

# OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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November 27, 2022

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

10:30 a.m.

**\*Please rise, in body or in spirit.**

**Gathering Music**

Brian, John, and Paul

**Welcome**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

Heather, Brian, and Ian

**Congregation Sings**

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel,  
God with us, revealed in us; His name is call Emmanuel.*

**Prelude**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Susan Brown

**\*Call to Worship**

Don Stanford

Leader: We await the day of the Coming One of God.

**People: God is faithful.**

Leader We ask for strength and endurance in waiting.

**People: God is powerful.**

Leader: We pray for wakefulness to the signs of God's realm among us.

**All: God is moving among us.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

No. 82

**\*Prayer for the Day (unison)**

Don Stanford

**O God, you never sleep but always watch with infinite care over your children. Keep us from growing weary of waiting for your love, lest we miss the glory of your appearing. O Christ, bright morning star, awaken us to live today as children of the light. Even so, come quickly to our lives and our world. Amen.**

**Call to Confession**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

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**Alert and active God, we confess how easily we fall into a somnolent state, more asleep than awake, living more unconsciously than consciously. We follow familiar patterns mindlessly, taking for granted our many blessings, failing to recognize the many manifestations of your presence and your love, ceasing to expect to encounter you in new ways with life-changing results. When we look for nothing more than what is, we sleep in boredom. When hope turns to resignation, we exist rather than really live. Forgive us both for our languor and our lack of trust, we pray. And in that forgiveness, may we find new life and fresh energy to live toward your realm. Amen.**

*Time for silent prayers of confession.*

**Assurance of Pardon**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Peace**

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**Time for Growing Disciples**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Hanging of the Greens**

**First Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 2:1-5

Don Stanford

**Second Scripture Reading**

Matthew 24:36-44

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Sermon**

*Watching and Waiting*

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Meditation**

*Holy Ground*

Susan Brown

**Offering**

*You can make an offering online at [www.oakhillpcusa.org](http://www.oakhillpcusa.org),*

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*place it in the plate on the table in the back of the sanctuary, or mail your check to the church.*

**\*Response**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord from thee.**

**Special Anthem**

*Jesus Paid It All/Lord, I Need You*

Mark and Brian Heuckroth

**The Lord's Supper**

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**Invitation to the Table**

**Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(The pastors will continue in prayer....)

**Sanctus (No. 556)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's name.**

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**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Prayers of the People**

Oak Hill Community

**The Lord's Prayer (unison)**

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Sharing the Meal**

**Prayer After Communion**

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us—this bread, this cup, these people—Christ's body and blood, given in love for the world. Make us one in the Spirit, one in the church, and one with Christ our Lord.**

**Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people, serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone. Keep us in the peace of Christ until you gather us at your table in glory.**

**Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness: prepare the way of the Lord!**

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Announcements**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

No. 97

**Benediction**

Rev. Wanda Lawry

**Postlude**

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Susan Brown

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**First Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 24:1-5

<sup>2</sup>The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup>Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Second Scripture Reading**

Matthew 24:36-44

<sup>36</sup>"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

***People: Thanks be to God!***

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# Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 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.  
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;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

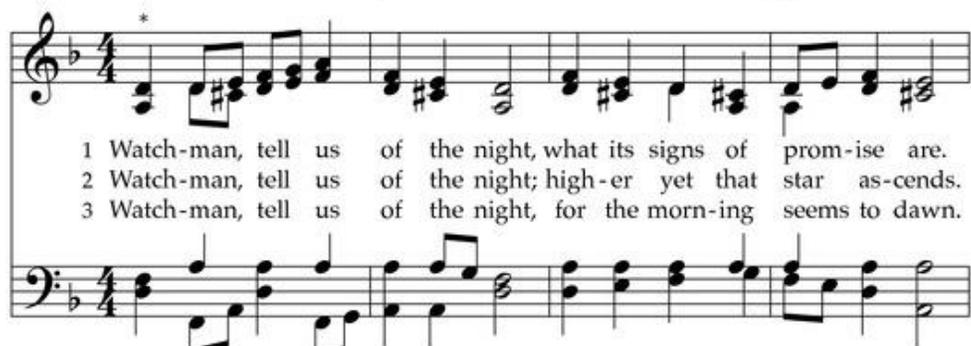
With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXE: Charles Wesley, 1744  
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1830; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

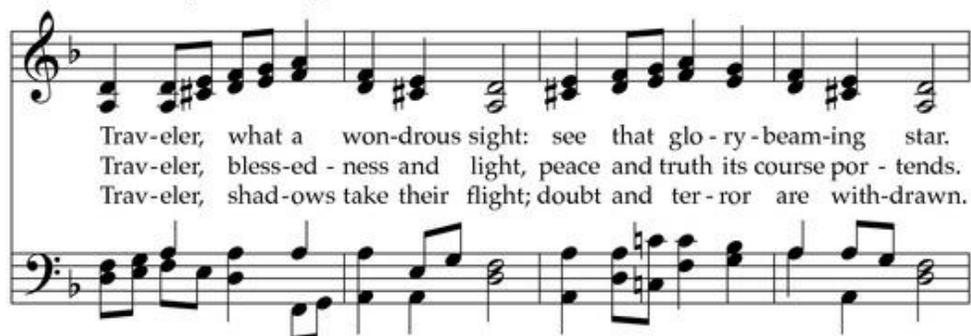
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(alternate tune: STUTT GART, 83)

# Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97

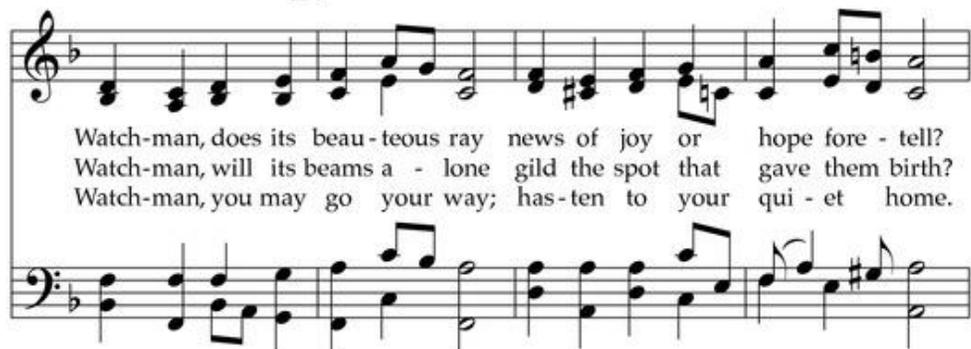
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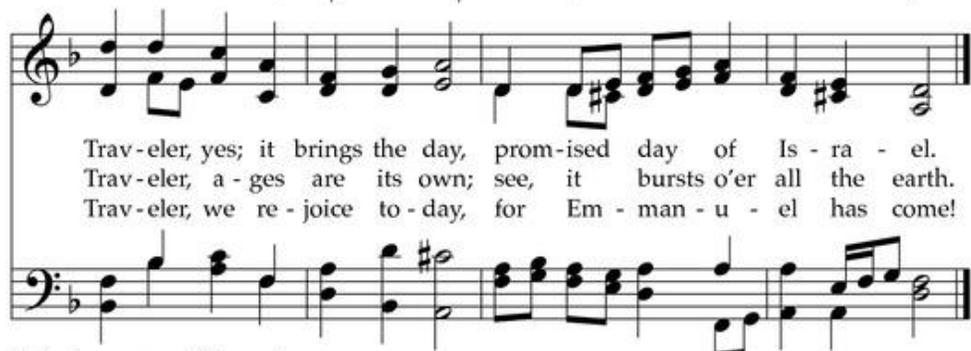
1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.  
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.  
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.



Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.  
 Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.  
 Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.



Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?  
 Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?  
 Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.



Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.  
 Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Trav-eler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!

*\*May be sung antiphonally.*

This unusual dialogue hymn alternates between the voice of a traveler and that of a watchman, setting up an exchange that creates parallels between the coming of dawn and the birth of Christ. The tune is named for a Welsh town whose name means "mouth of the bending river."

TEXT: John Bowring, 1825, alt.  
 MUSIC: Joseph Parry, 1876

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