WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Orange Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 29, 2026 •First Sunday of Advent

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Chiming of Advent

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *"Messiah, Come"* James
Vernon Humbert, Cello and Sonja Lewis, Piano

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: Christ is coming!
People: We will keep awake!
Leader: Christ is coming!
People: We will be ready! He will gather his people from the ends of the earth.
All: Praise be to God! We will worship and prepare.

Opening Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle - the Candle of Hope

*** Hymn** (#82) *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* Williams

CELEBRATING GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin (Unison)

We have neglected the welfare of your creation, ignored the plight of our neighbors, and failed to tend the vine of faith you have planted in our lives. At times we value our own selfish intent over your justice and peace. Forgive us, O God of grace. In your compassion, restore us, let your face shine upon us, and lead us back into your light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Moment of silent confession.) **Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

***** *Stand if able*

The Peace of Christ

* **Hymn** (#400) *"I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say"* Farrell

I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of God." And now our feet are standing in your gates, O Jerusalem!
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.
For the love of my friends and kin I will bless you with signs of peace. For the love of God's own people I will labor and pray for you.
Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, shalom, God's justice be ever near.

THE PROCLAIMING OF GOD'S WORD

Faith Sharing With Children

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Mark 13:24-37

* **Hymn** (#355) *"O Hear Our Cry, O Lord"* Dirksen

Second Reading Psalm 80

Sermon Rev. James Kendrick

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* **Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. (Apostles' Creed)

* **Gloria Patri** (#581) *"Glory Be to the Father"*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Prayers of the People & the 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, forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *"We'll Welcome Him"* Schram
Oscar Arnold, Cello

* **Doxology** (#606) *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*
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.
[or "God"]*

Prayer of Dedication

SENT TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

* **Hymn** (#191) *"We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"* White

* **Charge & Benediction**

* **Postlude** *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* R. V. Williams

Mark 13:24-37

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
"Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.
"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.
Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place.

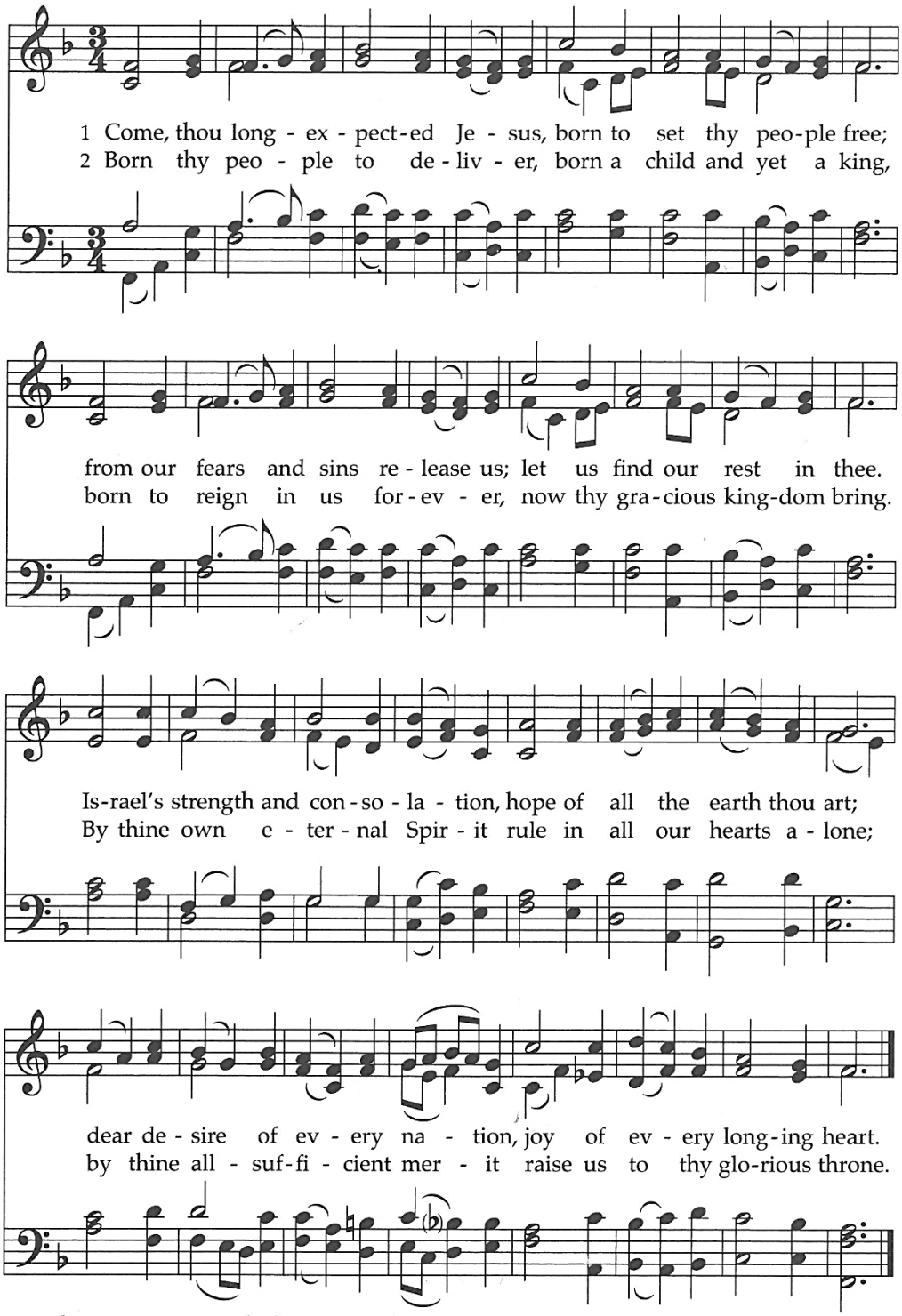
Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.
It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn,
or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Psalm 80

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!
Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers? You have fed them with the bread of tears and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves. Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; it sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.
Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it.
Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven and see; have regard for this vine, the stock that your right hand planted. It has been burned with fire; it has been cut down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance. But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



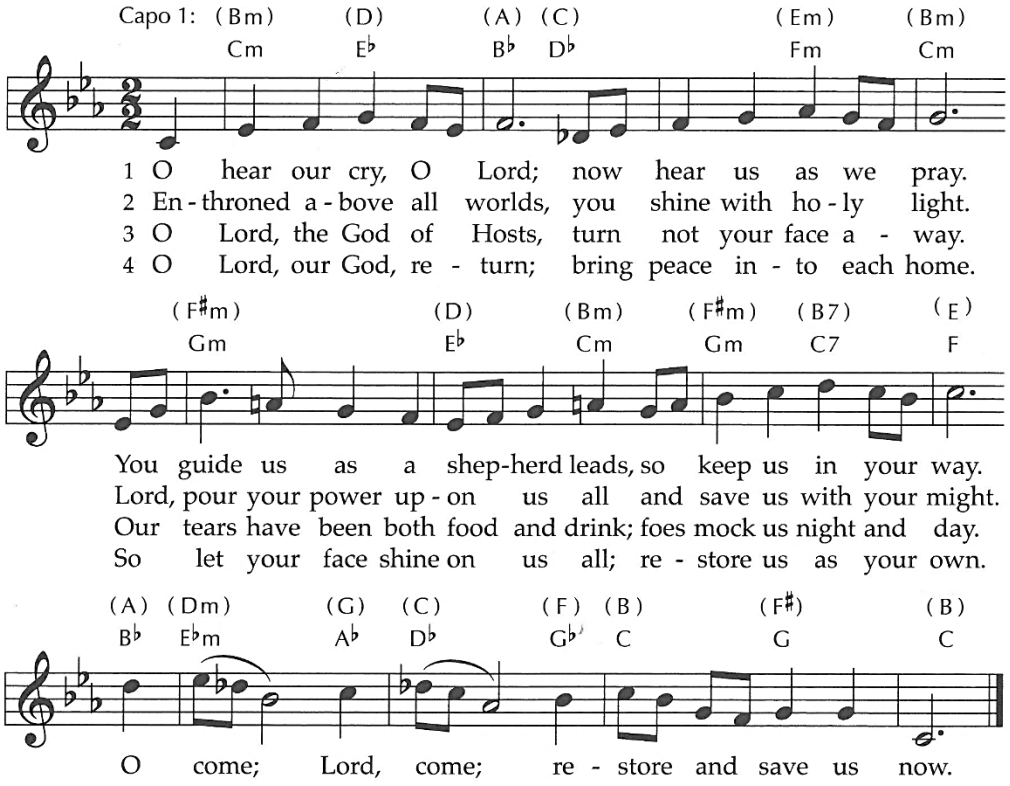
With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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(alternate tune: STUTTGART, 83)

O Hear Our Cry, O Lord 355

(Psalm 80)



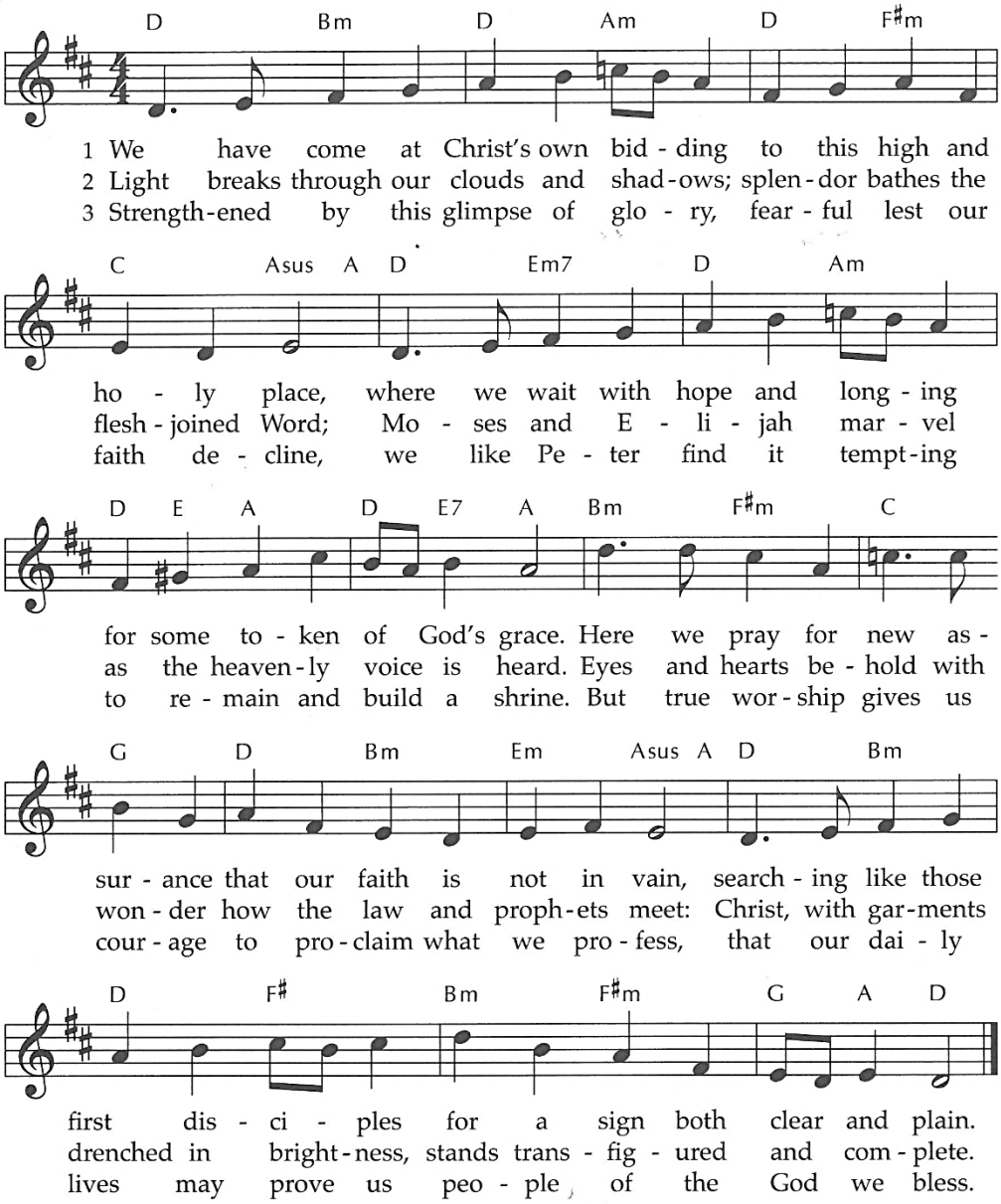
Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

The use of a refrain in this paraphrase of Psalm 80 effectively represents both the structure and the spirit of the original prayer for the restoration of God's favor. Even in the midst of feeling cut off from God, there remains a sense of confidence in God's unfailing mercy.

TEXT: Fred R. Anderson, 1986
MUSIC: Richard Wayne Dirksen, 1974
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VINEYARD HAVEN
SM with refrain

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding 191



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Through this Transfiguration hymn runs an implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the three disciples on that mountain and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship. This event is reported in Matthew 17:1–9/Mark 9:2–9/Luke 9:28–36.

TEXT: Carl P. Daw Jr., 1988, alt.
MUSIC: David Ashley White, 1991
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BREWER
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Worship Assistant: Fran Higson

Ushers: Wayne and Cindy Ezell, Dave and Kathy Morrison, John and Joanne Rose
Deacon Greeter: Sherry Miller

Last Sunday's Attendance: 71

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Jo Plunkett, Pianist

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COMMUNITY CORNER

WELCOME AND MEMBERSHIP: Welcome to worship at Orange Park Presbyterian Church! There are Connect Cards in the pews for visitor information, communications, and prayer requests (once completed, place in the offering plate). If you would like to talk with Pastor James about becoming a follower of Jesus Christ or becoming a church member, please note that on the card, and he will reach out to answer your questions.

GET CONNECTED: If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, please provide us with your e-mail address on a blue connect card or send an e-mail to pam@oppresby.com. We would love to keep you current on what's happening at OPPC.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND NURSERY: Children's Church on Sunday mornings is for ages 4 through 13 and takes place right after the children's message. Our nursery is open upon request for the younger ones.

LOVE GIFT: Once again, it is the season for saying thank you in a special way! You are invited to contribute to a designated fund that will provide a year-end love gift to our office, music and maintenance staff members and our preschool director (Pam, Sonja, Vernon, Tom, Lisa, and Amanda). We will need your contribution by December 6th at the latest so that checks may be prepared before Christmas. You may give by check by noting Love Gift in memo line or you can use the online portal and click on Love Gift in the menu. Your generosity is appreciated!

ANGEL TREE: Please return all Angel Tree gifts to the office or the Sanctuary no later than Sunday, December 6. Thank you for blessing a family in need!

DRIVE-THRU FOOD DONATIONS: On Tuesday, December 1, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., we are accepting non-perishable food donations for the Clay County Clothes Closet and Food Pantry.

SEW & SEWS: The Sew & Sews will meet on Wednesday, December 2, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Bev Davis.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: The next rehearsal will take place on December 2 at 6:30 p.m.

BIBLE WHERE??? Our next gathering will be on Monday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m., at Mellow Mushroom in Fleming Island. This monthly event features food, fellowship, and discussion of a Bible lesson.

CIRCLE MEETINGS: HOPE CIRCLE - Tuesday, December 8, 10:30 a.m., in the office. Moderator: Betty Wengert. GRACE CIRCLE - Thursday, December 10, 11:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Moderator: Lynda Wiggins.

ADVENT STUDY: Join us for our church-wide Advent Bible study, "Waiting – Spending Advent with the Psalms" by Elizabeth F Caldwell. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings from November 29 through December 20. Enjoy breakfast snacks at 9 a.m., followed by discussion at 9:15.