

Oak Hill Presbyterian Church



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

December 4, 2022

OAK HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2nd 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 Second Advent Candle

Deb and Rich Wiethop

Congregation Sings

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

Prelude

Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming

Susan Brown

***Call to Worship**

Donna Cook

Leader: Come, let us be about our preparations for a new advent of love among us.

People: The wastelands of life around us cannot shut out the promise of new life.

Leader: Hatred and warfare, injustice and suffering, are not the last word, for they are not of God.

People: We hear again the promise of peace, coming in the one who lived shalom among all people.

Leader: We see again the light God promises in the midst of our darkness.

People: We are feeling again the joy that comes through partnership in the gospel.

Leader: May our worship recall us to what is centered in life; to the one who gives us breath and purpose in life.

People: We come to embrace the new advent, to be renewed in faith, hope, and love.

***Opening Hymn**

Prepare the Way, O Zion

No. 106

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

Donna Cook

Eternal Source of birth and new life, help us to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Smooth out our roughness when it hurts ourselves or others. Lift up the hidden parts of ourselves—the talents, the visions, the tenderness—so that your love may be seen, and your glory revealed among us. As this season unfolds, help us to be instruments of your peace. Amen.

Call to Confession

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Oak Hill Community

God of Advent, as we await your coming, we confess the rough places of our hearts. We confess that angers that become strong roadblocks to your peace. We confess the mountains of hurt feelings we leave behind us through our thoughtlessness. We confess the crookedness of our motives. We confess the pits of despair into which we cast our brothers and sisters by our greed and injustice. Straighten our spirits God of Advent, that our lives may reveal not our brokenness, but your glory. Amen.

Time for silent prayers of confession.

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Peace

Oak Hill Community

Time for Growing Disciples

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Special Music

Come, Come Emmanuel

Wendy Barrow, soloist

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8

Donna Cook

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Sermon

Heartfelt Repentance

Rev. Wanda Lawry

Meditation

Come, Immanuel

Susan Brown

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 3: 1-12

Rev. Wanda Lawry

³In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

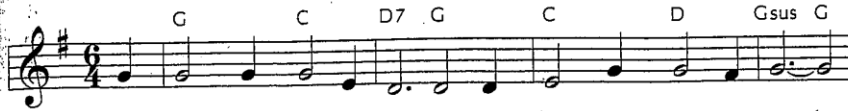
⁷But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

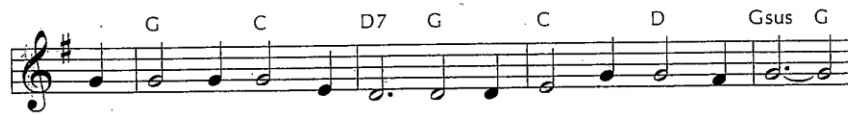
People: Thanks be to God!

Thank you for participating today in worship with Oak Hill. Please check our website for more information and updates: www.oakhillpcusa.org.

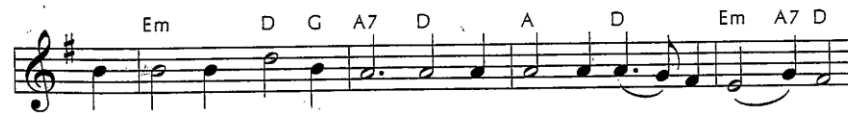
Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,

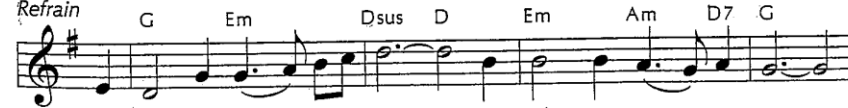


Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3-5 and Psalm 24:7-10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folk tune that spread to Scandinavia.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812; rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1958;
 adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt.

MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930
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BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

TEXT: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.
 MUSIC: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk, 1847, alt.

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 (alternate tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)