



**December 14, 2025**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

Choir Cantata: O Holy Light

**Interim Pastor:** Rev. Frank Yates

**Advent Candle:** Chavez/Lopez family

**Liturgist:** Victoria Flick

**Psalmist:** Thom Hinks

**Greeter:** Birgitta Gustafson

**Ushers:** Bill Cox, Craig Kelley, Virginia Kelley, Camise Kettner

**Flowers:** Given by Meredith Beaton in memory of her parents:  
**Arlene & Allen Beaton**

**Early Morning Security:** Pat Gerlach

**December Sanctuary Stewards:** Birgitta Gustafson and Camise Kettner

**Director of Music:** Nancy Leffler

**Accompanist:** Nathan Secrest

# Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

**Gathering Music**      *Carol of the Bells*      - by M. Leontovich

**Welcome & Announcements**, including prayer concerns

## **Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

**Introit**      *An Advent Invitation – Joy*      Chancel Choir

**Advent Candle Lighting – Joy**

**Prelude**      *O Come Emmanuel*      - by Eugene Butler

**\*Hymn #93**      *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

**Call to Confession**      Victoria Flick

**Prayer of Confession** (unison):

**All: Merciful God,  
in your gracious presence  
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.  
Although Christ is among us as our peace,  
we are a people divided against ourselves  
as we cling to the values of a broken world.**



## A Litany for Advent

Rev. Frank Yates

Leader: O Wisdom,  
coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,  
pervading and permeating all creation,  
you order all things with strength and gentleness:  
Come now and teach us the way to salvation.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Adonai, Ruler of the house of Israel,  
you appeared in the burning bush to Moses  
and gave him the law on Sinai:  
Come with outstretched arm to save us.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Root of Jesse,  
rising as a sign for all the peoples,  
before you earthly rulers will keep silent,  
and nations give you honor:  
Come quickly to deliver us.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Key of David,  
Scepter over the house of Israel,  
you open and no one can close,  
you close and no one can open:  
Come to set free the prisoners  
who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Radiant Dawn,  
splendor of eternal light,  
Sun of justice:  
Come, shine on those who live in darkness  
and in the shadow of death.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Ruler of the nations,  
Monarch for whom the people long,  
you are the Cornerstone uniting all humanity:  
Come, save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: O Immanuel,  
our Sovereign and Lawgiver,  
desire of the nations and Savior of all:  
Come and save us, O Lord our God.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: God of grace,  
ever faithful to your promises,  
the earth rejoices in hope of our Savior's coming  
and looks forward with longing  
to his return at the end of time.  
Prepare our hearts to receive him when he comes,  
for he is Lord forever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

# Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Call for the Offering**

Victoria Flick

**Offertory**

*Reflections on Greensleeves*

- by Steven Scott

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.*

**Prayer of Dedication**

Victoria Flick

**\*Sending Song #110:**

*Love Has Come*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction:**

*My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

**Postlude**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

- by Edward Broughton

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Wishing that this season of Advent fills your heart  
and home with joy and happiness!

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\*Please stand as you are comfortable

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## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7-10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

# Love Has Come

# 110

Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)  
 F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all  
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the  
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)  
 C F Dm F C B<sup>b</sup> F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of  
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her  
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)  
 Gm7 A7 B<sup>b</sup> C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a  
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she  
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)  
 F C B<sup>b</sup> C F C C7 F<sup>sus</sup> F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.  
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."