

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 written below the notes. The first system has the lyrics 'Lead us from dark - ness, make us your own.' The second system has 'Come, _____ Lord Je - sus!'. The third system has 'Lead us from dark - ness, make us your own.' The fourth system has 'Come, _____ Lord _____ Je - sus!'.

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 20, 2020

This Week



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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

Church Offices Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:15 AM	Staff Meeting
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

Jesus is Born! Merry Christmas!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

7:30 AM	Men's Bible Study
8:30 AM	Early Morning Worship
11:00 AM	Late Morning Worship

Advent at Beverly Heights

Nativity with Live Animals

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

Our nativity with live animals will be on the front lawn this evening from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Come any time during those three hours to view the animals and to ponder anew the humility of Christ's birth.

Congregational Carol Sing

Sunday, December 20
7:00 PM

Join us this evening at 7:00 PM 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

Worship with us in the sanctuary or make use of the live-stream on our website.

Early Morning Worship

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Joy to the World

Welcome

Elissa Winkler

Greeting and Announcements

Amy Lucas

Call to Worship

Prayer of Invocation

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

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 33:1-16

Advent Candle Lighting

See Advent Liturgy

Lead Us From Darkness

We Offer Ourselves to God

Fullness of Grace

Children dismissed as per back cover.

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:68-79

Sermon

Pastor Devlin

He Leads Us to A Joyful End IV:
His Promise Leads to a Joyful End

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GO IN JOY

Joy Has Dawned

Benediction

Late Morning Worship

IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

Ding Dong Merrily on High
Gloucestershire Wassail
Chad Winkler and Matthew Diehl, *trumpets*; Mark Houghton, *horn*;
Joe Williams, *trombone*; Jim Stillwagon, *tuba*

Tabourot, arr. Rutter
Traditional, arr. Price

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. 2**

vv. 1, 5, 6

O Worship the King

Call to Worship

Psalm 98

LEADER:

Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him. The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

PEOPLE:

He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

LEADER:

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

PEOPLE:

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the LORD, for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Advent Hymn **No. 195**

vv. 1,2

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:1-16

Silent Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

Advent Hymn **No. 195**

vv. 3, 4

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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

Advent Candle Lighting

See *Advent Liturgy*

We Offer Ourselves to God

Angelus Domini
Brass Quintet

Biebl, arr. Barker

Children dismissed as per back cover.

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IN THIS SEASON OF ADVENT WE GO IN JOY

Closing Advent Prayer

Lord, in these days of trials and troubles, help us to keep our lamps trimmed and burning. Though the bridegroom may tarry, help us stay awake through the night so that on that joyful day, we might find the door of promise opened for us, and greet our Lord with praise and adoration, as He welcomes us to eternal life with Him. Amen.

Closing Hymn **No. 689**

vv. 1, 2

Be Still, My Soul

Benediction

Postlude

Sussex Carol
A Carol Fantasy

Traditional, arr. Harvey
arr. Harvey

Advent Liturgy

*On this Fourth Sunday in Advent our liturgists are:
The Tan family and the Zhang family (8:30 AM) and
The Tyger family (11:00 AM).*

Advent Litany (Responsive)

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

People: **"Confirm to Your servant Your promise, that You may be feared."**

Leader: A promise is a word given that assures the recipient that something will be done or something will come to pass.

People: **"Let Your steadfast love come to me, O LORD, Your salvation according to Your promise; for I trust in Your word."**

Leader: A promise is only secure insofar as the one who gives such a promise is trustworthy.

People: **"Remember Your word to Your servant, in which You have made me hope. This is my comfort in my affliction, that Your promise gives me life."**

Leader: Because God is great and loving, He is trustworthy and His promises are certain.

People: **"The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep Your words. I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise."**

Leader: God's greatest promise was to send a redeemer who would save us from our sin.

People: **"My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word. My eyes long for Your promise; I ask, "When will You comfort me?"**

Leader: This Advent season we look to God to fulfill all His promises, remembering that all the promises of God find their "Yes" in Christ Jesus.

People: **"Uphold me according to Your promise, that I may live, and let me not be put to shame in my hope! Hold me up, that I may be safe and have regard for Your statutes continually!"**

Vocal Introduction (Vocal Team/Elissa Winkler)

Lead Us From Darkness

We Light the Fourth Advent Candle

Today as we come to light the fourth candle on our Advent Star, we remember the promises of God made to all mankind, made to the house of Israel and given to His covenant people. Long ago, in the Garden of Eden, God spoke a word of promise to His creation and to His image bearers, Adam and Eve. The promise was simple and clear, "Do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil, for if you eat of it, on that day you shall surely die." We mourn knowing that our parents in the flesh ate the fruit, and because God is trustworthy, He kept His promise and death entered into the world. But God made another promise, telling all of humanity that a child would come, born of the woman, who would defeat our great enemy, death. Many years passed as people waited on the promise, but it was not fulfilled. God reaffirmed that promise with David when He promised him that He would build David a dynasty, never lacking a man to sit upon his throne. Israel rejoiced and waited on the promises of God. Many years later it looked as though the promises would be broken. Israel found itself under siege by the Babylonians. Jerusalem was about to fall; the kingdom suffered on the edge of exile. How can the promises of God for life and a good future come to pass if the people are no more? Is God not trustworthy and true? Is He not a promise-keeping God? God always keeps His promises and that is why He tells the prophet Jeremiah to speak a word of hope. God says, "Behold, the days are coming when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'" God made a promise and He not only delivered Israel but He also delivered His covenant people by sending His Son. Jesus is the Righteous Branch, the righteousness of God who conquers death and sin, and delivers those who trust in Him. He came long ago and He promises to come again and that is why today we sing, "Come, Lord Jesus..."

Congregational Response (All)

See back cover for music

Unison Prayer

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by Your daily visitation, that Your Son Jesus Christ, at His coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for Himself; Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Countdown Continues...

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O Worship the King

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

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.