: **Let us worship Him!**

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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***Prayer of Invocation**

The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Reading of the Law

Matthew 5:1-20

Call to Confession

based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Elder led prayer and silent prayer

Assurance of His Pardon

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the offenses of your people? You do not stay angry forever, but delight to show your mercy. Once again you have compassion on us. You tread our sins underfoot and hurl our transgressions into the depths of the sea.

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

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Intercessory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

His Word is Opened to Us

Pastor Kurt Scharping

Scripture: Hebrews 1:10-12

"The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: Only One Jesus Christ

Prayer for Response and Obedience

Hymn of Preparation

Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus!

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We Come to His Table

The Invitation and the Warning

Sursum Corda – Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Prayer of Preparation

The Lord's Supper & Prayers of Thanksgiving

Unison Confession of our Faith

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Westminster Confession of Faith (Chapter XII – Of Adoption)

We Depart with His Blessing

And Sending of His Spirit

Presenting of His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

***Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Psalm 134

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***Charge and Benediction: Hallelujah**

Postlude

***Congregation Standing**

The Coming Messiah

Only One Jesus Christ

Hebrews 1:10-12

Pastor Kurt Scharping

Theme: Trust in the Creator, eternal and unchangeable Jesus.

I. Jesus Created All Things. 10

II. Jesus is Eternal. 11

III. Jesus is Unchangeable. 12

My Own Thoughts

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

Lord's Day Evening Service

December 7, 2025

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Re-Gather at the close of the Lord's Day

Psalm 55:22

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns to the glory and praise of our Covenant God

Scriptural Warning

of the Human Condition

Psalm 55:12-14

and the Way of Salvation

Psalm 55:16-18a

Unison Prayer

O Divine Redeemer, Great was thy goodness in undertaking my redemption, in consenting to be made sin for me, in conquering all my foes; Great was thy strength in enduring the extremities of divine wrath, in taking away the load of my iniquities; Great was thy love in manifesting thyself alive, in showing thy sacred wounds, that every fear might vanish, and every doubt be removed; Great was thy victory in ascending to heaven in being crowned and enthroned there to intercede for me, there to succour me in temptation, there to open the eternal book, there to receive me finally to thyself;

Great was thy wisdom in devising this means of salvation; Bathe my soul in rich consolations of thy resurrection life; Great was thy grace in commanding me to come hand in hand with thee to the Father, to be knit to him eternally, to discover in him my rest, to find in him my peace, to honor him who is alone worthy; in giving the Spirit as teacher that I may live repenting of sin, conquer Satan, find victory in life. When thou art absent all sorrows are here, When thou art present all blessings are mine. In His name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Encouragement

to Hope and Obedience

Psalm 55:23b

Psalm 55: Cast Your Burden on the Lord

Trinity Hymnal #673

Prayers of Supplication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

Message: Zechariah's Prophecy

Closing Hymn: Song of Zechariah (from TPH)

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Prayer of Benediction

Jesus – From Christmas to Easter

Zechariah's Prophecy

Luke 1:5-25, 67-80

Pastor Nicholas Hathaway

After the silence

Theme: The Lord's visitation means your salvation.

Jesus came to save us from enemies who _____. (v. 71)

To respond to our deliverance,

be righteous, _____.
(v.74, 75, 79)

To predispose us to salvation we must _____

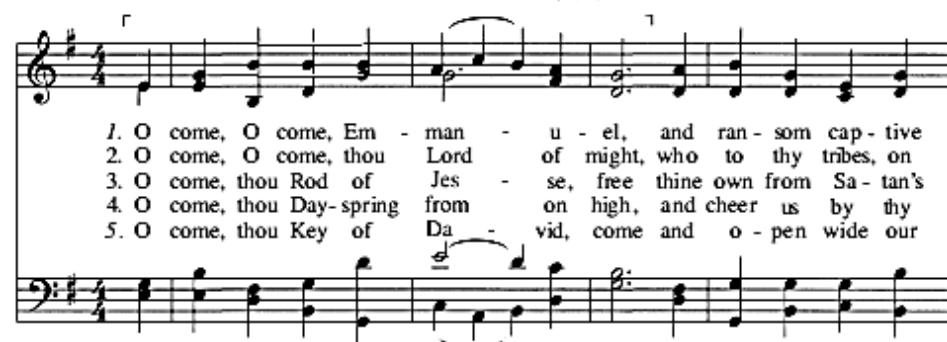
_____. (v. 77)

The Hebrew God of _____ is a God of tender
mercy. (v. 72, 78)

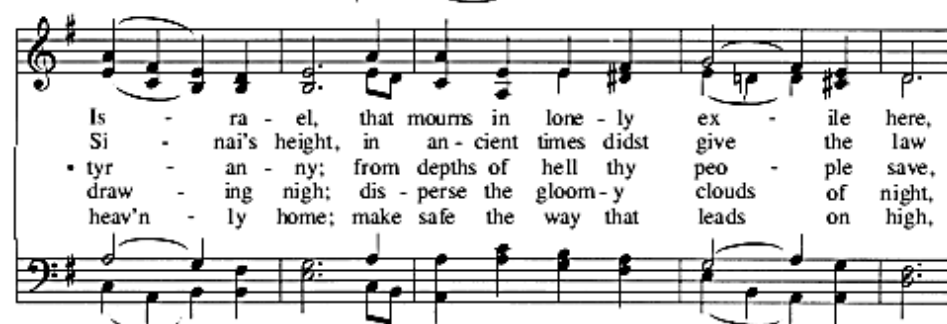
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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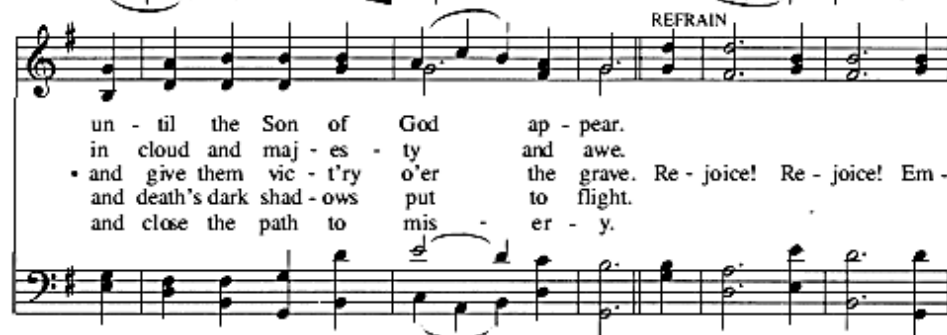
*"The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,"
declares the Lord. Is. 59:20*



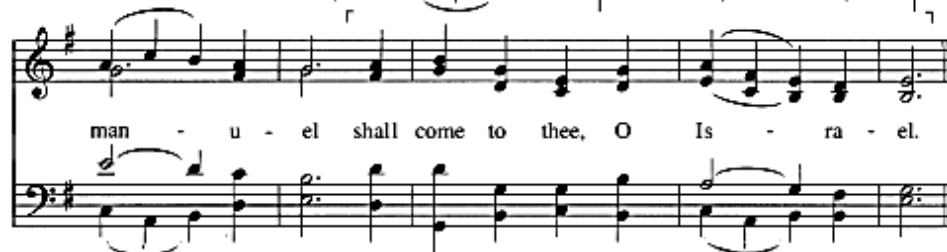
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
3. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
• tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
• and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
and close the path to mis - er - y.



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

Latin antiphons, 12th cent.
Latin hymn, 1710
Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1961

VENI EMMANUEL. L.Mz. et.
Plainsong, 13th cent.
Ar. by Thomas Helmore, 1856

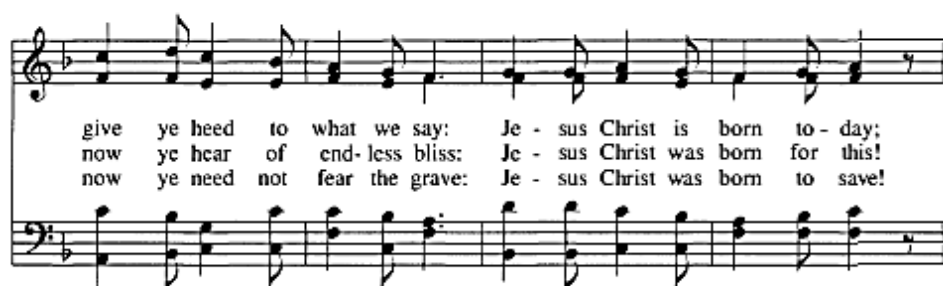
Good Christian Men, Rejoice

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

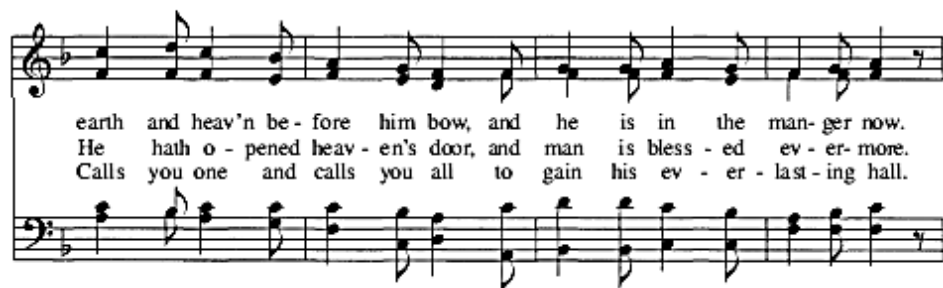
Luke 2:11



1. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
2. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;
3. Good Chris - tian men, re - joice, with heart and soul and voice;



give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!



earth and heav'n be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.
He hath o - pened heav - en's door, and man is bless - ed ev - er - more.
Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.



Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus!

1. Hal - le - lu - jah! sing to Je - sus, His the scep - ter, His the throne;
 2. Hal - le - lu - jah! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
 3. Hal - le - lu - jah! Bread of heav - en, Thou on earth our food, our stay;
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah! sing to Je - sus, His the scep - ter, His the throne;

Hal - le - lu - jah! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! He is near us, Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! here the hun - gry come to Thee from day to day.
 Hal - le - lu - jah! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.

Hark, the songs of His re - deemed ones thun - der like a might - ty flood:
 Though the clouds from sight re - ceived Him when the for - ty days were o'er,
 Ad - vo - cate and In - ter - cess - or, my Re - deem - er pleads for me,
 Hark, the songs of His re - deemed ones thun - der like a might - ty flood:

Je - sus out of ev - ry na - tion, hath re - deemed us by His blood.
 Shall our hearts for - get His pro - mise, "I am with you ev - er more?"
 On the throne of the Al - might - y now and to e - ter ni - ty.
 Je - sus out of ev - ry na - tion, hath re - deemed us by His blood.

Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith
(chapter XII – Of Adoption)

All those that are justified, God vouchsafeth, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption, by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God, have His name put upon them, receive the spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled to cry, Abba, Father, are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by Him, as by a Father: yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption; and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.

Psalm 134

Verse 1

Oh bless our God with one accord, ye faithful
ser_vants of the Lord, who in his house do stand by night: and
praise him there with all your might.

Verses 2 – 3 and Doxology

Lift up your hand, in prayer draw nigh unto his sanctuary high;
Bless ye the Lord, kneel at his feet; and worship him with reverence meet.

Jehovah bless thee from above, from Zion in his boundless love,
Our God, who heav'n and earth did frame; Blest be his great and holy name.

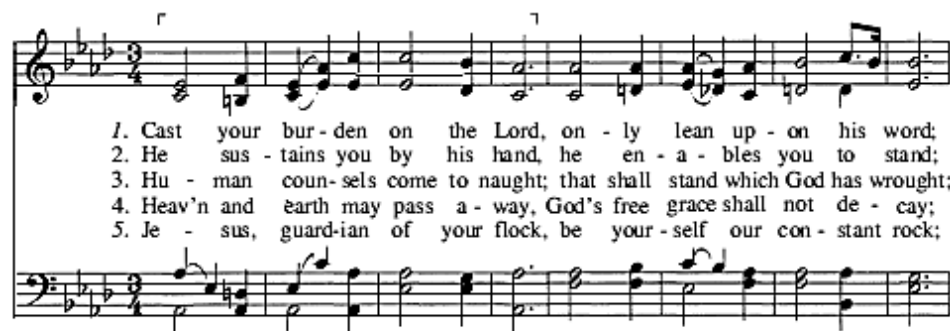
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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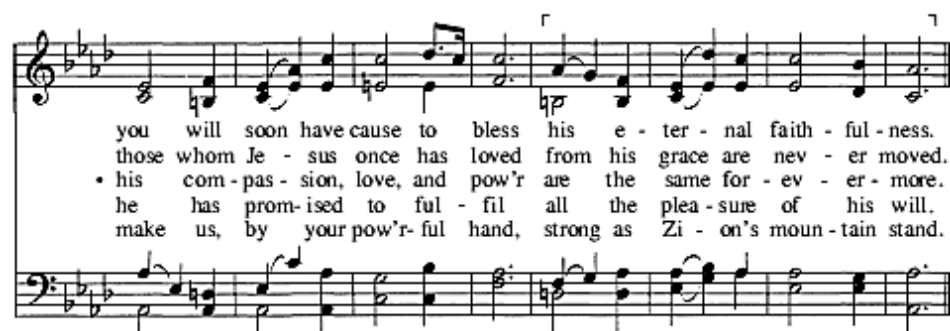
Cast Your Burden on the Lord

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Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you. Ps. 55:22



1. Cast your bur - den on the Lord, on - ly lean up - on his word;
 2. He sus - tains you by his hand, he en - a - bles you to stand;
 3. Hu - man coun - sels come to naught; that shall stand which God has wrought;
 4. Heav'n and earth may pass a - way, God's free grace shall not de - cay;
 5. Je - sus, guard - ian of your flock, be your - self our con - stant rock;



you will soon have cause to bless his e - ter - nal faith - ful - ness.
 those whom Je - sus once has loved from his grace are nev - er moved.
 • his com - pas - sion, love, and pow'r are the same for - ev - er - more.
 he has prom - ised to ful - fil all the plea - sure of his will.
 make us, by your pow'r - ful hand, strong as Zi - on's moun - tain stand.

Based on Psalm 55
 Rowland Hill's *Psalms and Hymns*, 1783; mod.

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 Louis M. Gottschalk, 1867; arr.

Song of Zechariah

1. Blest be God, the Lord of Is - rael; he has come to set us free!
 2. God has come in might to save us from the ha - tred of our foes.
 3. God has sworn to grant de - liv - 'rance and re - store us to our place:
 4. Bring the knowl - edge of sal - va - tion to God's peo - ple in their sin.

And a horn of full sal - va - tion he has raised from Da - vid's seed.
 From their cru - el hand he frees us, and his ten - der mer - cy shows
 serv - ing bold - ly in his pres - ence, just and ho - ly all our days.
 Preach that God is ten - der - heart - ed, and by him are sins for - giv'n.

God has vis - it - ed his peo - ple to re - deem them as fore - told
 mer - cy prom - ised in his cov - 'nant to our fa - thers whom he chose.
 You, my child, will be his Pro - phet, called and sent by God Most High.
 His great mer - cy, like the sun - rise, bright - ly shines in deep - est night,

in the prom - ise he had spo - ken thro' his pro - phets from of old.
 He will keep his oath to A - br'am to re - lease us from our woes.
 You must go be - fore the Lord now to pre - pare his ways a - right.
 guid - ing those who sit in dark - ness to the way of peace and light.

from Luke 1:68-79
 vers. Harry Zekveld, 2015

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 Asahel Nettleton, 1825