

**Welcome to worship at  
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 15, 2024**



Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor  
Nicole Young, seminarian minister  
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry  
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader**

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

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and on YouTube.**

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

Prelude

Welcome

Hanging of the Greens - Poinsettia Nikki Young  
Most Christmas greenery reflects European traditions. But one colorful plant, which looks like a flaming star, the poinsettia, is a native to the American continent. It was named after Dr. Joel Robert Poinset, an ambassador to Mexico who first introduced it to the United States in 1828. The people of Mexico and Central America call the brilliant tropical plant the "Flower of the Holy Night." The Poinsettia is a many-pointed star that has become a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem.

Lighting of the Advent Candle The Ewing family  
*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

Emmanuel Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel  
God with us revealed in us  
His name is called Emmanuel  
*Repeat from beginning*

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*Please rise as you are able.*

**Gathering Hymn *Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!***

**ELW #246**

Call to Worship

Pastor Scott

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Scott

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.**

Let us pray.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Children’s Choir

*Advent Prayer*

Lindsey Waltermeyer, keyboard, Sam Young, soloist  
Donna Kehs, Marlene Hansley and Jean Moser, handbells

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Children’s Message

Pastor Scott

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sue Care

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
<sup>19</sup> I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation *Creator of the Stars of Night* ELW #245  
vs. 3

Gospel Luke 3:7-18 Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him,  
“You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to  
come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin 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. <sup>9</sup> Even  
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.”

<sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup> In  
reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with

anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”

<sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Message**

Pastor Scott

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Song of the Day**

*Days of Elijah*

Grace Band

These are the days of Elijah  
Declaring the Word of the Lord  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant Moses  
Righteousness being restored  
And though these are days  
Of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice  
In the desert crying  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

*Chorus:*

Behold He comes  
Riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun  
At the trumpet call  
So lift your voice  
It's the year of Jubilee  
And out of Zion's hill  
Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days  
Of Your servant David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise  
And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the labourers  
In Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

*Bridge (sing 2x):*

There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah  
There is no god like Jehovah

*Chorus (sing 2x)*

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Prayers of Intercession  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Nikki Young

The Lord's Prayer  
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Nikki Young

**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.

Peace Nikki Young  
 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through  
 our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.  
*The people give a sign of peace to each other.*

*Please be seated.*  
 Offertory

*This is a time of silence for reflection.*

Choir Anthem *A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us*  
 Chancel Choir, Nancy Mest, flute

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Doxology *Doxology for Advent*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise  
 God all creatures here below. Praise  
 God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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*The offering is brought forward for a blessing.*

Announcements

Pastor Scott

*Please rise as you are able.*

Sending Hymn            *In Thee Is Gladness*

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Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

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## Announcements

### Today

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of her granddaughter, Joelle, on her second birthday by Kay Kurtz.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fred Smith by his family.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Ed Becker, Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Vicki Dotterer, Lector: Sue Care, Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Alexa Moser

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Usher: Terry Santangelo, Lector: Donna Kehs, Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermeyer, Acolyte: Landon Woods

**Altar Guild** members serving this month: Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan

**Come one, come all to this year's Christmas Pageant, Scuba Christmas**, following the worship service this morning in fellowship hall. A fellowship will be enjoyed following the pageant.



**The Weary World Rejoices!** Come join us each Sunday at 10:15 AM for an Advent Group Bible Study in room 33. Each week we meet to share and discuss holiday traditions, Bible passages and how each of us cope with living in the promise of peace and hope, even though we witness this world we live in. This study is a safe place to come to share, listen and/or just hang. So come join us this Advent.

**Rejoicing Spirits worship service** This ministry supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. All are welcome to join Rejoicing Spirits this afternoon, beginning at 1:30. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

**The Nursery room** is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

**Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing** remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

## Calendar

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

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

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

**Christmas Pageant** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

**Kids for Christ Rehearsal** – Today, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

**Rejoicing Spirits** – Today, 1:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**Cub Scout Pack 367** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1

**Walnut Woods Service** – Tuesday, 10:00 AM

**Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, room 1

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

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, portico

**Loaves & Fishes Dinner** – Wednesday, 5:30 PM, rooms 1, 11

**Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32  
**Chancel Choir** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15  
**Blue Christmas** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, sanctuary

**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32  
**Handbell Choir** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15  
**Scout District Roundtable** – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

**Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online  
**Food Drop Off** – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen  
**Food Delivery Pickup** – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico  
**J.A.M.** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21  
**Kids for Christ Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM, sanctuary  
**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary  
**Caroling** – Next Sunday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
**Confirmation** – Next Sunday 1:30 – 3:30 PM, room 1

**Loaves & Fishes dinner** is this Wednesday, at 5:45 PM in fellowship hall. Stop by for dinner and fellowship.

**The Blue Christmas Service is this Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, in the Sanctuary.** Sometimes the holiday season is just too much joy for how we are feeling. Maybe life is too much, or you are missing a loved one and are not feeling as happy as normal. Maybe you just want to slow down from the hustle of the days leading up to Christmas and reflect. The Blue Christmas Service gives you time to reflect and meditate. See Nikki Young with any questions.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Christmas Caroling Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1 – 3 PM** Gather your friends and family for a fun and uplifting time, singing favorite and beloved Christmas carols to our NHELCC homebound members as well as those in senior facilities. Carolers will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM to plan the routes and pick up the goodie bags prepared at the Advent Social. After caroling, we will return to the church to enjoy cookies and hot cocoa. Caroling is a wonderful opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer. Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce or Jean Moser (610-367-0342) with any questions about the caroling.

**Celebrate the birth of Christ** this Christmas Eve at NHELCL. Candlelight services will be held at 4:00 and 8:00 PM. The 4:00 service features a live nativity.

**Attention Committee and Board Chair:** 2024 reports are due in the church office by Monday, January 6, 2025.

## Want to be a member?

Please fill out a yellow card, “Your Voice from the Pew”, located in the pew rack and give to Pastor Scott or place the card in the offering plate. Check off “Interest in Church Membership.”

## Resources

**Want to keep up** with all the latest news from NHELCL?

Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



**Do you enjoy the praise band songs?** Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it’s free!) to listen to the songs.



**Peer Support Information** The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact the church and leave a message for the peer support program or reach out to Pastor Scott.

**The Peer Support Ministry** webpage on the church's website (newhanoverlutheran.org) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

**Mental Health and Wellness** Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELHC has links with helpful information available on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

**NAMI Help Line** 1-800-950-6242 is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text "Helpline" to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

**PA Addiction Helpline** 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

**Online live chat** offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

## You Can Help

**Live nativity volunteers** are needed for the 4:00 Christmas Eve service. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center.

**Readers are needed for the Lessons and Carols service** on December 29<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center.

**Pictorial Directory** Send pictures of members, classes and group activities to Nance White at [Nance2237@yahoo.com](mailto:Nance2237@yahoo.com) as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

**You can donate to NHELHC ministry electronically.** Simply point your smartphone camera at one of these QR codes and follow the link.

**Tithe.ly QR Code**



**Simply Giving QR Code**



**Volunteers are needed** to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at [omiweidner@gmail.com](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or

484-929-5958 if you can help.

## Thank You

**Thank you** to all who contributed non-perishable items to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service during our November collection. Thanks to your generosity, NHELCC donated 74 lbs. of food and personal items to help our neighbors.

## Food Ministry

**More than 200,000 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 donations on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

## Reconciling in Christ

**Do you want to participate in a one-to-one discussion** around the possibility of New Hanover becoming a Reconciling in Christ church, welcoming to all - especially to those identifying as LGBTQIA+, racially diverse, or gender diverse? Contact Sharon Tracey, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Rick Hausch or Pastor Scott.

**Got a question for the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team** about their journey? Jot down your question (paper provided at the desk) and put it in the box on the desk in the Welcome Center. The team will try to answer your question(s). Be sure to provide your preferred contact information.

**“Taking a closer look: What the Bible does and doesn't say about homosexuality”** January 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall

The Bible is often used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people to prove that

they are condemned by God, and sometimes to justify discrimination and even violence against them. Most often people point to a few verses scattered throughout scripture to justify this. In this workshop we will examine some of these texts, and explore how to respond when the Bible is used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people. The Rev. Bruce Davidson, a retired pastor in the ELCA, will be leading the presentation. At the end of his presentation questions will be received. We will meet in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Drinks and snacks will be available.

**“Allyship”** January 19<sup>th</sup> Allyship is an action verb defining the lifelong process of building relationships based on trust, consistency, and accountability with minoritized individuals and/or groups of people with the strategic intentions to become collaborators to promote equity.

We welcome Dr. Dee Singley, (she/they), Director for Disability Services and 504 Coordinator Institute for Student Success at Ursinus College for a Temple Talk during worship on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Afterwards, during the adult Sunday School hour, Dr. Singley and members of the RIC team will be available for questions and further discussion in Room 33 of the Christian Education Wing.

## Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Carol Howells

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

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Katy Mahon-Miller	Luann Hanley	Carol Estes
William Trotter	Kathy Kane	Maxwell Girard
Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger	Pr. Kork Moyer
Betty Lou Shadle	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Joan Wagner	Robert Ganovsky
Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess
Sue Care	Deb Matthews	Marceline
Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger
Hank Droneberg	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout	Verdie Smith
Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen
Chuck Beck	Ally Musser & family	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
Tim Mutter	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Penny Garber
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	David Gottshall

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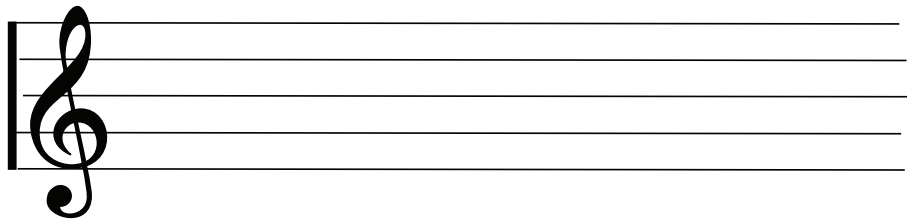
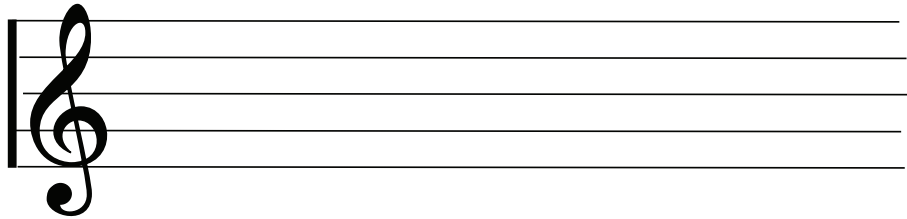
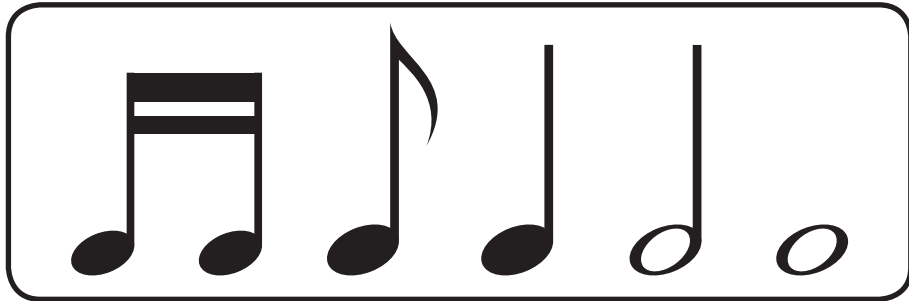
**NHELFC**   
*neighbors*

*Still Making History*



During Advent we hear many Christmas carols even though it isn't Christmas yet.

**Try and write your own Christmas song below! See the key of different kinds of notes. Then redraw them on the staff to create your own song. Make sure to include lyrics!**

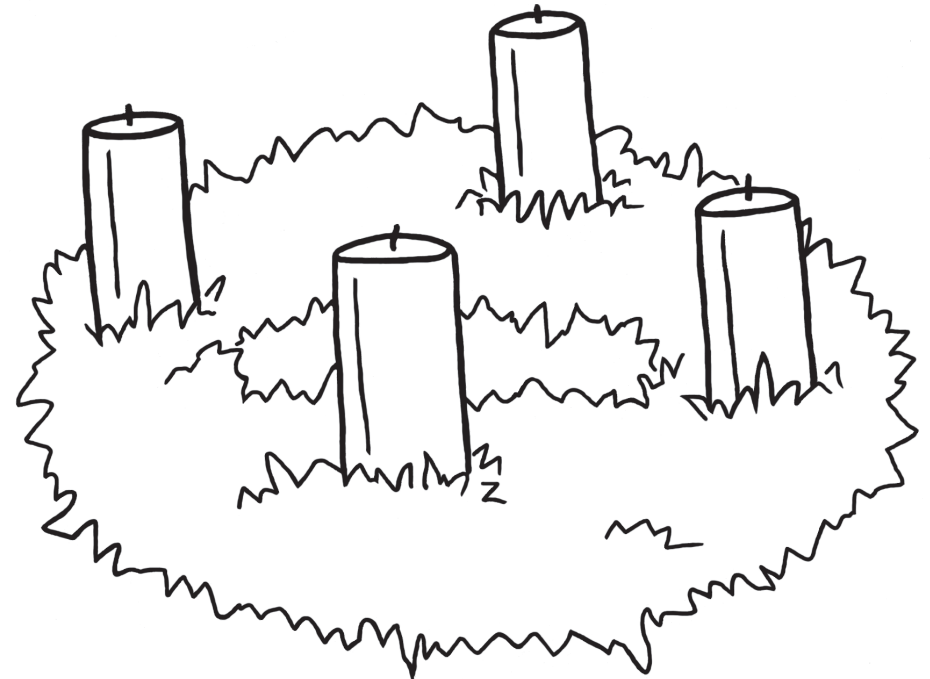


# PRE-READER

Advent 3

- Today is the **third** Sunday in **Advent**.
- The symbol of Advent is a **candle**.
- The symbol of the candle reminds us that Jesus is the **light of the world**.

**Below is an Advent wreath. Draw flames over three of the candles to show that it is the third Sunday in Advent. Then color in the rest of the wreath.**





**John baptized people and told them that Jesus was coming soon!**

In today's lesson, John tells people that Jesus is coming. The people were so excited! Below are a list of things you may be excited for.

**Rate each event on a scale of 1 to 5. Then color in the images.**

- 1 = I'm superduper excited
- 2 = Yep, I'm looking forward to this
- 3 = This should be okay.
- 4 = Eh.
- 5 = I am NOT looking forward to this.



My birthday \_\_\_\_\_



Today's lunch \_\_\_\_\_



Jesus' birth \_\_\_\_\_



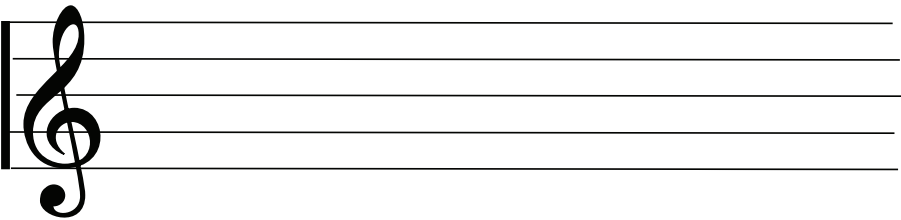
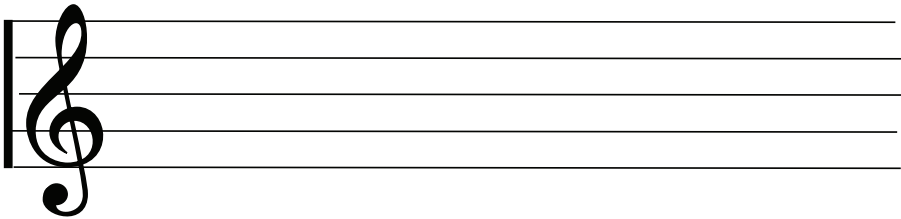
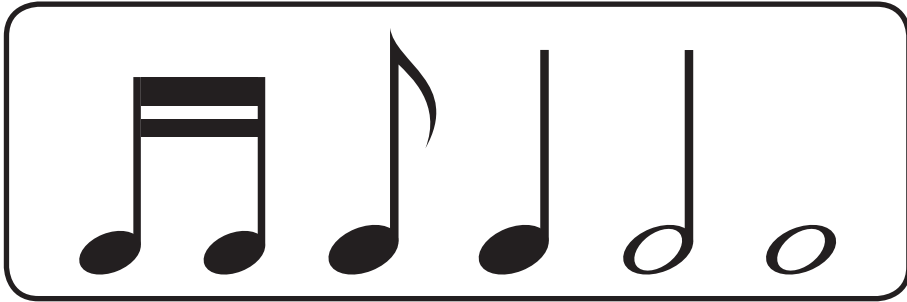
Peace on earth \_\_\_\_\_



Going to school \_\_\_\_\_

## Your Own Song

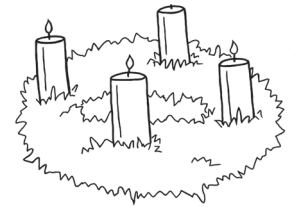
During Advent, you may hear a lot of Christmas carols even though it's not Christmas yet! During Advent, songs at church help us prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ. Using the examples of the notes and rests below, write your own Advent song on the musical staff.



- Today is the **third** Sunday in **Advent**.
- The symbol of Advent is a **candle**.
- During Advent, we **wait for Jesus to come** into our broken world.

## Look in the Light

C	P	S	M	M	G
H	R	U	C	B	O
Q	E	S	W	V	G
S	P	E	B	A	A
L	A	J	B	D	T
O	R	E	V	H	J
K	E	E	G	K	D
H	N	I	M	U	K
T	L	O	X	E	R
E	L	D	N	A	C
T	K	Q	U	I	H
W	A	I	T	N	R



**ADVENT  
CANDLE  
JESUS  
LIGHT  
PREPARE  
WAIT**



### Bible Tip!

Today's lesson is about John the Baptist. Do you know how John and Jesus were related? Check the correct answer below:

1. They were brothers \_\_\_\_
2. They were friends \_\_\_\_
3. They were cousins \_\_\_\_
4. They went to the same church \_\_\_\_

### Straighten it Up!

This memory verse is quite curvy! The verse tells us to make a straight path, so rewrite this memory verse in a straight line.

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.” -Luke 3:4b*




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### John Tells Us to Share

In today's lesson, John tells a group of people to share their clothing, food, and money with those who don't have any. In the space below, draw some items in your home that you can share with those in need. Food? Clothes? Toys? Money?

### Jesus Is Coming to Baptize

John the Baptist also tells people that Jesus is coming and will baptize them. What do you know about your baptism? Write about it here.

**My name:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Date I was baptized:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**My sponsor:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The symbol that was marked on my forehead:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What baptism means to me:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Emmanuel

Words and Music by  
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$\text{♩} = 80$

C/E F F/E Dm7 G7 C Gm6/B $\flat$  A7 A7/C $\sharp$

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el, His name is

6 Dm Dm/C G7/B G C E7 F F/E Dm7 G7

called Em - man - u - el: God with us, re - vealed in

12 C Gm6/B $\flat$  A7 A7/C $\sharp$  Dm Dm/C G7/B G C

us! His name is called Em - man - u - el.

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## Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!



1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is near," we  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age  
3 See the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, come with par - don  
4 So, when next he comes in glo - ry and the world is  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



hear it say. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness,  
let us rise; Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling,  
down from heav'n. Let us haste, with tears of sor - row,  
wrapped in fear, he will shield us with his mer - cy  
and the Son with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it



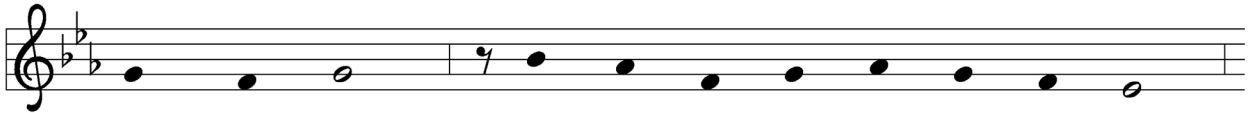
all you chil - dren of the day!"  
shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
one and all, to be for - giv'n;  
and with words of love draw near.  
while un - end - ing a - ges run!

*"Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding!" Text: Latin hymn, 1632; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878. Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823-1889. Text and music are in public domain.*

# Creator of the Stars of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -  
2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in  
3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all  
4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -  
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,  
splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child  
hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,  
ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low  
Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.  
of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.  
like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.  
from all as - saults of our dread foe.  
from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

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# Days Of Elijah

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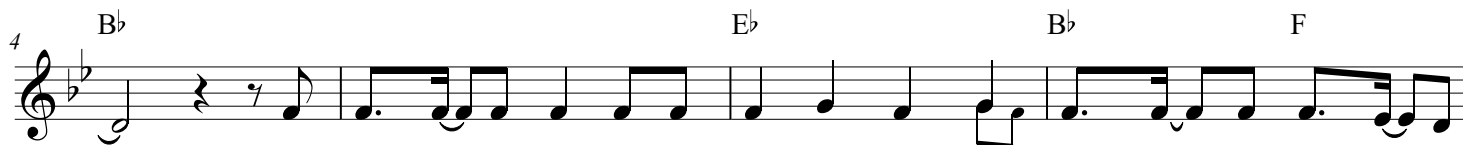
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## VERSE

♩ = 95



1. These are the days of E - li - jah, de - clar - ing the Word of the Lord;  
(2.) these are the days of E - ze - kiel, the dry bones be - com - ing as



And these are the days of Your ser - vant, Mo - ses, right - eous - ness be - ing re -  
flesh; And these are the days of Your ser - vant, Dav - id, re build - ing a tem - ple of



stored; And though these are days of great tri - als, of fam - ine and dark - ness and  
praise; And these are the days of the har - vest, the fields are as white in the



sword; Still we are the voice in the des - ert cry - ing, "Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord."  
world; And we are the la - bour - ers in Your vine - yard, de - clar - ing the Word of the Lord...

## CHORUS 1a



Be - hold He comes, rid - ing on the clouds, shin - ing like the sun at the trum - pet

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20 F B $\flat$ /F Cm/F B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F

call; Lift your voice, it's the year of Ju - bi - lee, and out of Zi - on's hill sal - va - tion

**INSTRUMENTAL**

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$  F F

comes. 2. And

**BRIDGE**

B $\flat$  E $\flat$

There is no god like Je - ho - vah, there is no god like Je - ho - vah,

31 B $\flat$  F

there is no god like Je - ho - vah, there is no god like Je - ho - vah.

**BRIDGE**

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$

There is no god like Je - ho - vah, there is no god like Je - ho - vah, there is no god like Je - ho - vah,

**CHORUS 1b**

36 F F/G Em/G Dm/G C

there is no god like Je - ho - vah. Hey! Be - hold He comes, rid - ing on the clouds,

39 F C G Dm/G C

shin - ing like the sun at the trum - pet call; Lift your voice, it's the year of Ju - bi - lee,

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F C G C Em/G Dm/G C

and out of Zi - on's hill sal - va - tion comes. Be - hold, He comes. \_\_\_\_\_

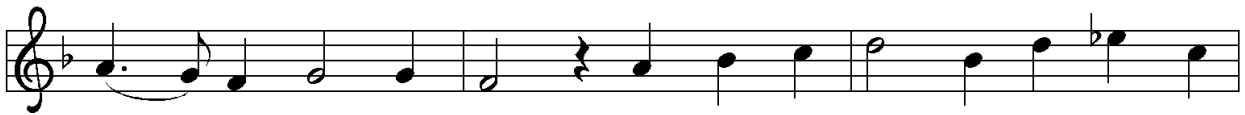
# In Thee Is Gladness



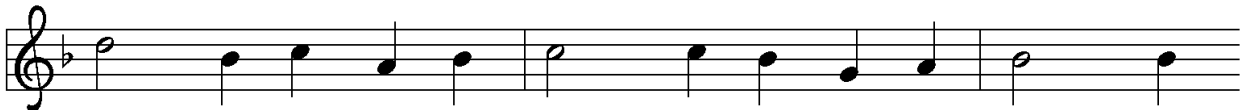
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my  
2 Je-sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly  
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are  
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,  
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

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