

Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021



Great Expectation, Anticipation of Joy

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Teresa Heindel, guest organist
All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org,
facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch
and on YouTube.**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Prelude *Ubi Caritas Where Abideth Charity and Love*
Charles Callahan

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Welcome

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Amen.

Gathering Song *The Heart of Worship*

Children's Message Lindsey Waltermyer

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Advent Candle Lighting *All Earth Is Hopeful* ELW #266

vs. 1

Word

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Gospel Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

ELW #244

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Song of the Day

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Fling Wide the Door

ELW #259

Blessing

The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Jacob B. Weber

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Announcements

Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Today

We welcome organist Teresa Heindel to our worship this morning. Thank you for enriching our worship experience with your ministry today.

Serving Today Head Usher Barbara Repa; Ushers: Faye Weidner and Bryce Manthorne; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermyer
Next week Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Steve Weidner and Faye Weidner; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley

The flowers are presented to the glory of God by Jim Boyer. How often can one person be so blessed with wives like Jackie and Jean?

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, Sunday School Wing door

Sunday School – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)

Peer Support – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 32

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 2:00 PM, Sunday School Wing door

12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Thursdays at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 AM, room 33

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, offsite

Bell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 15

Scout Roundtable – Thursday, 6:45 – 8:30 PM, rooms 30, 33

Scout Hoagie Sale – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM, room 1

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Sunday School – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)

FLUTTER Christmas Party – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM, room 1

Upcoming Events

Special Temple Talk – December 5th at 9 AM Worship Brian Jenkins, Executive Director of The Chosen 300 Ministries, Inc., will give a special Temple Talk about their meal ministry throughout our area and internationally. Our own Loaves & Fishes Meal Ministry is planning to help supply meals locally one night a month to help. Check out their story at <http://www.chosen300.org/ourmission.html>.

“Deck the Halls” - A Seniors Ministry Christmas gathering, will be held on Thursday, December 9th, noon – 2:00 PM. This event will be a “bring your brown bag lunch,” but also, we’ll be enjoying some of Chef Chris’ excellent homemade chicken pot pie soup. We ask folks to bring some Christmas cookies to share and enjoy as we talk about our own personal Christmas traditions growing up and hear a little about PA Dutch holiday traditions. Join us for some early holiday fellowship! There is a sign-up sheet on the Seniors Table in the Welcome Center or you can email your RSVP to Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave a message with the church office. If possible, **sign up by Thursday, December 2nd**, to help with planning. Contact Deacon Carol for more information.

Actors are needed for the Christmas Pageant on December 19th. Lines can be read and don’t need to be memorized. We will work out some evening practice times in early December. Contact Nikki Young ASAP if you are interested. (This would be mostly kids and youth, but if any adults would really like to participate, we will welcome you!)

FLUTTER Youth Group Christmas Party is Sunday, December 5th, 11:15 – 1:15 in fellowship hall. Pizza will be served for lunch followed by some fun Christmas games, including youth favorite, Saran wrap ball passing game.

Advent Craft Party on Saturday, December 11th, 10:00 – 1:00 This event is for all ages and will include making crafts, playing games and scavenger hunt for kids. Lunch will be at noon.

Hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. To be sure enough craft supplies and food will be available, let us know you'll be coming. To sign up, go to shorturl.at/IrMO5 or sign up in the welcome center on Sunday mornings! Also, we will be doing a service project for senior bags. Bring some items to include in the bags for our senior members. Things to bring include: Hand lotions, Chapstick, tissues, individually wrapped snacks, crackers, pretzels, chips, hot chocolate, word search books, individual cups of Jell-O, pudding, applesauce, fruit cups etc. If you have any questions or you would be interested in hosting a craft table, contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or 610-326-1335.

Can You Help

Altar Flower sponsors are needed. Dates available are December 12 and 19. Suggested donation is \$35. Don't forget, you can sponsor the bulletin (\$20), *Word in Season* devotion booklets (\$35) and communion (\$20). Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

The 2022 offering envelopes are available for pickup in the welcome center.

Order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas. The Altar Guild will order plants in 6.5" pots with five blooms. The suggested donation is \$9.00 per plant. Plants may be sponsored in memory of (for someone who has passed away) or in honor of (someone who is living). The sponsored plants will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. To sponsor one or more plants, complete a Poinsettia Order form (available in the newsletter and on the desk in the welcome center) and return the form along with payment (checks made payable to NHELCC) to the church. Be sure to include the number of plants you would like. Also, be sure to mark the order form if you will pick up your plant or if you wish to have the plant given to a homebound member. Plants may be picked up AFTER the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. **Orders are due today.**

Part-time, temporary nursing help needed The Medicine Shoppe is looking for a nurse with a current nursing license to work part-time, temporary to help give booster shots once the

FDA/CDC opens the Covid vaccine booster to the general population. This is a paid position. If interested or have questions, contact Ed at the Medicine Shoppe, at 1348@medicineshoppe.com.

Spiritual Renewal

Copies of the *Word in Season* daily devotion books October - December are available in the welcome center. Be sure to pick up a copy of this daily scripture and brief message. By designating just a few minutes a day to read and ponder this devotional, you can enrich and inspire your life. *Word in Season* is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by Steve and Faye Weidner.

Faith Formation

How are you getting ready for Christmas? Consider a time of devotion using the Advent study resource, *Promise & Praise*. *Promise & Praise* offers a “spiritual twist to the common Advent calendar. Daily reflections draw people to read and respond to a single word each day, words which will open our hearts and minds to the coming of the Christ child. The books are available in the Welcome Center on a first-come-first-serve basis. **Please note:** copies of the book were distributed to those who receive the senior bags and to participants in the “Thursdays at Ten” class. If you aren’t currently part of the “Thursdays at Ten” group, you are welcome to pick up a copy of this book and join the group for the month of December! Contact Deacon Carol for more information if needed.

“**Thursdays at Ten**” is an informal discussion/fellowship gathering (with snacks!) which meets Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 AM in room 33. Beginning December 2nd, we will start a special Advent study “*Promise & Praise*” which will be a “word-a-day” Advent reflection - all of which will reflect the season and understanding of this sacred time of the church year. We’ll even learn these words in two different languages! Questions about the class? Contact Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave a message with the church office. Join us as we celebrate Advent!

Trauma: Travelling Through and Surviving by Pastor Scott

An Adult class discussion each Sunday at 10:15 AM in room 33 centering on the identification and effects of trauma, traveling through trauma and healing practices. We will study what one may learn through trauma, and how trauma may actually make us stronger if we allow ourselves to accept it and work through trauma.

Forward of the book study “Oneing: Trauma” by Richard Rohr: “The theme of the edition is timely, considering the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives due to a complex global pandemic, political upheaval, armed conflicts, and squalid migrant camps cropping up in many parts of the world, not to mention the suffering of countless kinds of animal and plant life due to global warming. Although it seems that we are living through end times, we can hope that transformation will be the result of this eye-opening, heartbreaking suffering.”

If you haven’t ordered your book, handouts are available.

Didn’t get a chance to fill out a Seniors Ministry Survey Form?

There are extra copies in the welcome center. They can be returned to the marked black tray in the welcome center. Or, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office and we’ll send you one!

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELCC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, we will lift those prayers up! All information will be kept confidential. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office (610-326-1335), leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be “delivered”!

Food Ministry

More than 60,000 meals have been delivered! NHELCC’s Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM.

Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donation in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Larry Gallagher, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, Roy Fleming, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Stephanie Holtz, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Gates family, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Alyssa Dierolf, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Charles Rhoads, Andy Van Dyke, Lilly Marie Kuzminski, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Carly, Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Shannon, John, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl

Shut-ins

Penny Frymoyer, Janet Deloplaine

Grieving

Family and friends of Polly Ehling, Stella Eidle, Donald Gabel, Wade Miller, Fran E. Weaver, Myrtle Vogt and Arline Friz (Natalie Eshbach's mother)

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Call for an appointment.

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Send

Getting ready for Christmas

Jesus told a story to help his disciples get ready for his coming. Jesus wants us to get ready for his coming, too. Praying is one way we can get ready for Christmas.



Ask someone to help you write a prayer of thanks to God.



Dear God, please help me get ready for Jesus' birthday by talking to you. Amen

This week

Every day, thank God for something good that happened that day.

Kids Celebrate

First Sunday of Advent



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the first Sunday in Advent. Advent means “coming.” During Advent we get ready and wait for Jesus to come. What’s different in your worship space today? What colors do you see? Do you see an Advent wreath? What color are the candles? Is one candle burning?

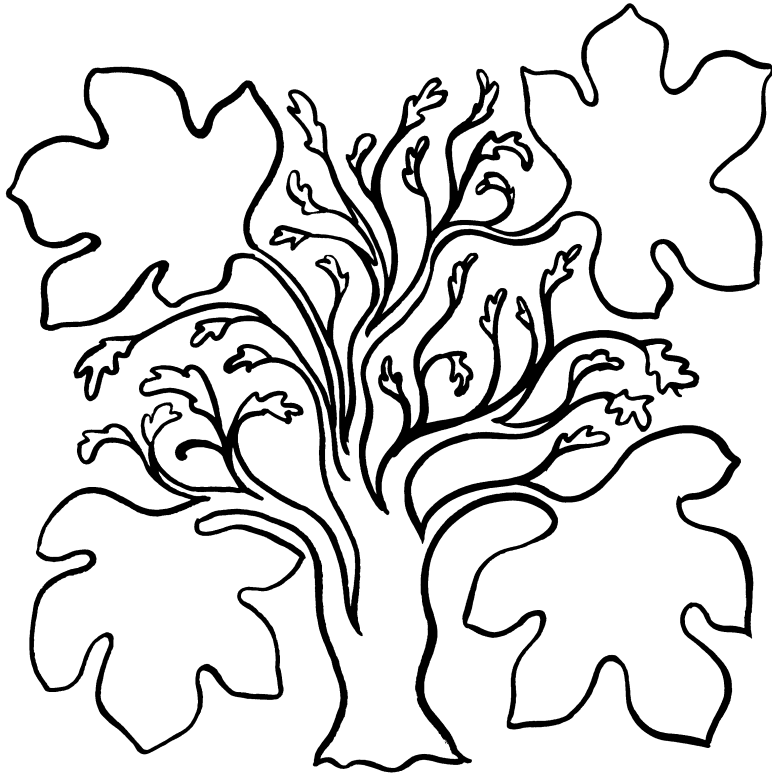
Color and light one candle here.



The fig tree

Luke 21:25-36

Jesus told a story to his friends. In the winter, many trees have no leaves. But in the springtime their leaves begin to appear. These new green leaves show that summer is near. This is one sign that God's kingdom is coming. Look around you: Jesus is coming. Get ready!



Unscramble these words to find ways you can get ready for Jesus. Write one word inside each fig leaf.

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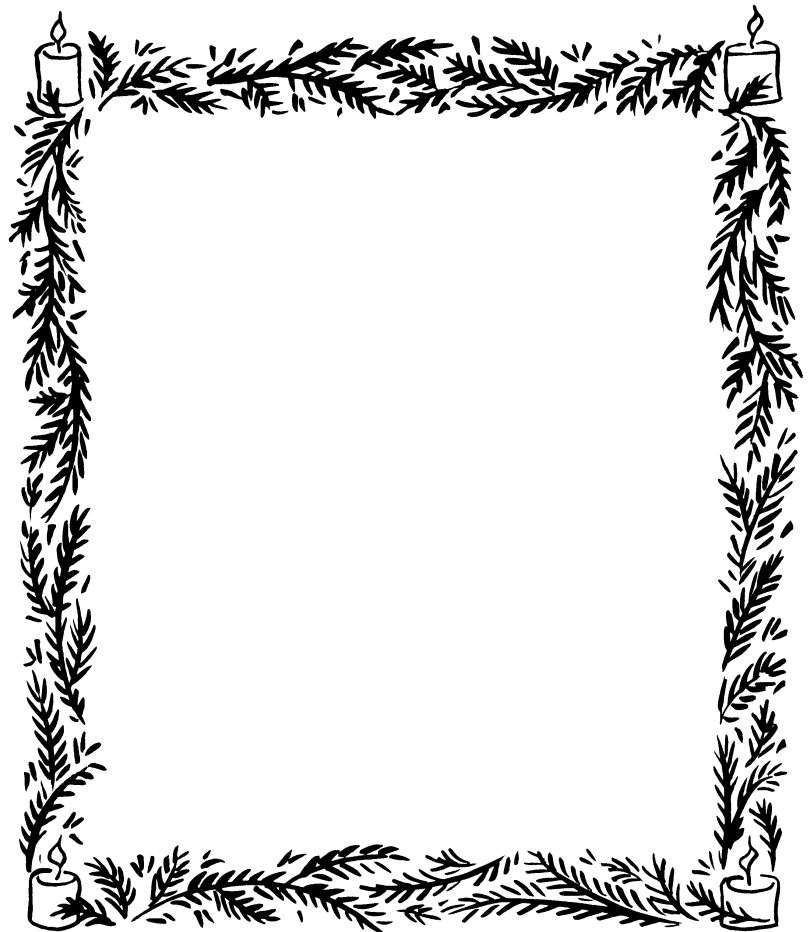
gism _____ sipwroh _____

The Advent wreath

The Advent wreath has four candles to remind us of the four weeks we wait for Jesus' birthday. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God's never-ending love. A circle has no beginning or ending.



Look around you. Where do you see circles?
How many can you find?



Draw your church's Advent wreath in the space above.

The Heart Of Worship

Words and Music by
Matt Redman

♩=70

VERSE

D²

A²



1. When the mu - sic fades, — all is stripped a - way, —
2. King of end - less worth, — no one could ex - press .

3

Em⁷

A^{7sus}

D²



— and I sim - ply come; — Long - ing just to bring .
— how much You de - serve. — Though I'm weak and poor, .

6

A²

Em⁷

A^{7sus}



— some-thing that's of worth — that will bless Your heart. —
— all I have is Yours, — ev - ry sin - gle breath. —

PRE-CHORUS

9

Em⁷

D/F#

A^{7sus}

Em⁷

D/F#



I'll bring You more than a song, — for a song in it - self is not what You have re - quired. .

12

A^{7sus}

Em⁷

D/F#

A^{7sus}



— You search much deep - er with - in — through the way things ap - pear;

CHORUS

15 Em⁷ D/F# A^{7sus} D²

You're look - ing in - to my heart. _____ I'm com - ing back to the heart .

18 A²/C# Em⁷ D/F# G A^{7sus}

_____ of wor - ship, and it's all a - bout You, _ all a - bout You, _ Je - sus.

21 D² A²/C#

I'm sor - ry, Lord, for the thing _____ I've made _ it, when it's

23 Em⁷ D/F# G A^{7sus} D

all a - bout You, _ all a - bout You, _ Je - sus. _____

All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



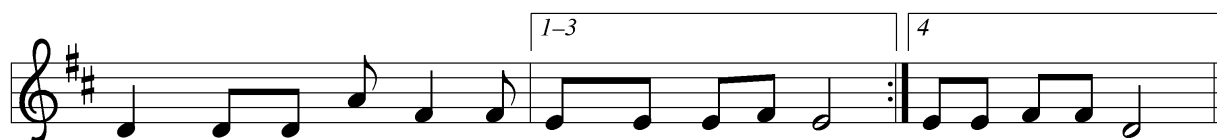
To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



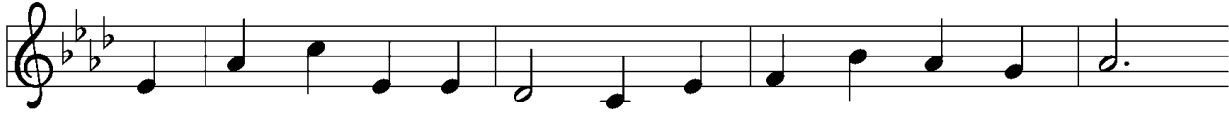
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 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



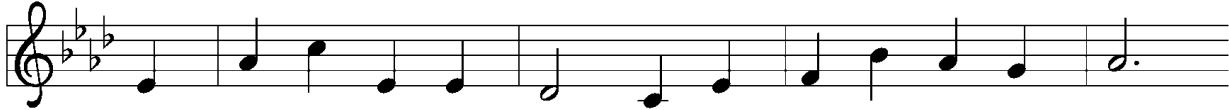
cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



- 1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Words and Music by
Paul Baloche

♩ = 112

CHORUS

E⁵

B/D#



O - pen the eyes _ of my heart, _ Lord, _ o - pen the eyes _ of my heart; .

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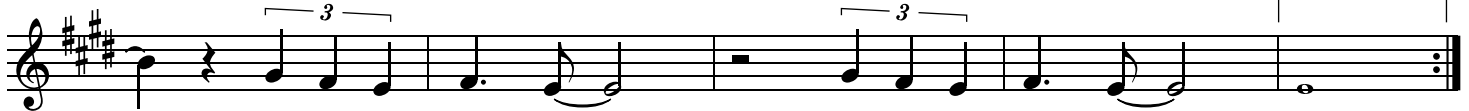
A²/C#

A²

E^{SUS}

E

1, 3.
E^{SUS}



_ I want to see You, _ I want to see You. _

9

2, 4.

VERSE

B

C#m

A²



To see You high and lift - ed up, _ shin - ing in the light of Your glo -

13

B^{SUS}

B

C#m

F#m¹¹



- ry. _ Pour out Your pow'r and love; _ As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -

17

B^{SUS}

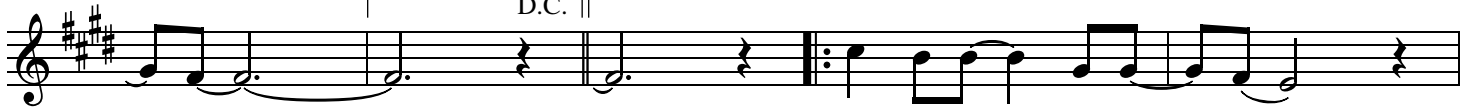
1.

D.C.

2.

BRIDGE

E⁵



- ly. _ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _

22

B/D#

A²/C#

A²



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly; _ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, _ I want to

26

1. E^{sus} E E^{sus}
repeat as desired

2. E^{sus} E



see You. _____

see You. _____

Fling Wide the Door



1 Fling wide the door, un - bar the gate; the King of glo - ry
2 He is the rock of our be - lief, the heart of mer - cy's
3 Oh, hap - py towns and bless - ed lands that live by their true
4 Come, Lord, our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ; our hearts are o - pen



comes in state; the Lord of lords and King of kings, the
gen - tle self. His king - ly crown is ho - li - ness; his
king's com - mands. And bless - ed be the hearts he rules, the
wide in trust. Oh, show us now your love - ly grace, up -



Sav - ior of the world who brings his great sal - va - tion
scep - ter is his love - li - ness; he brings our sor - rows
hum - ble plac - es where he dwells. He is the right - ful
on our sor - rows shine your face, and let your Ho - ly



to the earth. So raise a shout of ho - ly mirth and
to an end. Now glad - ly praise our king and friend, and
Son of bliss who fills our lives and makes us his, cre -
Spir - it guide our jour - ney in your grace so wide. We



praise our God and Lord, Cre - a - tor, Spir - it, Word.
wor - ship him with song for sav - ing us from wrong.
a - tor of the world, our on - ly strength for good.
praise your ho - ly name, from age to age the same!

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