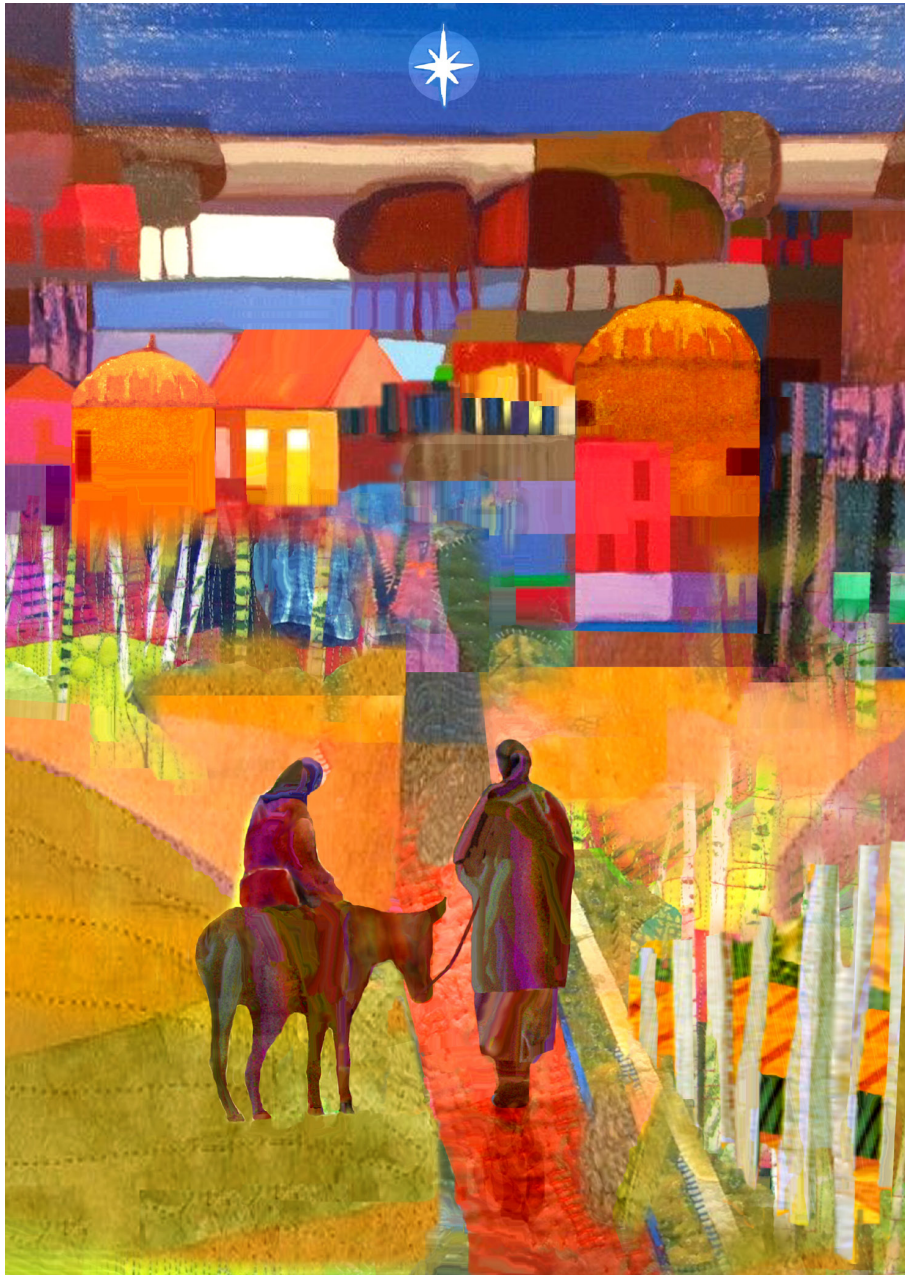


DECEMBER 18, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PREPARING  
*for the*  
PROMISE

WHITE MEMORIAL  
— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

*\* Please rise in body or spirit.*

### Greeting

Kirsten Homdrom

*One: The love of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

*One: Let us prepare for worship.*

### Preparation for Worship

*God of grace, your eternal Word took flesh among us when Mary placed her life at the service of your will. Prepare our hearts for his coming again; keep us steadfast in hope and faithful in service, that we may receive the coming of his kingdom for the sake of Jesus Christ, the ruler of all, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### Prelude – Hymns for the Congregation

### Christian Welcome and Announcements

Anne Galliher

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

*Children through fifth grade will be invited forward for the lighting of the Advent Wreath, after which, they may return to their seats.*

### Call to Worship and Advent Wreath Lighting *(all singing)*

tune: CAROL; text: E.H. Sears



All you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low, who toil a - long the  
climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow, look now, for glad and gold - en hours come  
swift - ly on the wing: O, rest be - side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing.

*One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.*

**All: Stir up your might and come to save us!**

*One: Restore us, O God: let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

- Psalm 80:1-3

### Lighting the Candle of Love

*One: Let us pray.*

**All: Almighty God, you have made us and all things to serve you. Now prepare the world for your rule. Come quickly to save us, so that wars and violence shall end, and your children may live in peace, honoring one another with justice and love, through Jesus Christ, who lives in power with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### \*Hymn 88 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL

### \*Call to Confession

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Who are we, Lord, that you should come to us? Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son. Forgive our failings. Greet our sins with your mercy. Make us whole through the hopes of Advent and the wonder of the Christmas promise. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word. In the name of love, move us by your Spirit to praise your wonderful works. We ask this through the one whose arrival is certain, whose birth day draws near, your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Hear our prayer in his wonderful name. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

*One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**All: And also with you.**

**\*Response Hymn 132 – stanza 2**

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice; now ye hear of  
 end-less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this! He has o-pened heav-en's door, and we are blest for-  
 ev - er-more. Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

**WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD**

**Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 7:10-16; pew Bible, p. 598**

**New Testament Lesson – Matthew 1:18-25; pew Bible, p. 1**

*One: The word of God for the people of God.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples**

At the 11:00 service, Kindergartners through 2nd Graders will meet with Elizabeth Wallwork at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Anne, Justin and Addison Wallwork from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

**Sermon – “The Angel of the Lord”**

Christopher Edmonston

**\*Hymn 110 – Love Has Come**

BRING A TORCH

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer**

Andrew Amodei

**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.**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Christmas Joy Offering**

## Offertory

(8:00 & 9:30) *The Dance of the Shepherds* from *Amahl and the Night Visitors* Gian Carlo Menotti (1928-1970)  
Ruth Mock, Roman Mock, oboes

(11:00) *Prepare the Way*

WMPC Adult Choir

arr. Allan Robert Petker

*Prepare the way, O Zion; your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.  
Greet one who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story,  
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

*Christ brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above.  
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.  
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.  
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name.*

*Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your savior's rule embrace.  
And tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.  
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.  
O blest is Christ that came in God's most holy name!*

-text by Charles P. Price

## \*Offertory Response Hymn 144 – stanza 4

CRANHAM



What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shep - herd,  
I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; yet  
what I can I give him: give my heart.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

adapted from 1 John 4

**Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent the only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and God's love is perfected in us.**

## WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

## \*Hymn 112 – *On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*

SUSSEX CAROL

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Chiming of the Trinity

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.  
Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

## Postlude – *Postlude on UN FLAMBEAU* (see Hymn 110)

arr. Keith Chapman

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**WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)**

We are glad you are worshipping with us.  
Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex  
to offer a friendly greeting, answer  
questions and provide directions.  
New members are received after attending  
*Believing & Belonging @WMPC* Class.  
Visit [whitememorial.org/join](http://whitememorial.org/join)  
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206  
for details, class dates and registration.

**THINGS TO KNOW:**

- **Restrooms** are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** Coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **The Sanctuary** has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- **Live-streamed services** are at [whitememorial.org](http://whitememorial.org).
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is December 25.
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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**AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL:** 919-605-4593

Each Sunday we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial in the Sanctuary and OnPoint@1704 in the Main Hall. While you will notice differences in music, location and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.

**Advent Wreath Lighters**

8:00 am - Karen, Tim, Will, Patrick and Sean Tinnesz

9:30 am - Settle Monroe

11:00 am - Representing High School Youth Ministry

Emma Claire Anderson, Jay Rittenmeyer, Mary Eliza Angley

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**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO**

**Maggie Black and family**, on the death of her brother,  
Charles David Mattingly, December 9, Micco, FL.

**MARRIAGES**

**Laura Murray Case and Kenneth Taylor**, November 26.

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**GENEROSITY CAMPAIGN 2023 UPDATE**

As of Wednesday, December 14, we have received 625 pledges representing \$3.396 million towards our goal of \$4.175 million/1,000 pledging households. If you would like to make a pledge, please visit [www.whitememorial.org/give](http://www.whitememorial.org/give). Thank you for your generosity.

**YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS**

Will the generous donor of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. stock please call Jody Grayson at 834-3425 ext. 204 to identify your gift so that we can give you proper credit?

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**NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR NEW OFFICERS**

The Churchwide Nominating Committee starts meeting in mid-January to consider nominations for church Elders and Deacons, class of 2026. Nominations are now being accepted. Please give prayerful consideration to placing a church member into nomination for these critical leadership roles. [The nomination form can be found online](#). All recommendations must be received by January 9, 2023.

**WORSHIP | EMBRACE | SERVE**

*in the manner of Christ*

# CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## SUNDAY | DECEMBER 18

*Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:11-25*

### Healing Through Grief

through December 18 | 4:30-6:00 p.m. | C200

## MONDAY | DECEMBER 19

*Micah 4:1-5, 5:2-4; 1 John 4:7-16; John 3:31-36*

### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

## TUESDAY | DECEMBER 20

*Acts 6:1-7, 7:59-8:8*

### Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m. | In-person or Zoom

[Registration required](#)

### Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

7:00-8:00 a.m. | The Hub

Women of all ages are invited to come for a hot breakfast, fellowship, study and prayer. Hosted by Circle M.

## WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 21

*1 John 5:1-12; John 13:20-35*

### Pickleball at WMPC!

2:00-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

### Wednesdays Together Dinner

5:00-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall-Edinburgh Building

[Make your reservations by 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 18.](#)

### Midweek Advent Worship

6:30-7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary Chancel

We invite you to this very special midweek Advent worship service as we prepare our hearts for love.

## THURSDAY | DECEMBER 22

*Isaiah 49:13-23, 54:1-13; Matthew 18:1-14*

## FRIDAY | DECEMBER 23

*2 John 1-13; John 2:1-11*

Church facilities close at noon

## SATURDAY | DECEMBER 24

*1 Kings 17:17-24; 3 John 1-15; John 4:46-54*

### Children's Christmas Eve Bell Services

3:00 and 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

6:30 and 11:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

6:30 pm. | Main Hall

Childcare is available for the 6:30 service

## SUNDAY | DECEMBER 25

Church facilities close after worship

Church facilities closed on Monday, December 26

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## SAVE THE DATES

### Baptism and Belonging

Wednesday | January 4 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

*Baptism and Belonging* is a workshop for parents of children under three who would like to present their children for Baptism. In this workshop, parents learn about the significance of the Sacrament of Baptism, go over logistical details, connect with fellow parents, and get an overview of a child's faith journey at WMPC. Expectant parents are also invited to attend. *Baptism and Belonging* is offered quarterly in January, April, July and October. Dinner and childcare are provided. Registration now open for January 2023.

### Children's Movie Night - Minions: The Rise of Gru!

Friday | January 6 | 6:00 p.m. | C200 | [Reservations required](#)

Children in Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to join us for *Minions: The Rise of Gru!*

### Weekday School Open House

Thursday | January 12 | 9:30 a.m. | Davidson Chapel

Prospective families are invited to join us for the Weekday School Open House. It's a great opportunity to meet faculty, tour the facilities and get answers to any questions you may have.

### Navigating the Diet Maze

Wednesday | January 18 | 6:00 p.m. | Geneva Hall

[Reservations requested](#)

Carolyn Dunn, PhD, RDN, LDN will be on-hand to discuss diet options. Gluten free, Paleo, low fat, low carb, detox, Mediterranean. What diet is really right for you? Carolyn will explore the pros and cons of these diets and share how you can make small changes in your diet to eat smart for a lifetime of good health.

### Presbyterian Women Honorary

#### Life Membership Nominations

An Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women is conferred upon an individual for recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. Look around you...whom do you see as one who gives honor and glory to God while serving Him actively and faithfully in our church and community? Whom should be recognized in a special way? Whether this person works behind the scenes or in front, we want your nominations for this person now. Please submit your nominations, along with your nominee's history of service and your statement of why you are nominating this person [on the form attached](#) and send the completed nomination to Faye Senter [fsenter@bellsouth.net](mailto:fsenter@bellsouth.net). Deadline for receipt of this nomination is February 15, 2023.

# Christmas Eve Worship Services

Saturday | December 24

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE BELL SERVICES

3:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

6:30 pm. & 11:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. | Main Hall | Edinburgh Building

*Childcare available for 6:30 service*



Sunday | December 25

Combined Worship Service | Sanctuary

10:30 a.m.

Sunday | January 1

Combined Worship Service | Main Hall

10:30 a.m.

# ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

decorations are given to the glory of God  
by the following in honor or memory of friends and loved ones:

## In Memory of:

**Virginia Payne** by Diane & Mike Payne

**Pete Carruthers** by the Carruthers, Embree & Hunt families

**Peter C. Pearsall, & Elizabeth & J.D. Lamm**, by Frances L. Pearsall

**Betty and Lawrence Wilson & Bonnie & Bob Altstaetter**, by Angie and Bruce Altstaetter

**Kay & Joe Parry-Hill**, by Danielle & Will Parry-Hill

**Julia Ann Leffler** by Amanda & Charles Leffler

**Marion & Robert Johnson, Robin Johnson, and Carmi & Kathryn Preston**, by Terry & William Preston

**Annie Belle & Warren Stone and Pat & Herb Sprecher** by Gail & Doug Sprecher & family

**Helen & Jim Kelly and Phyllis & Bob Sliger** by Judy and Fred Kelly

**Benjamin Hager** by the Hager family

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**Heidi Bauer, Merle Bauer, Pete**

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**Eliza Craven** by Mom, Dad, Asher & Jonah

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**Thomas A. Newby Jr. and Bernice & Roger Henshaw** by Charlotte Newby

**Kate Harrison Ward** by June Ann & Ken Ward

**Loved ones** by Lora & Karl Zinsmeister

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**Mary Margaret & William Brawley and Glenn Douden** by Nancy and Bill Brawley

**Timothy Cearley** by Amanda K. Hill

**Mary Eleanor & Hampton Goode and Lynda Goode Ferrell** by Mary Hampton & Ken Neuhoff

**Virginia I. Keyser and William T. Shore, Sr.** by the Keyser and Shore families



# In Memory of:

**Joan & Preston F. Kodak Jr.** by Kristi, Scott, Graham & Reid Wilson

**Mark Bond & Kirk Kirkland** by F3 Raleigh

**Gloria Tisdale** by Terree, Thomas, Jackson & Maggie Montgomery

**John Vassey, Helen & Bill Thorkelson, Jinny Crone and Jay Jordan** by Nancy T. Vassey

**Jeff Sanders** by Lynne, Thomas & Sara Sanders

**Kelly Lynn & Benjamin Hager** by Carol Lynn

**Pete Carruthers & Bob Ames** by Lou Anne & John Crumpler

**Judy & Ken Pember** by Wendy Burkard

**Rebecca Knotts Thomas & Banks Dixon Thomas** by Muriel T. Summers & Nova Thomas

**Frances & George Mullin, Latha & Saul Moffitt** by Jackie & Bruce Mullin

**Kay Menius** by Deborah & Alan Menius

**Betsy Warren Marshall & Penn Marshall Jr.** by Martha Marshall & Julie Nau

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**Jon Honeycutt & Arch Newbold Jr.** by Amy & George Kall and Caroline & Jonathan Kennemer

**H. William Vassey & Lyric Isabella Woods** by Carol Vassey

**Peggy Littrell** by Frank Kerlee Littrell Jr., Mike Littrell, and Laura, Jacqueline and Stephanie Ferguson

**Ed Jennings and Miriam Dorsey** by Harriet Jennings

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**Matthew Haneline, Raymond Terry, Travis Haneline, Thelma Haneline, and Dan Haneline** by Karen & Steve Haneline

**Katherine Dietrich Harrison & Lou Condrey Douglas** by Cecelia & Mike Condrey

**Jerry Lynn** by the Hager family

**Charlotte Swart** by Julie Nau

## In Honor of:

**Sara and Clark Brewer** by The Pew Crew

**Ed Davenport** by Elizabeth & Bob Scott

**Pastoral & Administrative Staff of WMPC** by Sandra S. Gray

**Tricia & Colon Willoughby** by their children & grandchildren

**Jean & Peter Williams, Maggie Black, Paula Williams, & Karen Adams Fox** by Suzi Adams Bowden

**Cornelius Swart** by Julie Nau

**Grier Booker Richards & Eric Nanz** by Lou Anne & John Crumpler

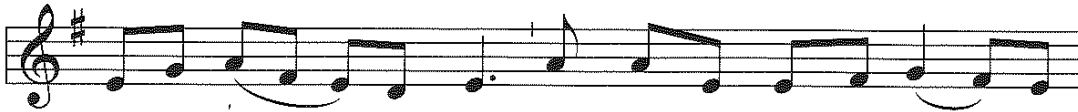
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**Millis Michael Carr** by Michelle & Jeb Jeutter

# 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.

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| <p>5 O come, thou Key of David, come,<br/>             and open wide our heavenly home;<br/>             make safe the way that leads on high,<br/>             and close the path to misery.<br/>             Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>             shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> | <p>6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer<br/>             our spirits by thine advent here;<br/>             disperse the gloomy clouds of night,<br/>             and death's dark shadows put to flight.<br/>             Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>             shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> |
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- 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.

# Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)  
 F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all  
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the  
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)  
 C F Dm F C B<sup>b</sup> F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of  
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her  
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)  
 Gm7 A7 B<sup>b</sup> C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a  
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she  
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)  
 F C B<sup>b</sup> C F C C7 F<sup>sus</sup> F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.  
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

# On Christmas Night All Christians Sing 112

Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (A7) (D)  
 F B $\flat$  F C7 F

1 On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing, to hear the  
 2 Then why should we on earth be sad, since our Re -  
 3 When sin de - parts be - fore his grace, then life and  
 4 All out of dark - ness we have light, which made the

(G) (A) (D) (G)  
 B $\flat$  C F B $\flat$

news the an - gels bring; on Christ - mas night all  
 deem - er made us glad; then why should we on  
 health come in its place; when sin de - parts be -  
 an - gels sing this night; all out of dark - ness

(D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
 F C F B $\flat$  C F

Chris - tians sing, to hear the news the an - gels bring,  
 earth be sad, since our Re - deem - er made us glad,  
 fore his grace, then life and health comes in its place;  
 we have light, which made the an - gels sing this night:

(A) (Em) (D) (A)  
 C Gm F C

news of great joy, news of great mirth,  
 when from our sin he set us free,  
 heav - en and earth with joy may sing,  
 "Glo - ry to God in high - est heaven;

(D) (G) (A) (G) (D)  
 F B $\flat$  C B $\flat$  F

news of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
 all for to gain our lib - er - ty?  
 all for to see the new - born King.  
 peace on earth and good - will. A - men!"

The words of this carol first appeared in 1684 in a collection by an Irish bishop, Luke Wadding. Whether they were his own work or something gleaned from popular use is not clear. The tune name recalls that the tune was collected in 1904 from Mrs. Verrall of Monk's Gate, Sussex.