

Lead Us From Darkness

Clarke/Honore

Congregation

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

Come, _____ Lord Je - sus!

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The image shows a musical score for a congregational song. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Lead us from dark - ness, make us your own.' and 'Come, _____ Lord Je - sus!'. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first system is for the congregation. The second system is for the congregation. The third system is for the congregation. The fourth system is for the congregation.

Childcare Available

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

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Beverly Heights Presbyterian Church

December 13, 2020

This Week



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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

9:15 AM	Staff Meeting
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

Fourth 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	Nativity with Live Animals
7:00 PM	Congregational Carol Sing

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, seven prayers written by the early church. These prayers call on Christ to come, addressing Him by the mysterious titles found in the Old Testament.

Nativity with Live Animals

Sunday, December 20
4:00 - 7:00 PM

Congregational Carol Sing

Sunday, December 20
7:00 PM

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

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Welcome

Kevin Tan

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

Adore

Children dismissed as per back cover.

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon

Pastor Wolling

He Leads Us to A Joyful End III:
His Providence Leads to a Joyful End

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GO IN JOY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Benediction

Late Morning Worship

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* arr. Thomas
Julie Livingston, 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. 4** vv. 1, 3, 4 *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Call to Worship Psalm 138

LEADER: I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise; I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word. On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

PEOPLE: **All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of Your mouth and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.**

LEADER: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

PEOPLE: **The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

Advent Hymn **No. 194** vv. 1, 3 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

New Testament Reading Matthew 21:23-46

Silent Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Advent Hymn **No. 194** vv. 4, 5 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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

Advent Candle Lighting See *Advent Liturgy*

We Offer Ourselves to God *I Wonder as I Wander* arr. Schrader
Elizabeth Sikes, flute; Julie Livingston, piano

Children dismissed as per back cover.

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

Sermon Rev. Dr. Richard G. Wolling, Pastor Emeritus

He Leads Us to A Joyful End III:
His Providence Leads to a Joyful End

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GO IN JOY

Closing Advent Prayer

Covenant God, You heard Your people yearning for a Savior. Thank You for sending Your Son so long ago. We now rehearse Your promise that Christ will come again, that death and suffering will end and every tear will be wiped away. Come, Lord Jesus, come. As You fulfilled Israel’s hopes long ago, so we long for all these promises to be fulfilled. Amen.

Closing Hymn **No. 75** vv. 1, 4 *O Father, You Are Sovereign*

Benediction

Postlude *Gloria for the Flutes* arr. Jordan

Advent Liturgy

*On this Third Sunday in Advent our liturgists are:
The Winkler family (8:30 AM) and
The Simonds family (11:00 AM).*

Advent Litany (Responsive)

Leader: The Advent season is a time to remember the Kingdom of God.

People: **“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”**

Leader: Long ago, Jesus was born a King, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham, the Son of God.

People: **“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”**

Leader: He is not only the King of the Jews but the King of kings and Lord of lords.

People: **“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”**

Leader: To know the King and enter His kingdom requires the faith of a little child.

People: **“Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”**

Leader: During Advent we pray as the King taught us to pray.

People: **“Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”**

Leader: This Advent season we look to Jesus, our King, who established His kingdom and who promised blessing for all those who long for His appearing.

People: **“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God”**

Vocal Introduction (Vocal Team/Elissa Winkler)

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We Light the Third Advent Candle

Today as we come to light the third candle on our Advent Star, we remember that Jesus is our King. Because He is the King, Jesus has authority, in heaven and on earth. Herod was threatened by that authority and sought to kill Him as a babe. The people marveled because He taught them with heavenly authority and hailed Him as king when He entered Jerusalem. But the chief priests and elders rejected His authority and questioned Him. Jesus leaves them speechless, knowing His authority can only be recognized by faith. Jesus is the King, who has a kingdom, in heaven and on earth. Jesus describes His kingdom in many ways. It is like a mustard seed that starts small but grows mighty. It is like a treasure in a field that is discovered with great joy. It is like a vineyard, well established and well ordered, producing abundant wine in its season. But it is also a kingdom entrusted to workers who we discover are not good stewards and so its riches of the kingdom are not shared. The king must intervene, and so He does. Jesus is the King, who is sovereign, in heaven and on earth. As King, He has the power and the authority to take the kingdom from the wicked tenants and give it to those who will produce its fruit. Jesus orders all things and brings all of creation under His righteous rule. He is the stone the builders rejected who has become the cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and for those who long for the Kingdom of God, it is marvelous in our eyes. At Advent we remember the prophetic word of Isaiah, who tells us that Jesus is a king, and the increase of His kingdom and of His peace there will be no end. Today, it is difficult to see the presence of the kingdom here on earth. Wickedness reigns in the hearts of men, sickness plagues our world and the light of churches grow dim. But we serve a king, who came long ago to establish His kingdom and who promised that He would come again. Until that time the church will sing, “At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess Him King of glory now; tis the Father's pleasure, that we call Him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word.” And we sing today, “Come, Lord Jesus...”

Congregational Response (All)

See inside back cover for music

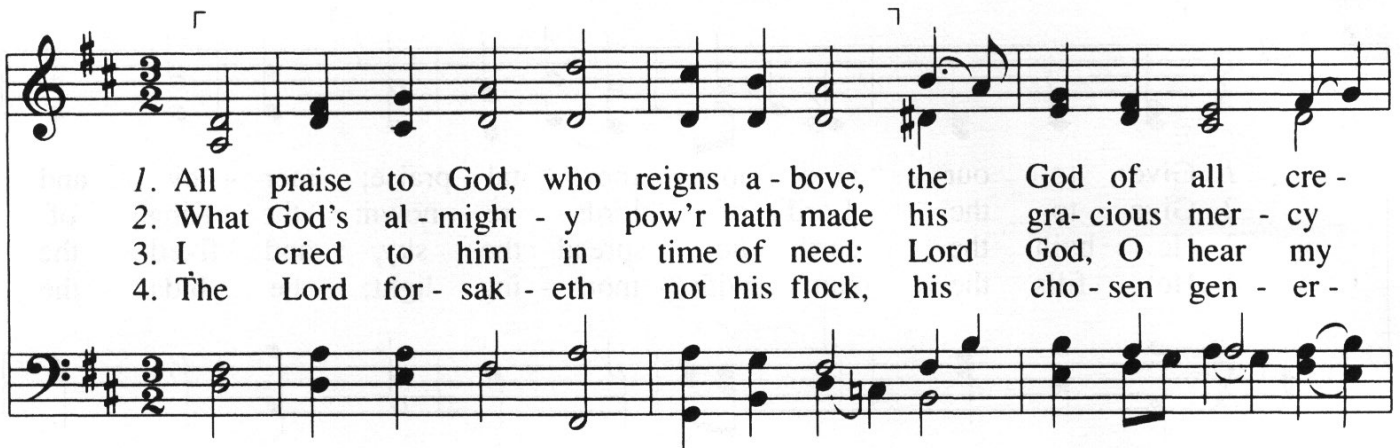
Unison Prayer

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let Your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

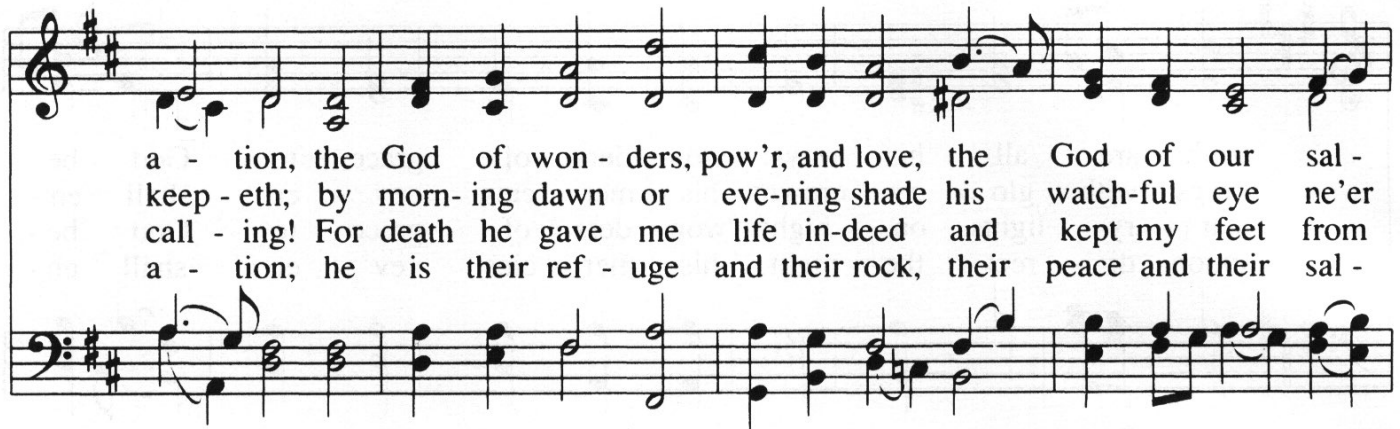
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All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

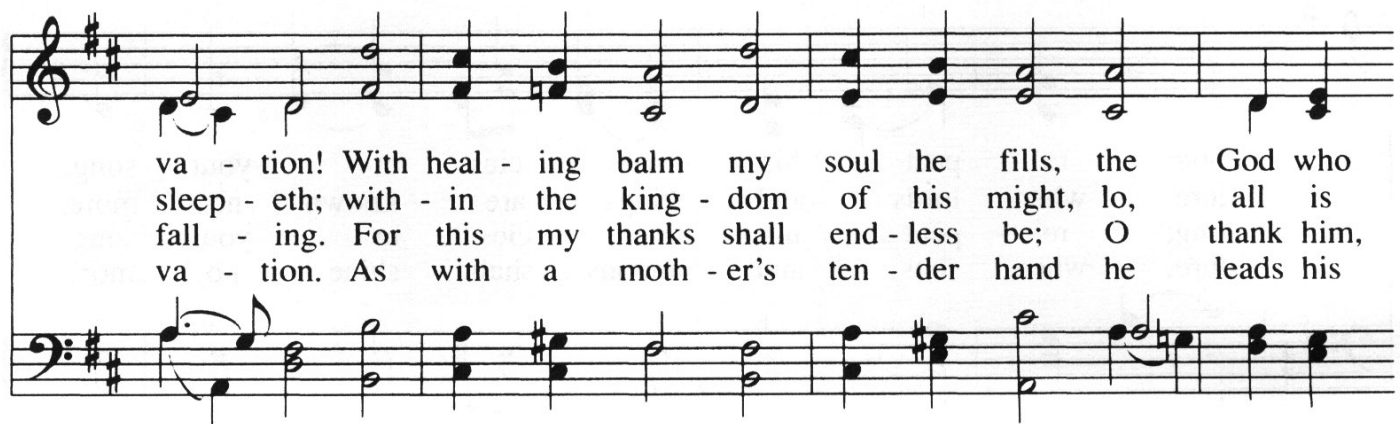
Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Ps. 107:15



1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy
 3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my
 4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -
 keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er
 call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from
 a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their sal -



va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who
 sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom of his might, lo, all is
 fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him,
 va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his



ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 thank our God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

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,

REFRAIN

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.

O Father, You Are Sovereign

The LORD Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? Is. 14:27

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;
 2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;
 3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,
 4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.
 no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.
 trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.
 but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,
 All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,
 All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,
 With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.
 you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.
 your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.
 our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!