

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
**ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**  
**November 27th, 2022**  
**First Sunday in Advent**

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**LIGHTING THE UNITY CANDLE**

**PRELUDE** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*L. Smith*

**GREETING** L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

In Advent we watch and wait for Christ's coming!

We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer. Today we light this candle in hope.

Hear God's promise of hope from Isaiah 2:2-4:

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.

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.

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.

Let us pray:

**Faithful God, out of war's chaos, you bring the order of peace. Renew us in hope that we may work toward Christ's advent of peace among all nations. Amen**

**\*HYMN** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**#135**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

**Eternal God, you have brought us to this moment of confrontation. We cannot escape your judgment of our hidden deceits. You know when we are jealous of others. You observe our quarrels with one another. You see how we seek self-gratification rather than the ways you intend for us. Our physical desires are more important to us than the spiritual hungers we suppress. Come among us now to turn us towards the paths where you want to lead us. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The word of God comes to us for our instruction. The forgiveness of God prompts our thanksgiving. The peace of God turns us from our weapons of destruction to fashion instruments of sharing. God's will for us is security and peace in a community of mutual caring. We are offered this pathway to true prosperity, seeking one another's good. Let us put on Jesus Christ that others may discern Christ's coming through us.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**#805**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** People, Look East

*L. McKechnie*

**CHILDREN'S CHAT** Rev. James Deters

**\*HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**#133**

**SCRIPTURE** Romans 13:11-14 (p.1034) & Matthew 24:36-44(p.903)

**MESSAGE** Rev. James Deters

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*On insert*

**PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER** Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

**OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES**

**OFFERTORY** Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

*J. Mansfield*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**#809**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

**Thank you God, for the privilege of sharing your bounty with those in need. Thank you for prospering our work and witness. We seek to walk in your light and follow the pathways where you lead. We want to share the good news of salvation through these gifts and by the way we live. May all your people be made ready for Christ's coming. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*HYMN** Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

**#169**

**COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

Let us live honorably as in the day.

May we have nothing to hide from God or others.

**We seek to live in the light of God's love.**

**We want to be ready when Christ comes.**

We have been privileged to ascend God's mountains.

We are honored by God's call to us.

**It has been good to meet together in God's house.**

**It is good to serve together in God's world.**

May we carry the peace of God wherever we go.

Let us share that peace with all whom we meet.

**For the sake of all, we say, "Peace be with you."**

**To all the world, we promise, "We will seek your good."**

Amen. **Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You

**#840**

**POSTLUDE** Angels We Have Heard On High

*T. Smith-D. Hustad*

\*All those who are able, please stand.

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**CHOIR DIRECTOR** Diana Mann

**VMIX** Hannah Deters **SOUND** Joseph Deters

**PRODUCTION** Hannah Deters

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## **United Presbyterian/Congregational Church**

**214 Vaughn Ave, Ashland, Wisconsin 54806**

**PASTOR: Reverend James Deters**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am**

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reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires.

## **Matthew 24:36-44**

**p.903**

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 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. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

## **Romans 13:11-14**

**p.1034**

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in

but made alive in the spirit,  
in which he also went and made a proclamation  
to the spirits in prison,  
who in former times did not obey,  
when God waited patiently in the days of Noah,  
during the building of the ark,  
in which a few, that is, eight persons,  
were saved through water.  
And baptism, which this prefigured,  
now saves you—  
not as a removal of dirt from the body,  
but as an appeal to God for a good conscience,  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
who has gone into heaven  
and is at the right hand of God,  
with angels, authorities, and powers  
made subject to him.

***1 Pet. 3:18, 21-22***

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## ACTIVITIES

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- 11/30 Noon: AA meeting in lower lounge
- 12/2 9-Noon & 5-7 pm Women's Association set up for Holiday Bazaar  
in dining room—people can drop off their baked goods and craft  
items during these time frames as well.  
5-8 pm L.I.F.E. Ministry youth Christmas party at Good  
Shepherd Lutheran - pizza, games & movie!
- 12/3 9 am to noon - Holiday Bazaar in dining room  
1:00-2:30 Christmas concert practice in sanctuary
- 12/4 4:00 pm The 100th Annual Community Christmas Concert  
Featuring area choirs. Free and open to the public.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

- 28 Bob Erickson
- 30 Paul Van Pernis & Mary Zinnecker
- 31 Terry Stuart & Becky Brown
- 3 Greyson Stadler

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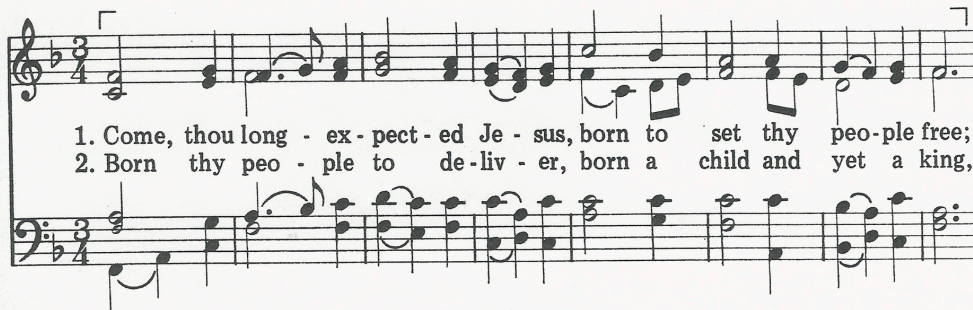
Origin Hymnal

Author    Charles Wesley / Rowland H Prichard

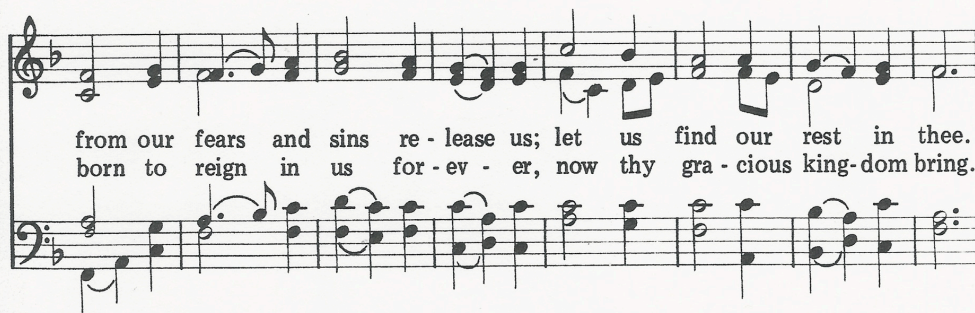
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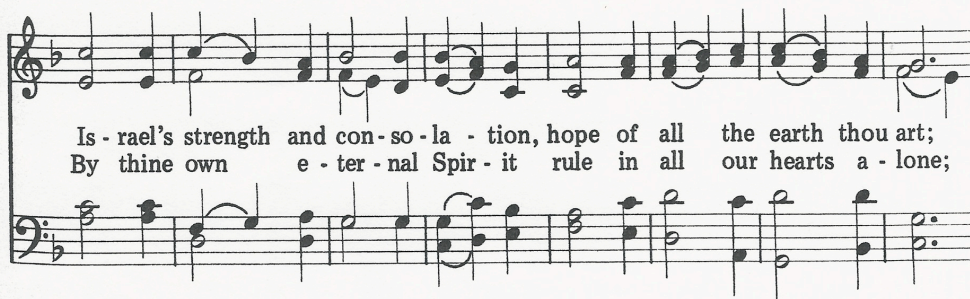
## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 135

*I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come . . . Hag. 2:7*


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.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, c. 1830; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

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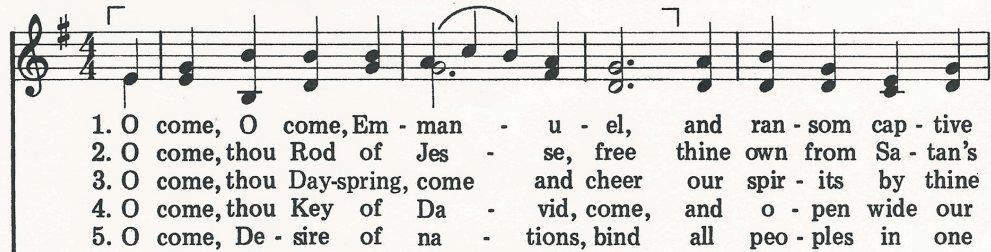
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ADVENT

# O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 133

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. Is. 7:14



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
 2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's  
 3. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine  
 4. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our  
 5. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

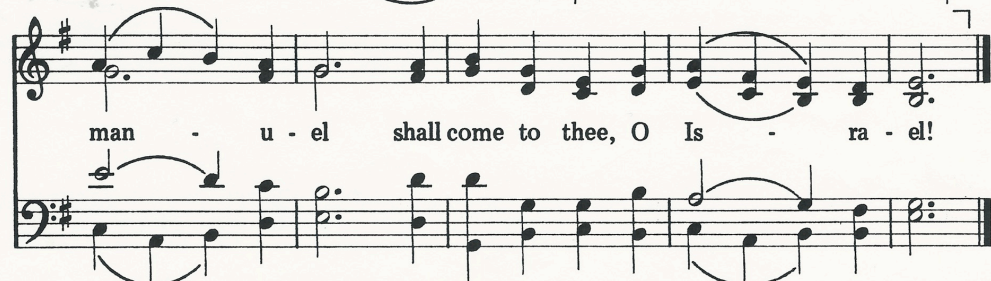


Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un -  
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save and  
 ad - vent here; and drive a - way the shades of night, and  
 heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and  
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

## Refrain



til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 give them vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 pierce the clouds and bring us light! Re - joice! re - joice! Em -  
 close the path to mis - er - y.  
 all the world with heav - en's peace.



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

WORDS: Latin hymn, 12th C.; tr. John M. Neale, 1851; st. 5, Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916  
 MUSIC: Thomas Helmore, 1854; based on plainsong phrases

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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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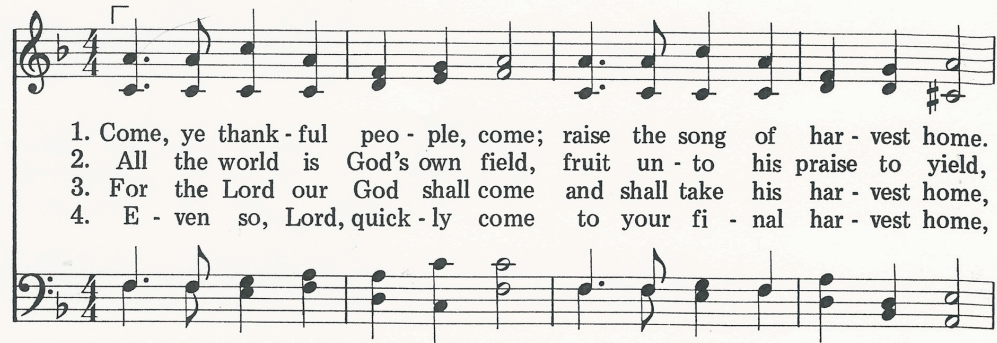
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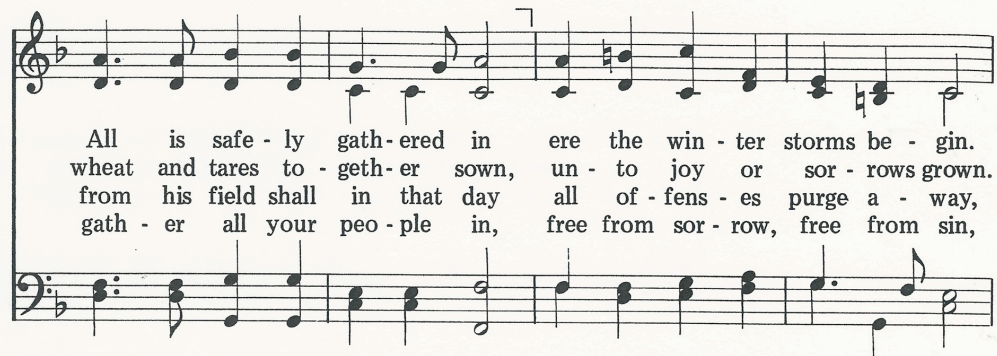
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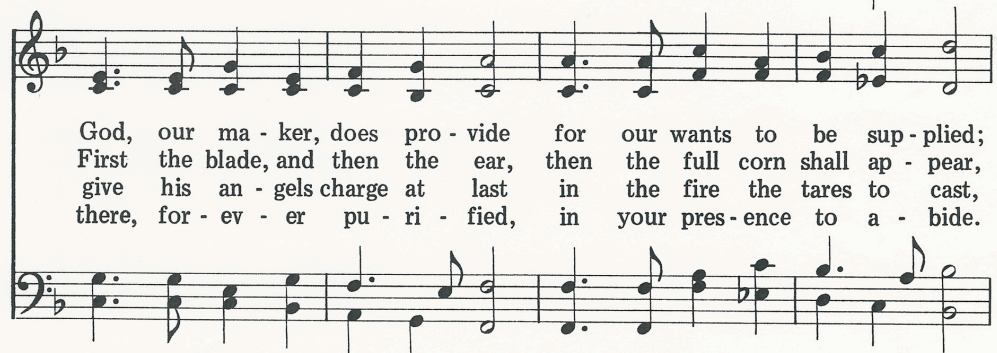
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*The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Mt. 13:39*


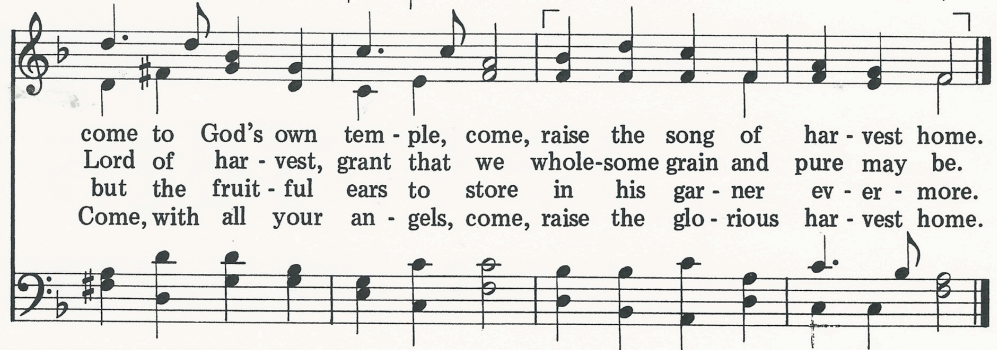
1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield,  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home,  
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home,



All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - rows grown.  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,  
 gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our ma - ker, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear,  
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your pres - ence to a - bide.



come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

WORDS: Henry Alford, 1844, alt.  
 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1858

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