

# Lead Us From Darkness

Clarke/Honore

Congregation

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

Come, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Je - sus!

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Detailed description: This block contains the musical score for the hymn 'Lead Us From Darkness' by Clarke/Honore. It is written for a congregation and piano accompaniment. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. It consists of four systems of music. The first system includes the lyrics 'Lead us from dark - ness, make us your own.' The second system includes 'Come, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord Je - sus!'. The third system includes 'Lead us from dark - ness, make us your own.' The fourth system includes 'Come, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus!'. The piano part is written in both treble and bass staves, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

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Birth - 18 months → Nursery  
18 months - pre-K → Walkabouts Room  
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Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2020

# This Week

## 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

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Church Offices Closed

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 7:00 PM Session Meeting

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 7:30 AM Men's Bible Study
- 9:15 AM Staff Meeting

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

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

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Third 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
- 4:00 PM Advent Vespers Service

# Advent at Beverly Heights

## 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

# Early Morning Worship

## IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Welcome

Pastor Devlin

Greeting and Announcements

Amy Lucas

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

## IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT HE LEADS US TO A JOYFUL END

Advent Candle Lighting

*See Advent Liturgy*

*Lead Us From Darkness*

We Offer Ourselves to God

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

*Children dismissed as per back cover.*

## IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Romans 2:1-11

Sermon

**He Leads Us to A Joyful End II:**  
His Patience Leads to a Joyful End

Pastor Devlin

## IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GO IN JOY

*I Will Wait for You*

Benediction



# Advent Liturgy

*On this Second Sunday in Advent our liturgists are some of our newest members:  
Virginia Gaither and her family (8:30 AM) and  
Sophia Cunningham and her family (11:00 AM).*

## Advent Litany (Responsive)

**Leader:** The Advent season is a time to wait upon the Lord.

**People:** **"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the LORD!"**

**Leader:** Waiting is not a natural state of mind, for we are often impatient and would rather have what we desire now.

**People:** **"Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long."**

**Leader:** We must practice waiting and establish our hearts as we wait for Him.

**People:** **"I will thank You forever, because You have done it. I will wait for Your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly."**

**Leader:** When we wait for the Lord we submit our lives to the will of God.

**People:** **"In the path of Your judgments, O LORD, we wait for You; Your name and remembrance are the desire of our soul."**

**Leader:** Waiting leads to patience, and patience leads to hope as we learn to trust in Him.

**People:** **"Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore He exalts Himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for Him."**

**Leader:** This Advent season we look to You, O LORD, the One who endured our iniquity with great patience and showed us mercy.

**People:** **"They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."**

Vocal Introduction (Vocal Team/Elissa Winkler)

*Lead Us From Darkness*

## We Light the Second Advent Candle

Today as we come to light the second candle on our Advent Star, we remember the patience that is needed as we wait to celebrate the birth of our Lord at Christmas and His second Advent when He will return as King. Patience is a skill that must be practiced. The more we practice the more patient we become as our skill turns toward excellence. But practicing patience is difficult. We are not naturally inclined toward patience or practice. And how can we practice if no one shows us the way? But God has not left us without good instructors. When James writes to the church, He directs us to consider two remarkable teachers. The first is the farmer. "See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth," James writes, "being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. You also, be patient." The farmer is someone skilled in patience. Each year he sows his seed in the soil by faith, trusting the Lord, waiting for the rain and the sun to do its work. By God's grace, the earth produces, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, the farmer picks up his sickle, because the harvest has come. There is no harvest before its time, so the farmer must learn to wait, and so must we. The second teacher is Job. James writes, "...we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful." Job is one who waited on the Lord through much adversity and uncertainty. Yet despite his circumstances, Job was steadfast and patient. James called Job a prophet. Job's life speaks to us about God and the way God chooses to work. In the same way that God uses the earth to produce a harvest, God uses our patient endurance to demonstrate His compassion and mercy and produce a blessing. As we wait this Advent season, we remember God's desire to bless us, a blessing revealed both through patience and when He comes again. And so we sing, "Come, Lord Jesus..."

Congregational Response (All)

*See inside back cover for music*

## Unison Prayer

**Merciful God, who sent Your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Countdown Continues...

# Late Morning Worship

## IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Adagio from Symphony 3, Op. 28* Vierne  
Alexander Buiel, organist

*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 **No. 101** vv. 1, 4 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Call to Worship From Psalm 40

LEADER: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

PEOPLE: **Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

LEADER: As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me! For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

PEOPLE: **But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!" As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!**

Advent Hymn **No. 196** vv. 1, 2 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

New Testament Reading James 5:1-20

Silent Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Advent Hymn **No. 196** vv. 3, 4 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

## IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT HE LEADS US TO A JOYFUL END

Advent Candle Lighting See *Advent Liturgy*

We Offer Ourselves to God *Be Still* Frombach/McDonald  
Holly Devlin, soprano; Alexander Buiel, piano

*Children dismissed as per back cover.*

## IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Romans 2:1-11

Sermon **He Leads Us to A Joyful End II:** Pastor Devlin  
His Patience Leads to a Joyful End

## IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GO IN JOY

Closing Advent Prayer

**God of our salvation, You straighten the winding ways of our hearts and smooth the paths made rough by sin. Keep our conduct blameless, keep our hearts watchful in holiness, and bring to perfection the good You have begun in us. We ask this through Him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near; Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn **No. 6** vv. 1, 2 *O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord*

Benediction

Postlude *Wie sch ön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223* D. Buxtehude



## Come, Thou Almighty King

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*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14*

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,  
2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,  
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

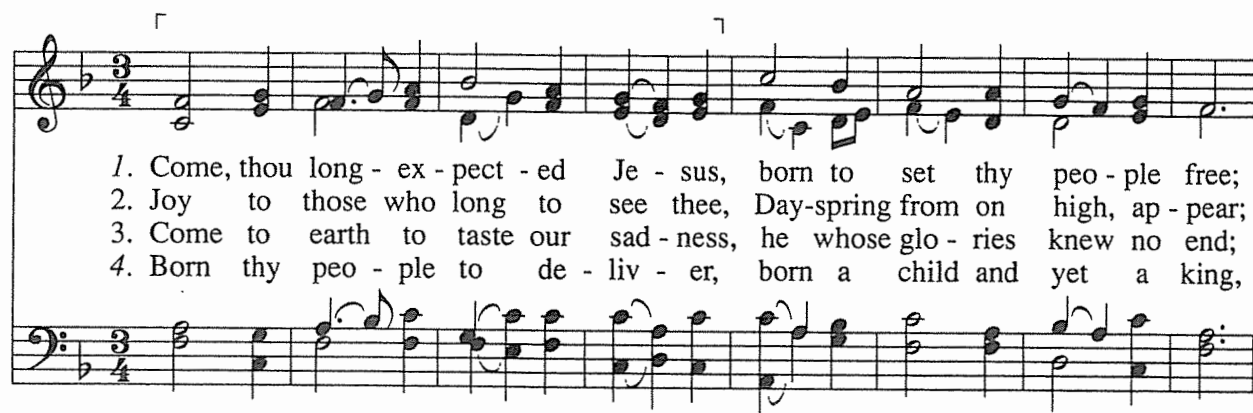
help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in  
hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
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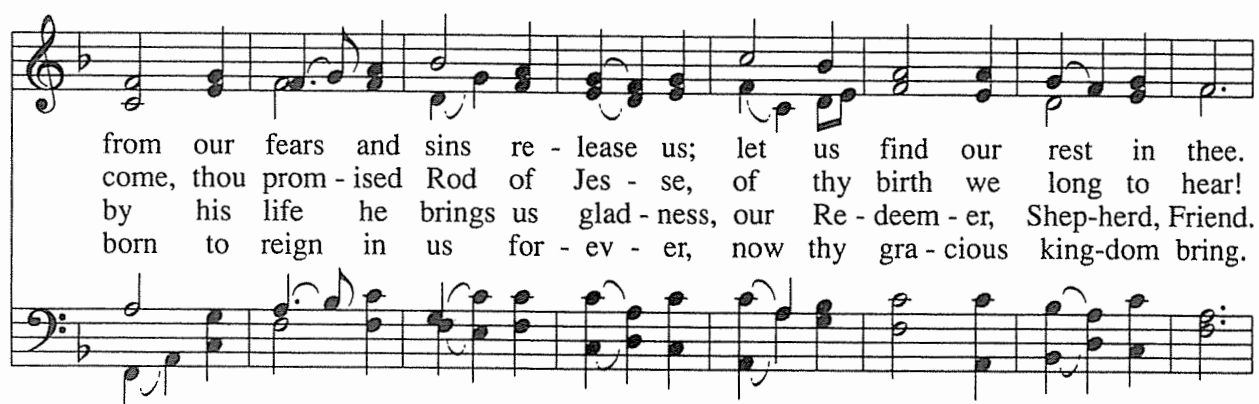
# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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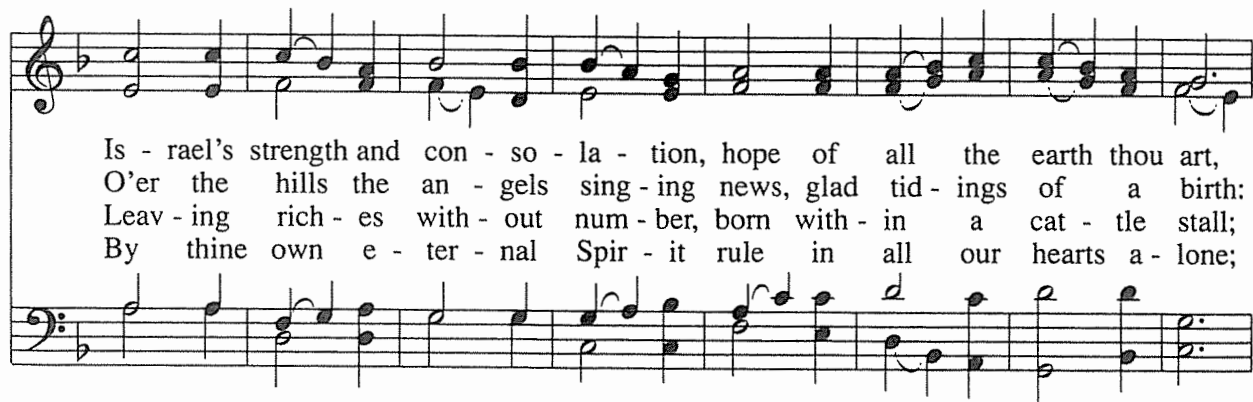
*Waiting for the consolation of Israel. Luke 2:25*



1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;  
 2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on high, ap - pear;  
 3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;  
 4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!  
 by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.  
 born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



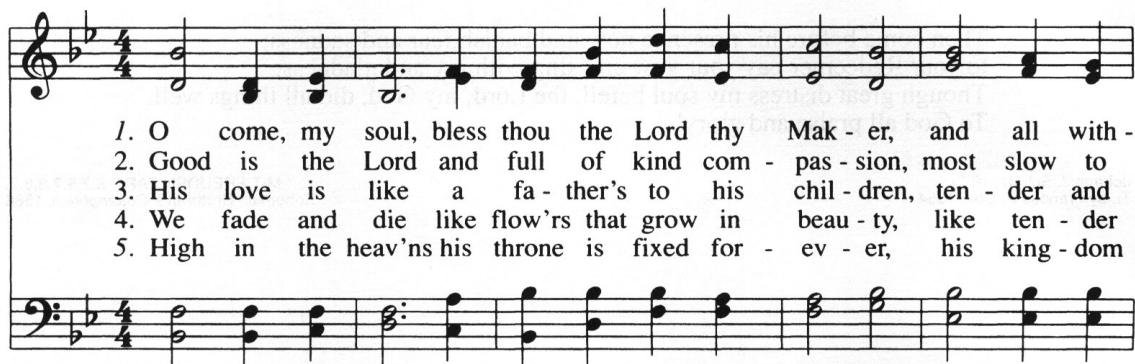
Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
 O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:  
 Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;  
 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



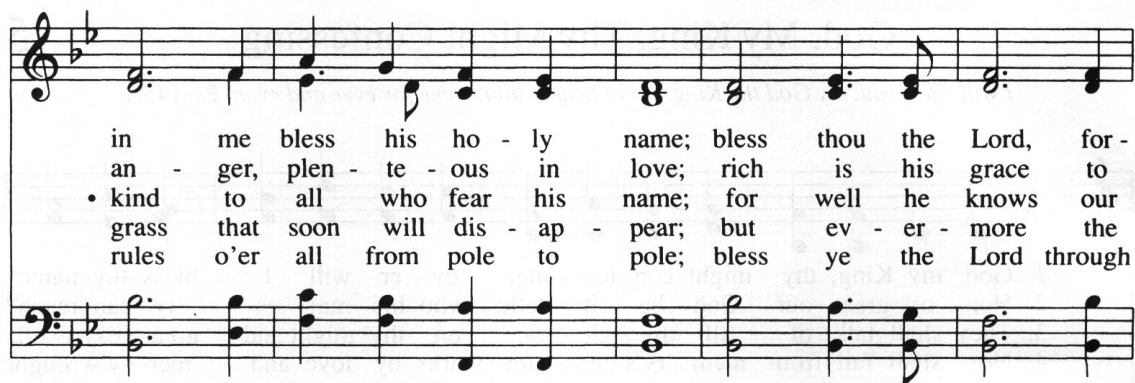
dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.  
 "Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."  
 this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.  
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

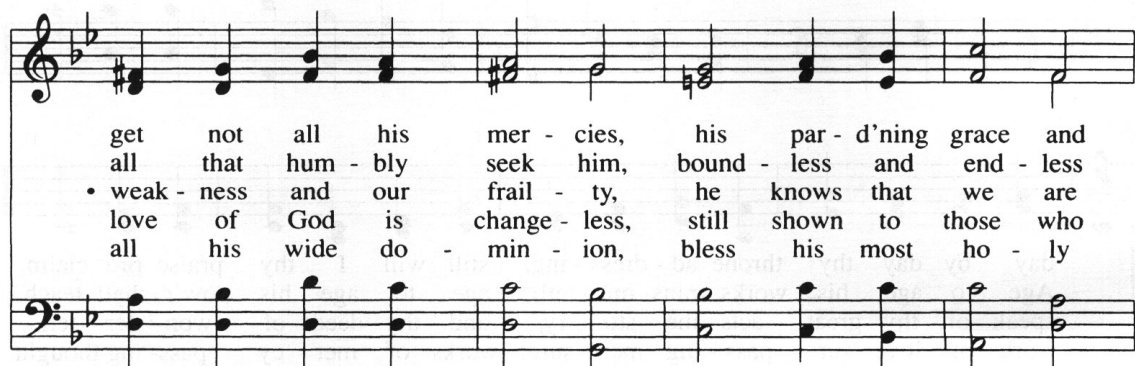
*Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Ps. 103:1*



1. O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Mak - er, and all with -  
 2. Good is the Lord and full of kind com - pas - sion, most slow to  
 3. His love is like a fa - ther's to his chil - dren, ten - der and  
 4. We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beau - ty, like ten - der  
 5. High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed for - ev - er, his king - dom



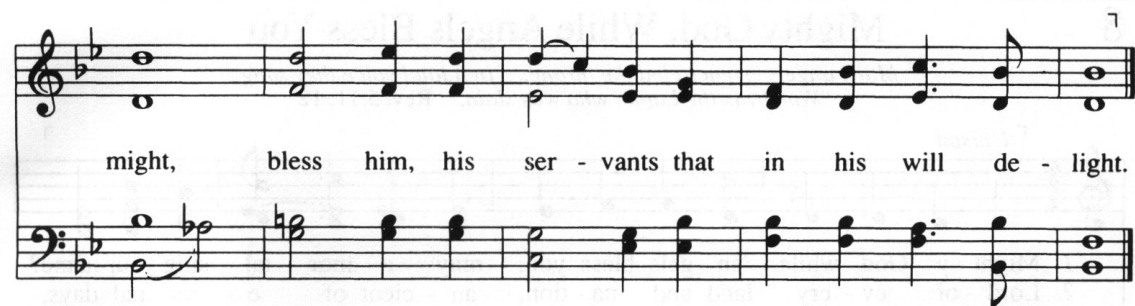
in me bless his ho - ly name; bless thou the Lord, for -  
 an - ger, plen - te - ous in love; rich is his grace to  
 • kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our  
 grass that soon will dis - ap - pear; but ev - er - more the  
 rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through



get not all his mer - cies, his par - d'ning grace and  
 all that hum - bly seek him, bound - less and end - less  
 • weak - ness and our frail - ty, he knows that we are  
 love of God is change - less, still shown to those who  
 all his wide do - min - ion, bless his most ho - ly



REFRAIN  
 sav - ing love pro - claim.  
 as the heav'ns a - bove.  
 • dust, he knows our frame. Bless him for - ev - er, won - drous in  
 look to him in fear.  
 name, O thou my soul.



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 might, bless him, his ser - vants that in his will de - light.