



November 30, 2025

1st Sunday in Advent

Thank Offering

Interim Pastor: Rev. Frank Yates

Advent Candle: Pitts family

Liturgist: Thom Hinks

Psalmist: Bill Cox

Greeters: Craig Kelley & Ginger Wall

Ushers: Mike & Liz Bushma, Victoria Flick, Steve Sproul

Early Morning Security: Dave Sternberg

November Sanctuary Stewards: Liz Bushma and Sharon Glass

December Sanctuary Stewards: Birgitta Gustafson and Camise Kettner

Director of Music: Nancy Leffler

Accompanist: Nathan Secrest

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

Gathering Music *Waiting For the Lord* - by Colin Curtis

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 - Hope* Chancel Choir

Advent Candle Lighting – Hope

Prelude *Watchmen, Tell Us of the Night* - by Mark Hayes

***Hymn #82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Call to Confession Thom Hinks

Prayer of Confession (unison):

**All: God of the future,
you are coming in power to bring
all nations under your rule.**

**We confess that we have not
expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.**

From the Psalter Psalm 122

Bill Cox

(This can be found on p. 560 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

When Will He Come?

Chancel Choir

Reading from the New Testament: Romans 13: 11-14

(This can be found on p. 1034 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Now Is the Moment

Rev. Frank Yates

***Hymn #647**

Give Thanks

Choral Call to Prayer

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

(Please join the choir as we sing this together. See insert.)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

Thom Hinks

Offertory

Offertory in G

- by Ross Anderson

***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

Thom Hinks

***Sending Song #100:** *My Soul Cries Out With a Joyful Shout*

Charge and Benediction

Choral Benediction: *My Soul Gives Glory to My God*

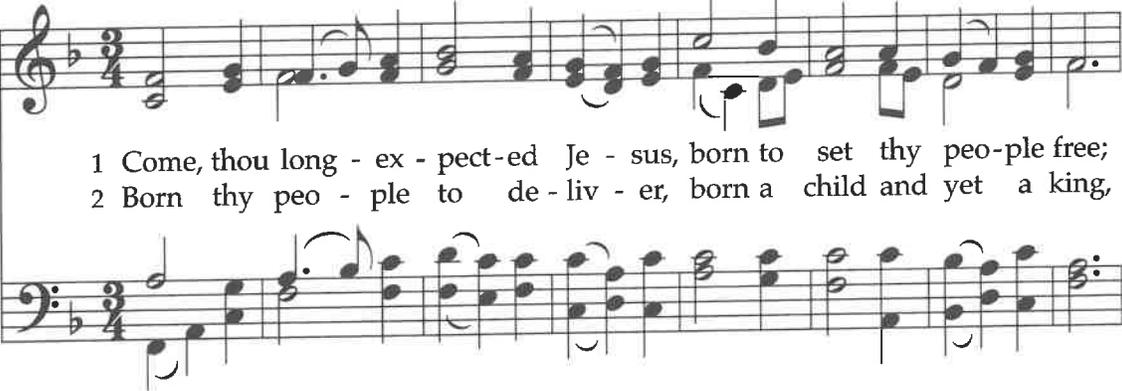
Postlude *The Solid Rock* - by Robert W. Thygerson

Thank you for worshipping with us!
We hope you felt welcomed and blessed.

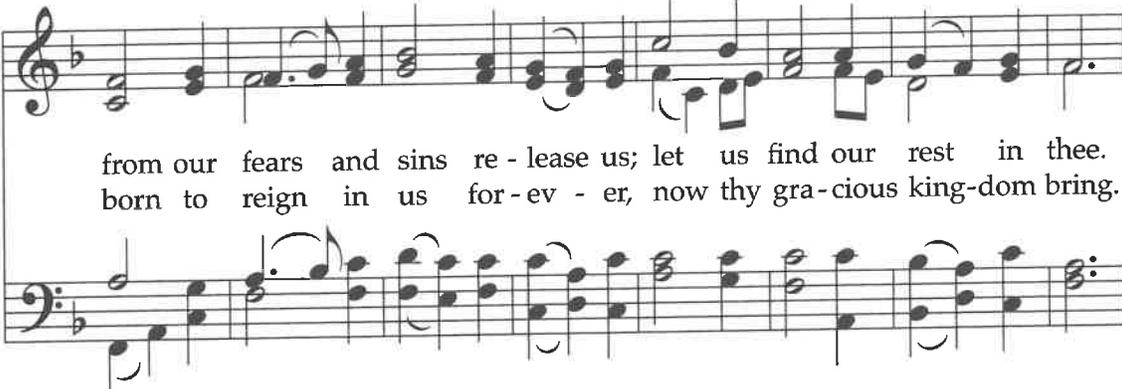
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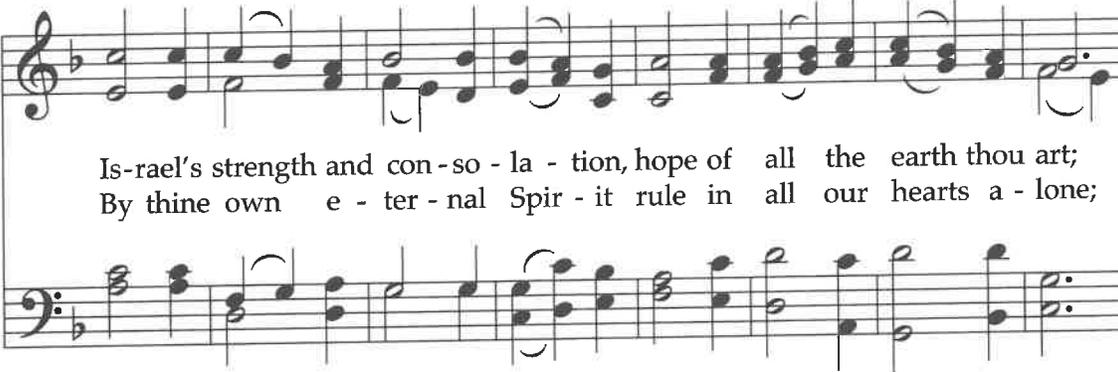
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



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.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us
Kyrie Eleison

John Merbecke

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart; give thanks to the Ho-ly One;

give thanks be-cause we're giv-en Je-sus Christ, the Son. Give

Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the

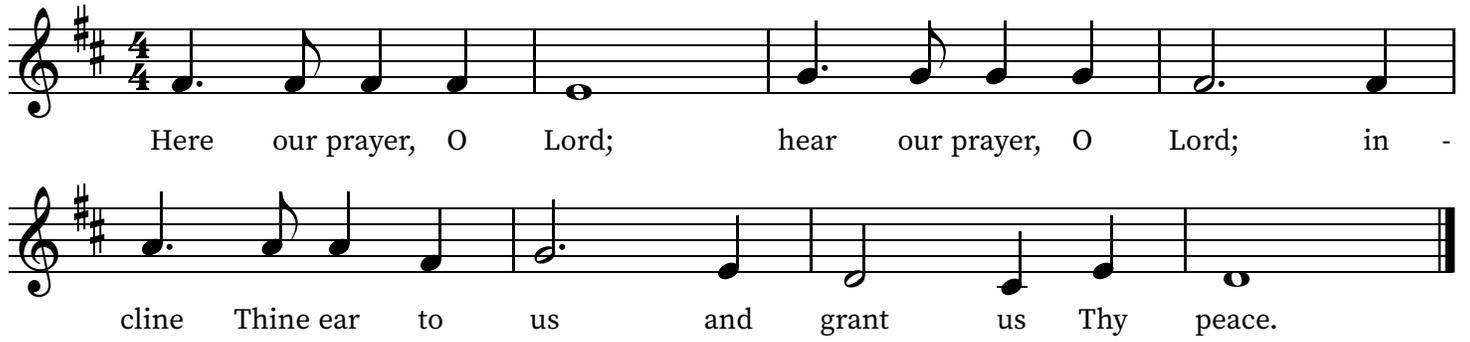
poor say, "We are rich be-cause of what the Lord has done for

us!" And us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

Drawing on language from 2 Corinthians 6:10 and 12:10 as well as Psalm 126:3, this short and repetitive song can be easily memorized. The simple vocabulary makes it suitable for multigenerational use, reminding all ages how gratitude for God's goodness changes our perspective.

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

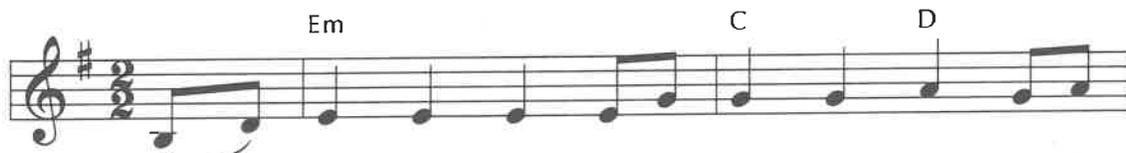
George Whelpton



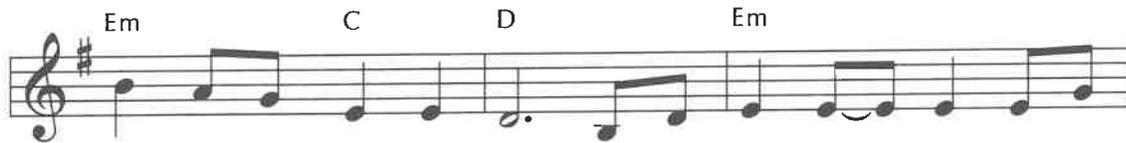
Here our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; in -
cline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

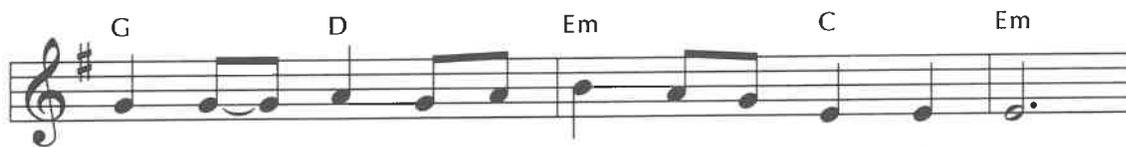
Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the

Em C D Em

fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.