

**East Liberty
Presbyterian Church**

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Wednesday, November 24, 2021 • 7:00 pm

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Prelude by Gerard Rohlf

Welcome and Opening Centering by Rev. BJ Woodworth

This worship space is created to enhance your prayer. Please feel free, at any time, to come to the front to sit on the rug and be closer to the light, to pray with one of the icons, to light a candle with your prayer, to move with the music, or to sing in whatever language is comfortable to you. We hope that you will become aware of the presence of the living God as you pray in this place and that you might take that awareness out with you into the world.

G89 Prepare The Way

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Pre- pare the way of the Lord,
and all peo- ple will see the sal - va - tion of our God. Pre -

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line starts with a circled '1' and ends with a circled '2'. The second line starts with a circled '3' and ends with a circled '4'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

WORDS: Isaiah 40:3; 52:10

MUSIC: Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taizé, 1984

PREPARE THE WAY

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♩ = 72-80

12 Wait For The Lord

Lento (♩ = 48)

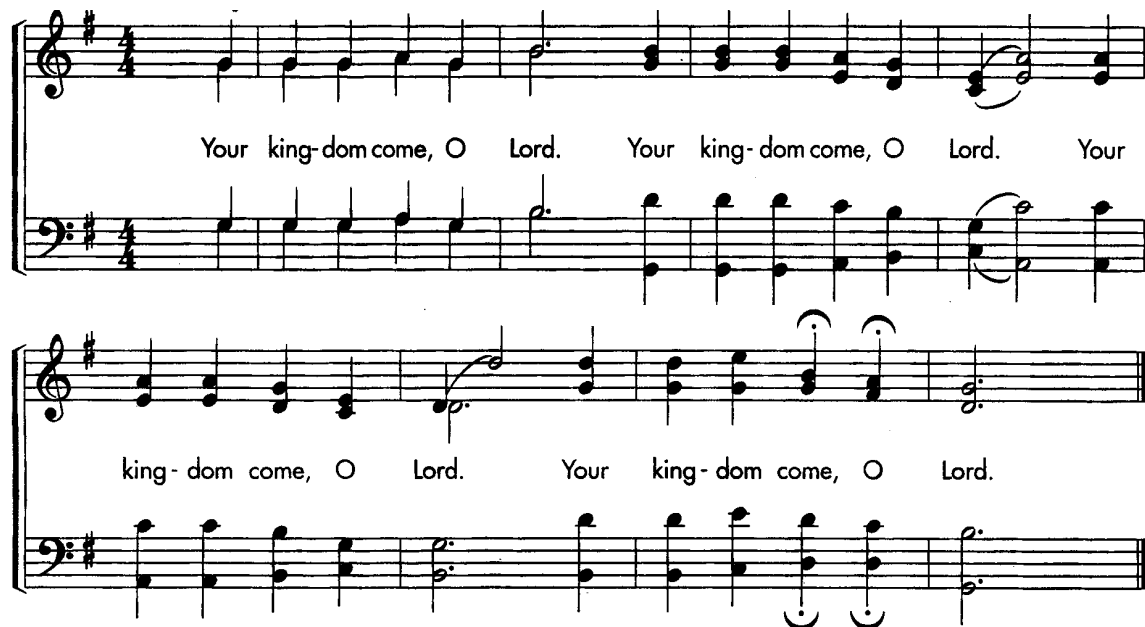
Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.
Wait for the Lord: be strong, — take heart!

The musical score is written for piano on a grand staff (treble and bass clefs) in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The tempo is Lento (♩ = 48). The score is divided into two systems. The first system has four measures with chords Em, C, Am6, and B. The second system has six measures with chords Em, D, G, Am, B, and Em. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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Psalm 25 (from "Psalms for Praying" by Nan C. Merrill)

Sung Response: G133 Your Kingdom Come, O Lord



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To you, O Love, I lift up my soul!
O Heart within my heart, in you I place my trust.
Let me not feel unworthy;
Let not fear rule over me.
Yes! May all who open their hearts
Savor you and bless the earth!

YOUR KINGDOM COME, O LORD

Compel me to know your ways, O Love;
Instruct me upon your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
For through you will I know wholeness;
I shall reflect your Light both day and night.

YOUR KINGDOM COME, O LORD

I know of your mercy, Blessed One,
And of your unconditional Love;
You have been with me from the beginning.
Forgive the many times
I have walked away from you
Choosing to follow my own will.
I seek your guidance, once again,
I yearn to know your Peace.
Companion me as I open to your will!

YOUR KINGDOM COME, O LORD

You are gracious and just, O Spirit of Truth,
Happy to guide those who miss their way;
You enjoy teaching all who are open,
All who choose to live in truth.
Your paths are loving and sure, O Holy One,
And those who give witness to you
Through their lives are blessed beyond measure.

YOUR KINGDOM COME, O LORD

Turn to me, O Holy One,
And envelop me with your love,
For I am lonely and oppressed.
Relieve the blocks in my heart
That keep me separated from you;
See all the darkness within me;
Fill it with your healing Light.
Look at my pain and all my fears;
They shut out love and life.

YOUR KINGDOM COME, O LORD

Protect me and free me; let me not live as unworthy,
For I would return home to you.
May integrity and wholeness fill me
As I dwell with you, O Loving Presence.
May we, together with the angels
And the company of heaven,
Help unfold your plan for planet Earth.

YOUR KINGDOM COME, O LORD

The Word/Meditation: Luke 21:29-36

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

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, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be 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.

Words from Henri Nouwen

It is Advent again...Be alert, be alert, so that you will be able to recognize your Lord in your partner, your parents, your children, your friends, your teachers, but also in all that you read in the daily papers. The Lord is coming, always coming. Be alert to God's coming. When you have ears to hear and eyes to see, you will recognize him at any moment in your life. Life is Advent; life is recognizing the coming of the Lord.

NB32 Your Word, O Lord, Is A Light

Your word, O Lord, is a light. My God, en - light - en my
C'est toi ma lam - pe, Sei - gneur. Mon Dieu é - clai - re ma té -

dark - ness. O Lord, my God, en - light - en my dark - ness. O
nè - bre. Sei - gneur, mon - Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. Sei -

Lord, my God, en - light - en my dark - ness. Your
gneur, mon - Dieu, é - clai - re ma té - nè - bre. C'est

Prayers of Intercession *(written by Christine Sine)*

In the season of Advent, you may also write your prayers of waiting using the insert in the bulletin, and bringing it forward and placing it in the basket.

Sung Response: NB45 Come, Lord, Light Of Our Hearts

The musical score is written for three parts: Soprano, Alto, and Bass. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The Soprano part begins with a melodic line on a treble clef staff, with lyrics 'Ve - ni San-cte Spi-ri-tus! Come, Lord, light of our hearts!'. The Alto part is on a middle staff, with lyrics 'Ve - ni lu-men cor-di-um! Come, Lord, light of our hearts!'. The Bass part is on a bass clef staff, with lyrics 'O'. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines, and ends with a double bar line.

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The coming of our Lord is near, and we wait in joyful expectation,
Draw close, Lord Jesus Christ, shed your light on all that is filled with darkness.

COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS!

The coming of our Lord is near, and we wait with hope filled hearts,
Draw close, God's beloved son, teach us the wonder of your all-embracing love.

COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS!

The coming of our Lord is near, and we wait for your redeeming presence,
Draw close, Savior of all creation, our hearts ache for justice,
Our minds long for holiness, our spirits seek for unity.

COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS!

The coming of our Lord is near, and we wait for the fulfillment of your promises,
Draw close, reconciler and transformer of all things,
Renew your world, restore your peace, display your righteousness.

COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS!

The coming of our Lord is near, and we wait for your light to shine over all the earth,
Draw close, pain bearer, life giver, love sharer,
Shine through us, in us, around us, shine for the world to see.

COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS!

The coming of our Lord is near, and we wait attentive to the signs of your coming,
Draw close, Lord Jesus Christ, God beyond imagining, fully God yet truly human, draw close.

COME, LORD, LIGHT OF OUR HEARTS!

Silent and Spoken Prayers

Please feel free to add your spoken petitions.

A note about praying for others out loud: Some people are comfortable with having their prayer concerns lifted up in public worship. Others are not. Before you share aloud any prayer concerns, please be sure that you are not breaking confidentialities.

Whether or not you say the person's name out loud, God hears and receives the intentions of your heart.

NB53 The Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal - lowed be thy name; thy king - dom come;

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread;

for - give us our tres - pass - es as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us;

lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the King - dom,

and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Prayer over the Anointing Oil *(in unison)*

We have an anointing station this evening for those seeking individual prayer to share joys or concerns. Any desiring prayer, and/or anointing with oil, are invited to come forward, waiting in the center aisle if the station is full. To assist in hearing prayer concerns, anointing happens to the left in the columbarium.

Bless this oil, O Lord, pressed from the fruit of the earth. Let it be a holy ointment for the wounds and worries of those who receive it. May it be a sign to all of us of your constant desire to touch our lives and bring us to health and wholeness. Bless us, O Lord, as we come before you and seek to experience through the touch of others, your everlasting love. Amen.



36 The Lord Is My Light

Calmly (♩ = 66)

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The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

Theme II

(A1) (A2) (B1) (B2) fine

The Lord is my light, my light and sal-va-tion: in God I trust, in God I trust. The

NB19 Our Soul Is Waiting For God

A *Last time*

Our soul is wait - ing for God. Our hearts find joy — in the Lord.
Notre âme at - tend le Sei - gneur. En lui la joie de no - tre cœur.

B *Verses (Cantor)* **D.C.**

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* Keep Your Lamps Trimmed

Fm

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

C C7 Fm

lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps trimmed and burn -
mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night lies be - fore
morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing soon is break -
lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps trimmed and burn -

Fm Bbm7 C Fm Refrain C7 Fm

- ing, for this work's al - most done.
us, for this work's al - most done.
- ing, for this work's al - most done. Chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, chil - dren,
- ing, for this work's al - most done.

Bbm7 C Fm C7 Fm Bbm7 C Fm

don't grow wea - ry, chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al - most done.

The Closing Blessing *(in unison)*

O Wisdom, Lord and Ruler, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Rising Son, King of the Nations, Emmanuel; come, Lord Jesus!

Leader: Thanks be to God. Amen.

People: Amen.

✧ SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS ✧

Contemplative Prayer (on Zoom)

Mondays from 7:30-8am

Join us for a time to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies to help us start our day in communion with God and one another.

Facilitated by Rev. BJ Woodworth

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Mindfulness Meditation (on Zoom)

Thursdays from 8-8:30am

Be guided in mindfulness meditation practices and offer supports for practicing meditation in everyday life. Those new to meditation and those with meditation experience are welcome.

Facilitated by Susan Spangler and Ted Cmarada

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Enneagram Lunchtime Discussion Group (on Zoom)

3rd Tuesdays of the month from 12:20-1:30 pm

Contact Rev. BJ Woodworth with questions (BJW@coh.net)

Each month we explore and reflect upon different aspects of the Enneagram like, our Enneagram's approach to time, spiritual practices, our bodies etc. These topics are chosen by those within the group from month to month, often through an article or podcast to reflect upon.

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Advent Devotions Available Next Sunday

Waiting: Stories by Members of ELPC, this year's Advent devotional, will be available beginning Nov 28. Stories will be available online, but a printed booklet of the stories along with an advent calendar and Amaryllis plant, can be picked up at the church next Sunday following 11 am worship until 2 pm. Plants are one per family, and can be reserved by contacting Megan Leisher (MeganL@coh.net). Otherwise, a limited amount will be available next week.

Advent Party — Nov 28

Youth in grades 6–12 are hosting an Advent Party for our church family on Sunday, Nov 28 from 12:30-1:30 pm. We need your help leading crafts, setting up, selecting the best music, and helping others feel welcome. Contact Sara Hackett if you can help (SaraH@coh.net).

Sanctuary/ Chapel Tours — Nov 28, Dec 12 and 26

Following the 11 am service on Sundays, Nov 28, Dec 12 and 26, join a tour of ELPC highlighting church history and architectural contrasts of the Chapel and Sanctuary. The Narthex, Trinity Chapel, and Chancel will be included.

Environmental Book Club — Dec 2

The Environmental Team of the Justice Committee invites you to read *Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest* by Suzanne Simard. Learn about the complexity of sustainable forestry and the puzzle of deciding which trees to harvest and which to retain, and how this practice influences a forest's ability to recover and remain healthy. And then join the book club on Thursday, Dec 2 at 7 pm for a discussion via Zoom. For details, contact Nancy Heastings (n.heastings@comcast.net).

Hanging of the Greens — Dec 5

Help decorate ELPC for the Christmas season on Sunday, Dec 5 following the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. Any amount of time you can help would be appreciated!

Zoom Inquirers' Class — Dec 5

Are you interested in becoming part of the ELPC faith family? Join Pastor Randy Bush on Sunday, Dec 5 at 2 pm on Zoom to learn about ELPC's ministries and programs and ways to be involved at ELPC and in our community! Zoom info: www.zoom.us; Meeting ID: 811 9583 8813.

PW Bible Study — Dec 6 and 7

Join Presbyterian Women for their Bible Study lesson *Ruth and Loyal Love* on Monday, Dec 6 from 7-8:30 pm and/or Tuesday, Dec 7 from 10 am-Noon. Both sessions will meet on Zoom. For more info, email PW.ELPC@gmail.com.

The Perspective Christmas Pageant — Dec 12

Through narration, scripture, costumes, song, and art, the children and youth of ELPC will lead us in a hybrid retelling of the joyful Christmas story at the center of our faith. Some narrators and actors will be leading us "live" in the Sanctuary, while other actors will be joining us virtually. But, it doesn't matter where we are—ALL will tell this important story. You can view this production in person at ELPC or watch the pageant via Zoom on Sunday, Dec 12 at 10 am. Contact Megan (MeganL@coh.net) for Zoom link.

New Yoga and Centering Prayer Offering in December

The ELPC Spiritual Life Committee is excited to offer *Yoga and Centering Prayer* on Mondays and Wednesday from 8–9 am throughout December! Sessions will be led by Katrina Woodworth on Zoom. The suggested donation is \$0-\$15. Register online at tiny.cc/yoga-and-prayer.

Volunteers Needed

Open Hand Ministries (OHM) needs volunteers for a house rehab on Wednesdays and select Saturdays, Dec 4 and Jan 8. If interested, please contact Cheryl Lowitzer at OHM (clowitz@openhandspittsburgh.org) for details.

EECM needs volunteers to help prepare and serve meals to residents at EECM on Thursday, Dec 2 (5:30 pm) and Sunday, Dec 12 (6:30 am). Please contact Becky Gloninger to help (412.913.6070; rag15@verizon.net).

Kingsley Center's Family Support Resources

East Liberty Family Center at the Kingsley Center is available to help with family support and resources with educational workshops, parenting classes, diaper bank, men and women's programming, and other resources. Contact Joshua (jmckinley@kingsleyassociation.org).



ELPC pastors and staff
wish you and yours a

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

*The church office will be closed
on Thursday and Friday.*

Praying in Color with

MANDALAS

Grab some colored pencils in the back

One of the most ancient forms of prayer is the mandala and it's used across many different religions. The word mandala means "container of sacred essence" in Sanskrit. It originated as a spiritual practice in the 6th century BC out of the Hindu and Buddhist religions, but is now used by many others, including Christians. Mandala coloring can be a calming and focusing prayerful activity – beyond thoughts, feelings and words – amidst our Taizé prayer.

