



**Beverly Heights  
Presbyterian  
Church**



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November 29, 2020

Morning Worship

8:30 AM, 11:00 AM

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP		
Prelude	Fuga BuxWV 175 Alexander Buiel, organist	
D. Bustehude		
The first note of the prelude marks the beginning of worship. Please use this brief period of time for prayer and preparation while keeping conversation at a low volume and to a minimum.		
Welcome	Rev. Dr. Nathanael Devlin, Senior Pastor	
Greeting and Announcements	Amy Lucas, Administrative Assistant	
Prayer of Invocation		
Opening Hymn of Praise <b>No. 198</b>	vv. 1, 2	Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!
Call to Worship	From Psalm 22	
LEADER: But You, O Lord, do not be far off! O You my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen!		
PEOPLE: In the midst of the congregation I will praise You: You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel! For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from him, but has heard, when he cried to Him.		
LEADER: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear Him. The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!		
PEOPLE: All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before Him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve Him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim His righteousness to a people yet unborn, that He has done it.		
Hymn of Worship <b>No. 198</b>	vv. 3, 4	Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!
Old Testament Reading	Psalm 118	
Silent Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon		
Responsive Hymn <b>No. 198</b>	vv. 5, 6	Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT HE LEADS US TO A JOYFUL END		
Advent Candle Lighting		See Advent Liturgy
Sacrament of Infant Baptism (11:00 AM)		Oliver Ruggiero Hasani
Baptismal Hymn <b>No. 419</b> (11:00 AM)	vv. 1, 3, 5	In Your Arms, Lord Jesus Christ
We Offer Ourselves to God	<i>Prepare the Way of the Lord</i> Stephen Sparks, baritone; Alexander Buiel, piano	Larkin

Children dismissed as per inside back cover.

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE HEAR GOD’S WORD		
Scripture Reading	Matthew 1:20-23	
Sermon	Pastor Devlin	
<b>He Leads Us to A Joyful End I:</b> His Presence Leads to a Joyful End		

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE COME TO THE TABLE		
Personal Preparation and Invitation to the Table		
We Come to the Table		
Eucharistic Prayer		

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GO IN JOY		
Closing Advent Prayer		
Eternal God, You taught us that the night is far spent and the day is at hand. Keep us awake and alert, watching for Your kingdom, and make us strong in faith, so that when Christ comes in glory to judge the earth, we may joyfully give Him praise; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.		
Closing Hymn <b>No. 689</b>	vv. 1, 4	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>
Benediction		
Postlude	<i>Besançon</i>	Robert Lau

# ADVENT LITURGY

*On this First Sunday in Advent our liturgists are:  
The Lucas family (8:30 AM) and  
The Whitehead family (11:00 AM).*

## Advent Litany (Responsive)

Leader: Hear us, oh Lord, as we come to You this Advent season.

**People: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

Leader: Grant us Your presence by the Holy Spirit and remind us of Your goodness.

**People: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

Leader: Bring to our minds Your presence long ago, as You walked in the garden.

**People: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

Leader: Bring to our minds Your presence long ago, in the pillar of cloud and pillar of fire.

**People: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

Leader: Bring to our minds Your presence long ago, as You came to us in the flesh.

**People: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

Leader: This Advent season we long for Your presence and we look to that day when You will come again, to show Your power and Your glory on the earth.

**People: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

Vocal Introduction (Elissa Winkler)

*Lead Us From Darkness*

## We Light the First Advent Candle

Today as we come to light the first candle on our Advent Star, we remember the presence of the Lord our God, who reveals Himself to His people. The presence of God elicits many responses when it is revealed, such as awe, terror and comfort. When Moses saw the burning bush he was curious at the sight. He was drawn to the bush and when he came near he heard the Lord say, "Take off your sandals, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." Moses was in awe of what he heard and saw and so he hid his face. Isaiah saw the glory of the Lord revealed and his response was one of woe. "I am a man of unclean lips," Isaiah cried, "and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." But when the Lord revealed Himself to the servant of Elisha, there was comfort. "O LORD," Elisha prayed, "please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw the angel army of God. The servant's fear dissolved with the knowledge of God's great presence. The psalmist, in the 118th Psalm, longs for the presence of God. He recalls the steadfast love of the Lord that endures forever. He prays for the Lord's presence to be with him in the midst of his distress. He stirs himself with words of faith and declares, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. The Lord is on my side as a helper." At Advent we recall the presence of the Lord, when He came, not through fire, or glory, or armies, but as a babe in Bethlehem. And as we see Him through the eyes of faith we stand in awe, knowing that God has come to earth to be with us. We stand in terror knowing that in the beginning a manger holds the babe, but in the end a cross will hold His broken and bruised body. But above all we are comforted, knowing that Jesus is our helper; He is our strength and our song, and He has become our salvation. And so we sing, "Come, Lord Jesus..."

Congregational Response (All)

*See inside back cover for music*

## Unison Prayer

**Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Countdown Begins...



# This Week

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

*First Sunday in Advent*

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 AM Early Morning Worship
- 10:00 AM Christian Education for all ages
- 11:00 AM Late Morning Worship

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

*Church Offices Closed*

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- 7:00 PM ACE Team Meeting
- 7:00 PM Mission Team Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:15 AM Staff Meeting
- 7:00 PM Finance Team Meeting

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

*Second Sunday in Advent*

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 AM Early Morning Worship
- 10:00 AM Christian Education for all ages
- 11:00 AM Late Morning Worship

# Advent at Beverly Heights.

## Nativity with Live Animals

Sunday, December 6  
4:00 - 7:00 PM

## Advent Vespers Service

Sunday, December 13  
4:00 PM

The congregation is invited to a seasonal service of Scripture, music and prayer. Our focus this year will be on the O Antiphons.

## Congregational Carol Sing

Sunday, December 20  
7:00 PM

Join us for special music presentations and the singing of beloved Christmas carols together.

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Thursday, December 24  
5:00 PM, 9:00 PM

# Lead Us From Darkness

Clarke/Honore

Congregation

Lead us from dark - ness, make us your own.

Come, Lord Je - sus!

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## CHILDCARE AVAILABLE

- Birth - 18 months → Nursery
- 18 months - pre-K → Walkabouts Room
- K - 3rd grade → Lounge (8:30 AM service only)

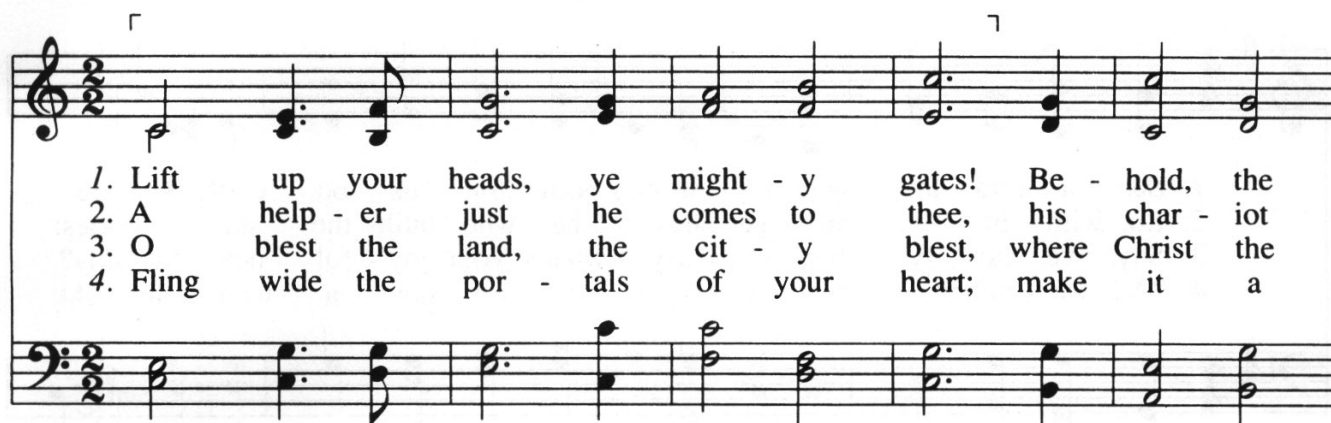
For more information about Beverly Heights Church's events and service opportunities, please see our website ([www.beverlyheights.org](http://www.beverlyheights.org)) or *The Gathered Seeds* weekly newsletter.



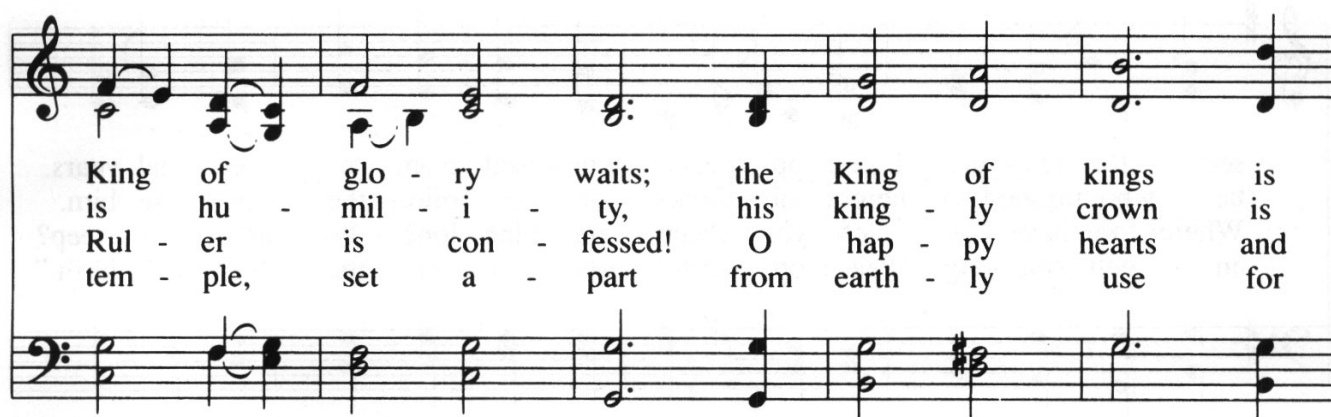
## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!

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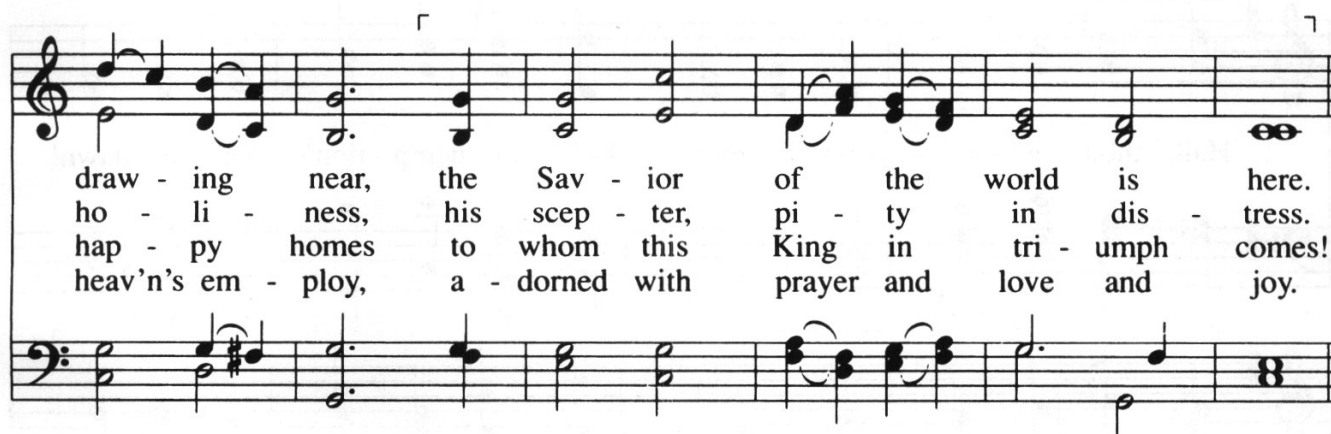
*Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Ps. 24:7*



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
 2. A help - er just he comes to thee, his char - iot  
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the  
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is  
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for



draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pi - ty in dis - tress.  
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
 Let me thy inner presence feel;  
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
 Let new and nobler life begin!  
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
 until the glorious crown be won.

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## In Your Arms, Lord Jesus Christ

*He took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them. Mark 10:16*

*Unison*

1. In your arms, Lord Je - sus Christ, chil - dren have a  
 2. Sav - ior, on these lit - tle ones place your Fa - ther's  
 3. Wash them at the foun - tain, Lord, o - pened for our  
 4. Yours they are, our her - i - tage, grant - ed in your  
 5. Teach us, Lord, to teach your child; guide us as we

place: brought to you to feel your touch, Lord,  
 claim; seal them as his chil - dren, Je - sus,  
 • sin; we bap - tize with wa - ter's sym - bol:  
 love: chil - dren of your prom - ise, Sav - ior,  
 guide. Lead this lit - tle one to know you,

*st. 1-4* *st. 5*

• bless them with your grace.  
 give to them your name.  
 • yours to cleanse with - in.  
 send your Spir - it's dove.

joy - ful at your side.

# Be Still, My Soul

Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752

Jean Sibelius, 1899

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1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear pa - tient-ly the cross of grief or  
 2. Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take To guide the fu - ture, as He has the  
 3. Be still, my soul: when dear - est friends de - part, And all is dark - ened in the vale of  
 4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hast - ening on When we shall be for - ev - er with the  
 5. Be still, my soul: be - gin the song of praise On earth, be leav - ing, to Thy Lord on

pain. Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide; In ev - ery change, He  
 past. Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let no - thing shake; All now mys - ter - ious  
 tears, Then shalt thou bet - ter know His love, His heart, Who comes to soothe thy  
 Lord. When dis - ap - point - ment, grief and fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's  
 high; Ac - know - ledge Him in all thy words and ways, So shall He view thee

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly friend  
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds shall know  
 sor - row and thy fears. Be still, my soul: thy Je - sus can re - pay  
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
 with a well pleased eye. Be still, my soul: the sun of life di - vine

Through thorn-y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
 From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.  
 Through pass - ing clouds shall but more bright-ly shine.