

## YOUNG CHILDREN

The nursery is open at 9 a.m. until the end of worship and is available anytime. Toddlers, or those in Preschool, Kindergarten, and grades 1-5 begin in worship with their families, then may leave for their classes after Sacred Space.

**Nursery Attendant:** Erin Jester

**Toddler/Preschool:** Hannah Braun

## IPC CALENDAR

### Sunday, December 7 | Second Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, FH  
11:15 a.m. Hospitality and Evangelism Committee Meeting, Rm. 24  
11:15 a.m. Finding Hope: Art in Advent Class, Parlor  
12:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH  
2:00 p.m. Christmas Music, Fun, and Food, St. Matt's Episcopal  
2:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH  
2:00 p.m. El Trono, Nursery  
4:00 p.m. Indianapolis Brass Choir, Sanc.  
4-5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting (Meryl Stuckey), 3<sup>rd</sup> flr. class room  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group, 3<sup>rd</sup> flr. Youth Rm.

### Monday, December 8

5-9 p.m. Jenny Sonafrank - P.E.O Meeting, Rm. 24  
6:30 p.m. L.I.F.T Cookie Exchange, Parlor  
8:00 p.m. AA Group, FH

### Tuesday, December 9

1-2 p.m. Alzheimer's Support Group, Parlor  
6:30 p.m. PTSA #57 Mtg., Rm. 24 and Rambler Rm.  
7:00 p.m. El Trono Women's Group, Rm. 25  
7:30-8:30 p.m. IAC Choir Caroling rehearsal, Choir Rm.

### Wednesday, December 10

12:30 p.m. Women's Sewing Guild, Parlor  
6:00-9:00 p.m. El Trono Children, 2nd and 3rd flr.  
6:00-9:00 p.m. El Trono Worship/Bible Study, FH

### Thursday, December 11

6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice, Choir Rm.  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### Friday, December 12

10:00 a.m. Bridge Club, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Westminster Basket assembly, Westminster Neighbor Services.  
6:00 p.m. El Trono Band Practice, FH  
6:00-9:00 p.m. El Trono Hebreo Dance Class, Rambler Room

### Saturday, December 13

11-3 p.m. Joyce Haibe-Knitting Group, Parlor  
10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Seeds of the Blessing El Trono, FH  
6-8 p.m. El Trono Youth Group, FH

### Sunday, December 14 | Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online  
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, FH  
11:15 a.m. Finding Hope: Art in Advent Class, Parlor  
11:15 a.m. Hygiene Kit Assembly, TBD  
12:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH  
2:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH  
2:00 p.m. El Trono, Nursery  
4-5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting (Meryl Stuckey), 3<sup>rd</sup> flr. class room  
5:30 p.m. Youth Group, 3<sup>rd</sup> flr. Youth Rm.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist TJ Hengst

Beadle Kaiden Harris

Ushers: West Door Matthew Akoko

Center Aisle Donna Tindall

Greeter Kyrie Harris

Balcony Kaiden Harris

East Door Matt Harris

Head Usher Linda Medlock

Fellowship Hour Deacons: Gail McNierney, Janet Wilzbacher,  
Linda Medlock, Ann Kitchen-Stauffer, Gary  
and Mary Conway

Flower Delivery Lynda Dunlevy and Janet Wilzbacher

Bus Driver The bus is not running

Parking Lot Security Red Anderson

## STAFF

Pastor & Head of Staff The Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Reinink

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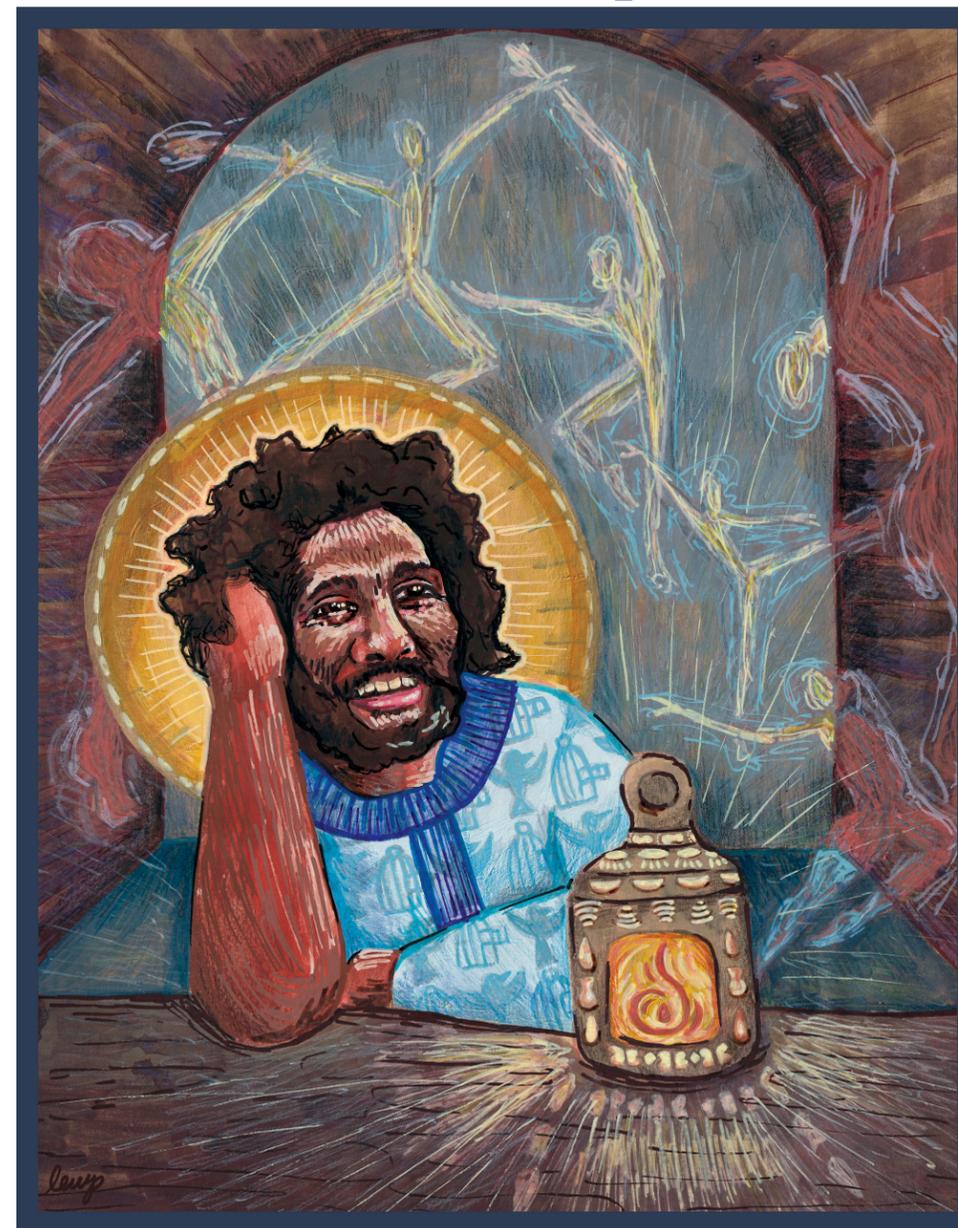
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# December 7, 2025

## Second Sunday of Advent

### 10:00 AM

*"Called to be an inclusive church that lives by faith, is known by God's love, and gives hope a voice in our neighborhood and world."*

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Help us stay connected and know you worshiped with us!  
 Please sign the **red Ritual of Friendship pad** in your pew near the center aisle.

\*Please stand in body or in spirit.

**GATHERING**

GREETING Rev. Dr. Jonathan Reinink

MOMENT FOR MISSION ICAN hygiene Kits Jenny Donaldson

PRELUDE

CANDLE LIGHTING Men's Bible Study

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader, People) Elder TJ Hengst  
 Family of faith, God is at work!  
**God is healing and creating, redeeming and dreaming,**  
 calling and sending, listening and loving.  
**Yes, indeed, God is at work!**  
 So may we worship our God who never gives up.  
**May we worship our God who holds onto hope. Amen.**

\*HYMN # 79 *Light Dawns On A Weary World* TEMPLE OF PEACE

CALL TO CONFESSION TJ Hengst

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Ever-moving God, we have every reason to hold onto hope.**  
**We have every reason to believe that spring will come, that flowers will bloom, that the sun will rise. And yet, too often hope slips through our fingers. With anxious hearts we cry out to you, "Will change ever come? Will things ever get better? Will I ever make a difference?"**  
**Soothe our wandering hearts and show us the places where the sun is shining. Show us the places where you are on the move. With open hearts we pray.**  
*(Silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE #581 *Glory Be To The Father* GREATOR EX

\*PASSING THE PEACE  
 The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**  
*(As the children come forward, welcome those near you with words of peace.)*

SACRED SPACE  
*(For Sunday School, Toddlers, Preschool, and Kindergarten may go to the second floor, and the children in grades 1-5 may go to the third floor.)*

**TODAY we will be welcoming and commissioning Doug Shafer-Johnson, Director of Music.**  
 Doug serves as Director of Choral Activities and Instructor of Music at Earlham College and will join us in January after he finishes his season singing with the choir at Northminster Presbyterian Church.  
**Welcome, Doug!**



**LISTENING FOR THE WORD**

ANTHEM A Candle of Peace ARR. JOHNSON

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 11:1-11* Pew Bible pg.11  
*Isaiah 43:19-21* Pew Bible pg. 672  
 This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Running Out of Hope? God is at Work!* Rev. Dr. Reinink

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Apostles' Creed*)  
 Christians, in whom do you believe?  
**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 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.**

\*HYMN # 87 *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* GENEVAN 42

**COMMISSIONING PRAYER**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER TJ Hengst  
**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.**

**CALL TO OFFERING** TJ Hengst

OFFERTORY  
 \*DOXOLOGY (#606)  
 \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**SENT OUT TO SERVE**

\*HYMN # 88 v. 1, 2, 6 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL  
 \*BENEDICTION Dr. Reinink  
 POSTLUDE

**ON THE COVER: *Hope Like a Dancer* by the Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman**  
 In this image, John the Baptist sits in prison, letting the disciples' testimony about who Jesus is and all the miracles he was doing settle in. Even the light dances on the walls as he considers this good news. I imagine John, even if just for a moment, breaking into a bit of laughter at the magnitude of Jesus' ministry--a ministry of the unimaginable. John was smiling, even though the list of miracles didn't include "release of the captives..." all but spelling out that he would not be freed. We are still woefully short of realizing the fullness of God's desire for creation, but until then, we keep looking for glimmers of hope dancing all around.



**CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION**

**Welcome to Irvington Presbyterian Church.** We hope you are able to connect to God and God's family in our worship and fellowship.

**If you are new to IPC,** please tell a pastor or an usher after worship so we can connect with you and share more about our community of faith. And **join us for a time of Fellowship** after worship in the room directly below the Sanctuary. Welcome! We're excited to have you with us!

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY** the cabinet with a **RED CROSS** in the rear of the Sanctuary contains supplies including: Naloxone (NARCAN®), a First Aid Kit, and an AED Defibrillator.



**IF YOU RECEIVE ANY EMAILS OR TEXT MESSAGES** from the church staff asking for gift cards, cash, or anything out of the ordinary, *please* contact the church office before you reply to such requests.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** on Sunday, November 30 was 68 in-person and 29 online.

**THE FLOWERS** this morning are offered to the glory of God in memory of my beloved husband, Meredith Granger given by Toni Morris.



**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS** are located at the west door outside the Sanctuary on the resource table. We also have Children's Advent Bulletins.

**THIS WEEK IN PRAYER WE WILL REMEMBER...**

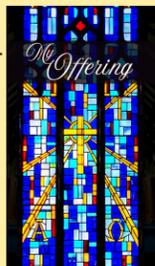
Gwen Mann, Linda Medlock, Paul Medlock, Dee Miller, Micky Monan, Rod Oller, Avery Paauwe, Diane Pflanzner, Nancy Pierce, Phil Reed, Larimore Wickett, Melissa Melvin-Wicksall, Joan and Otto Woerdehoff.

**GIVE ONLINE**

Follow the links on our website – [irvpresby.org](http://irvpresby.org) – or scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device to make a gift.



**Not everything fits in the Offering Plate!** Use the *My Offering* cards in the pew rack to acknowledge your participation in dedicating gifts of talent, time or treasure.



**December 2025 and January 2026**  
 Office Hours information

The office is closed on the following days in December and January.

**December 24--Christmas Eve**

½ day office is open 9-noon

**December 25--Christmas Day**

Office closed

**December 26--Day after Christmas**

Office closed

**December 31--New Year's Eve**

½ day office is open 9-noon

**January 1, 2026--New Year's**

Office Closed

**January 19, 2026--Martin Luther King Day**

Office closed



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# WESTMINSTER Neighborhood Services, Inc. Christmas Basket Food Collection

350 Cans  
of Baked Beans

350 Packages  
of Pasta

700 Cans  
of Tuna



**Deadline to bring your donations is Wednesday, December 10.**

**JOIN US** at Westminster Neighborhood Services (2325 E. New York Street) on Friday, December 12th at 6 p.m. to assemble 350+ Christmas baskets. Bring a friend or two to kick off this holiday season! It is a lot of fun!

## L.I.F.T. CHRISTMAS PARTY AND COOKIE EXCHANGE

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>  
6:30 PM IN THE IPC PARLOR**

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY AND COOKIE EXCHANGE! YOU'RE WELCOME TO ATTEND EVEN IF YOU DON'T PARTICIPATE IN THE COOKIE EXCHANGE. FOR THOSE WHO DO, PLEASE BRING A LARGE BATCH OF YOUR FAVORITE COOKIES TO SHARE. WOMEN OF ALL AGES ARE WELCOME, SO FEEL FREE TO INVITE A FRIEND, AND PLEASE ALSO BRING A SNACK OR BEVERAGE TO SHARE!**



### HOMELESS

Cold weather poses life threatening risks to homeless individuals, primarily due to a lack of adequate shelter, and warm clothing, leading to increased rates of hypothermia, frostbite, and other exposure-related conditions.

Horizon House needs Coats, hats, gloves and other warm clothing items. If you have any of these items to donate please label with Horizon House and put it in the bin next to the parlor. Jackie Cox/ Coxjackie3@gmail.com/ 317 - 726 - 9142.

**The IPC Book Club** will be meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of these months in 2026:

- January 14
- March 11
- May 13
- July 8
- September 9
- November 11

Our next book selection is historical fiction for the holiday season. Pick up a copy, download to an e-reader or listen to Mr. Dickens and His Carol by Samantha Silva. Described as "A beloved, irresistible novel that reimagines the story behind Charles Dickens' Christmas classic."

## Finding Hope: Art in Advent

Join Pastor Jon in the parlor after worship on Sundays to dive deeper into each week's focal scripture, paired with art.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 21  
11:15 am - Noon

# What do you fear?

INSISTING ON HOPE THIS ADVENT

# Advent - Week 2 Word Search

G O Y E F I L G N I T S A L R E V E E G Y I A M  
 S E G E T I H W H C H D F Z T B N C F M X N J F  
 C O X V J C G Z P R E P A R E B X E I O N M T P  
 H R W E F E O Z S X Z O Y O J K J T O O T E M N  
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| ADVENT         | ANGELS     | ANNOUNCEMENT     | ARRIVAL          |
| CELEBRATE      | CHRISTMAS  | CHRISTMAS EVE    | CHRISTS BIRTH    |
| CHRISTS RETURN | EMMANUEL   | EVERGREEN WREATH | EVERLASTING LIFE |
| FOUR CANDLES   | FOUR WEEKS | HOLY             | HOPE             |
| JOY            | LOVE       | PEACE            | PINK             |
| PREPARE        | PURPLE     | WHITE            | WORSHIP          |

## Irvington Neighborhood Luminaria

Sunday, December 21st

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Find a few moments  
of peace this holiday  
season.

We invite you to join us  
at Irvington Presbyterian  
Church on the evening  
of December 21st as the  
neighborhood celebrates the  
annual Luminaria.

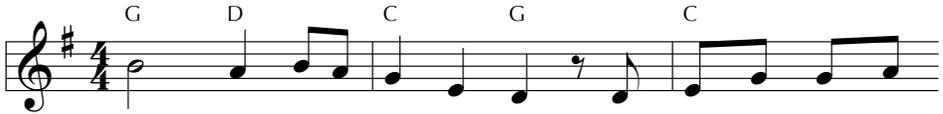
Our sanctuary will be open  
from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, offering  
a peaceful and warm place  
for all. You are welcome to  
pause, reflect, or simply warm  
up while enjoying gentle  
music, a warm beverage, and  
holiday refreshments.

Please come and share the  
warmth and light of the  
season with our community.



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# 79 Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.

*Refrain*



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



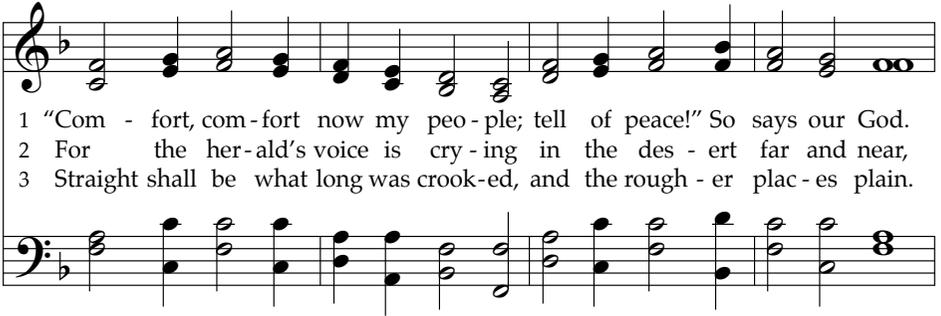
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



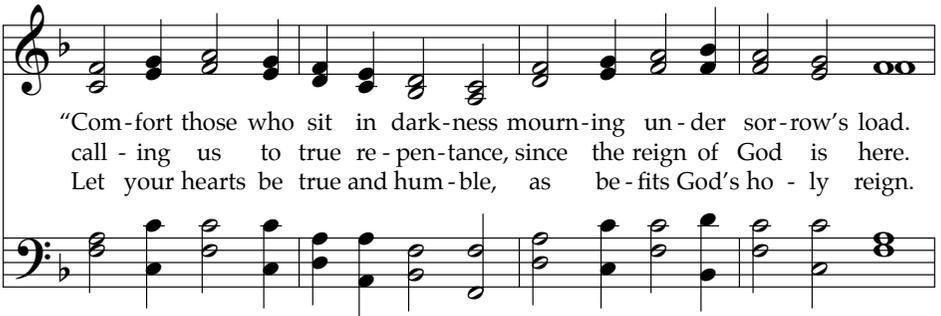
as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

This is a hymn whose tune came first. Upon hearing it, the author recalled the watered garden of Isaiah 58:11, which in turn led to Isaiah 55:12, paraphrased in the refrain. Then came the stanzas, organized around their first two words: Light dawns, Love grows, Hope blooms.

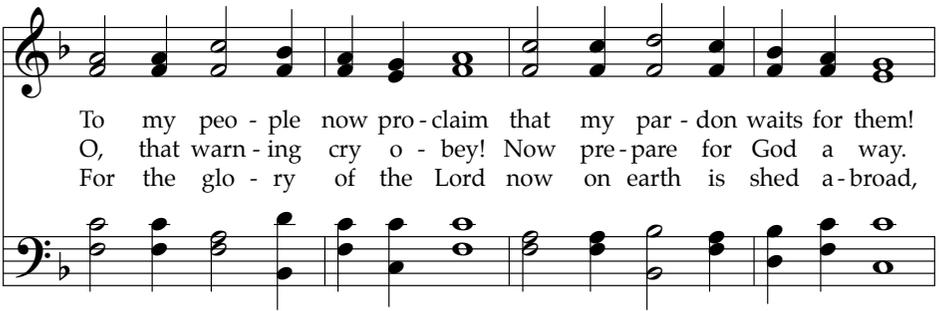
# Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



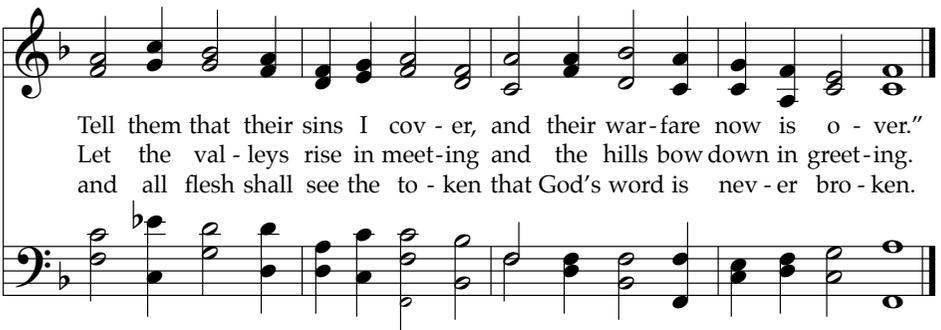
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.  
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!  
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver."  
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 our spirits by thine advent here;  
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.