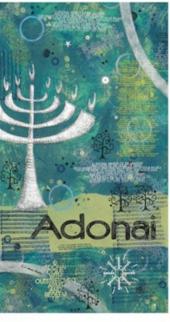
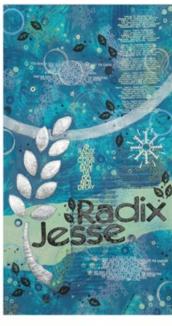
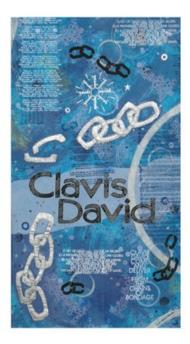
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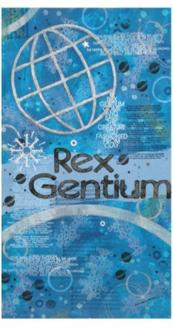


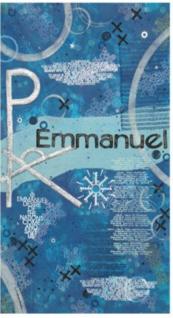












Wednesday **DEC 22**2021

7:00 pm Chapel



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.

Emmanuel (verses 1, 2 and 3 only)

Steve Angrisano



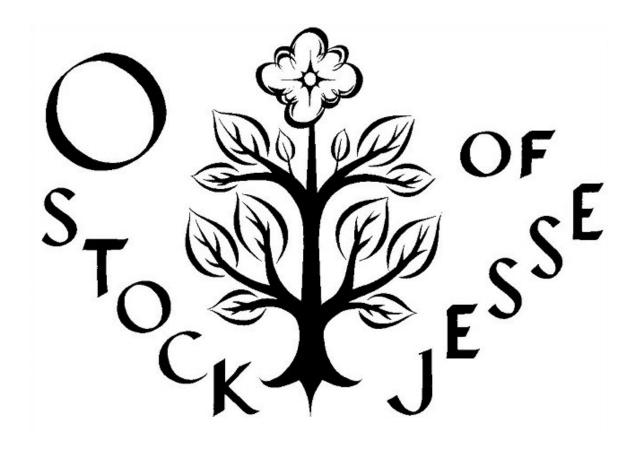
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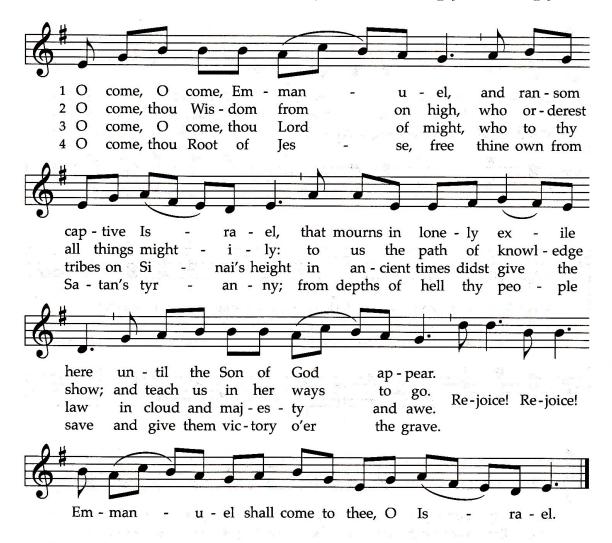
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About O Antiphons:

Most familiar today from the Advent hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, the seven traditional O Antiphons, listed for liturgy in the current Presbyterian Book of Common Worship, are actually referenced in Christian writings as far back as the 6th Century. They have long been used at the very end of Advent (Dec 17-23) in the liturgical prayer of the Church, as Antiphons (a short sentence sung or recited before or after a psalm or canticle) for the Magnificat sung or recited during Vespers (the Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours). They are referred to as the O Antiphons because the title of each one begins with the interjection "O." Each Antiphon invokes the coming of the Messiah, beginning with a biblical title for the Christ and closing with a specific petition. In the traditional arrangement, when viewed from Christmas Eve backward, the first letters of the Latin texts (Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia) spell out the phrase ero cras ("I come tomorrow").





- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.

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 - Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2) Dec. 20: O Key of David (5) Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of minht (3) Dec. 21: O Davisering (6)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)
Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)
Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

- 0 Antiphon 1 -

Proverbs 8:22-26

The Lord created me (Wisdom) at the beginning of the Lord's work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—when the Lord had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. Then I was beside the Lord, like a master worker; and I was daily the Lord's delight, rejoicing before God always, rejoicing in the Lord's inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

John 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it

Leader: O wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care:

All: Come and teach us the path of knowledge!

Sung Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 1; music on prior page)

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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- 0 Antiphon 2 -

Exodus 3:2-4

There the angel of the Lord appeared to Moses in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush.

Acts 7:30-32a

Now when forty years had passed, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning bush. When Moses saw it, he was amazed at the sight; and as he approached to look, there came the voice of the Lord: "I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Leader: O Sacred Lord of ancient Israel who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who

gave him the holy law on Sinai mountain:

All: Come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free.

Sung Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 2; music on prior page)

O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 0 Antiphon 3 -

Isaiah 11:1-6, 10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:12

And again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.'

Leader: O flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign of God's love for all peoples,

Kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you.

All: Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid

Sung Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 3; music on prior pages)

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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- O Antiphon 4 -

Luke 22:22

For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!

Luke 1:78-79

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Leader: O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: Come break down the

prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

All: Come and free the prisoners of darkness!

Sung Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 4; music on prior pages)

O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny; From depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 0 Antiphon 5 -

Luke 1:7-9

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'

Leader: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:

All: Come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Sung Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 5; music on prior pages)

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CS ED

- 0 Antiphon 6 -

Isaiah 2:4

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Ephesians 2:13-14, 19-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, the hostility between us.... So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

Leader: O King of the Gentiles and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one:

All: Come, and deliver humankind, whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.

Sung Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 6; music on prior pages)

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

CS ED

- O Antiphon 7 -

Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:20b-23

An angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.'

Leader: O Emmanuel, God with Us, Our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their

Savior.

All: Come to save us, O Lord our God.

Sung Response: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 7; music on prior pages)

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Silent Meditation (lasting approximately 5 minutes)

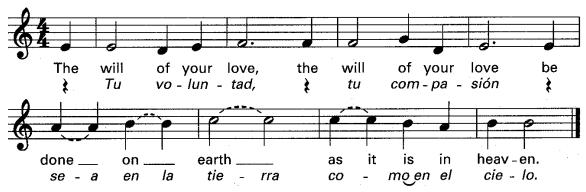


Prayer by Brother Roger

Jesus our joy, the simple desire for your presence is already the beginning of faith. And, in our life, the hidden event of a longing causes wellsprings to gush forth: kindness, generosity, and also that inner harmony which comes from the Holy Spirit in us.

Waiting Prayers of Intercession (The reading of our waiting prayers gathered up throughout Advent)

Sung Response: G107 The Will Of Your Love



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God, we hope, wait, and pray...

For our spirits to be alive; for love and life.

For the ground to come back under our feet.

For the reemergence of abundant joy to share with others.

For hearts to open to the ones we shut out and to not hate

but instead to love and forgive even in the darkest of souls.

THE WILL OF YOUR LOVE

God, we hope, wait, and pray...

For the displaced and homeless people throughout the world, that they may find lasting stability.

For all to find meaningful work and fair wages and labor and for love to triumph over fear.

For more compassion and empathy in the world.

For rest, for deep breaths and good company in the silence.

For the strength to not to be envious or jealous of others and just be happy and grateful for life as it is.

THE WILL OF YOUR LOVE

God, we hope, wait, and pray...

For an implanting of urgency in the U.S., world and political leaders, for peace, addressing the climate crisis and global poverty.

For all, Jewish, Muslims, Native Americans, and Christians of this earth to come together in one accord and peace, to focus on healing the earth and in a common cause that we may all find love and peace.

For an end to gun violence and sensible legislation to protect the vulnerable; for swords to be beat into ploughshares.

THE WILL OF YOUR LOVE

God, we hope, wait, and pray...

For the time to come when we don't have to wear masks and show proof of vaccination everywhere.

For serenity, as someone makes public their private thoughts as a radical act of joy.

For fortitude and release from acute pain so someone can focus on the work at hand and receive assistance to pass their inspection.

For the Holy Spirit to heal where someone now resides; that they may think clearly about practical matters and be able to focus on prayer without constant battling electrical currency.

THE WILL OF YOUR LOVE

God, we hope, wait, and pray...

For someone seeking an affordable home so they can write what needs to come forth: songs, poems, a memoir.

For someone desiring good in this season before recording their album.

For someone desiring to radiate in the next level and step into their purpose in service of their people's liberation, encouraged freedom and fortified strength.

THE WILL OF YOUR LOVE

God, we hope, wait, and pray...

For a way to help our siblings to live in comfort and with companionship.

For wisdom to help family and have meaningful interaction with all this Christmas.

For all who are seeking you; that you may open their eyes to see you and heal the scars left on their hearts.

For the day when we can look toward a better future, with more trust and understanding and reduced hatred and violence; for peace in knowing that all things are working for good.

THE WILL OF YOUR LOVE



NB53 The Lord's Prayer



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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. Amen.

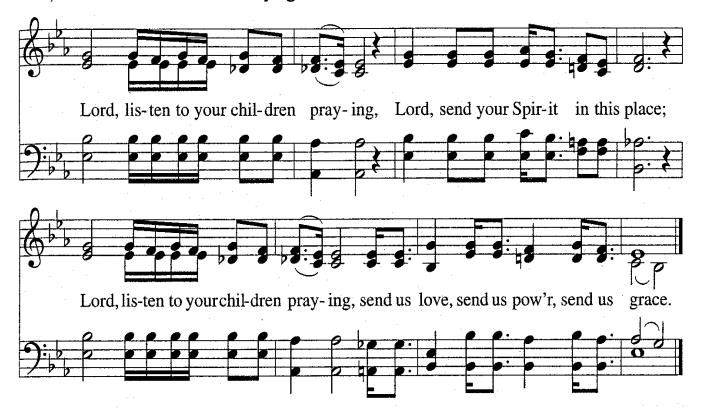


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* Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying



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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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Taizé service on Wednesday, December 29.

© SPIRITUAL LIFE EVENTS ₹

Contemplative Prayer

Rev. BJ Woodworth will lead a time on Zoom to practice a variety of contemplative prayer practices utilizing fixed prayers, scripture, music, silence, art and our bodies.

> Mondays, 7:30 am to 8 am Meeting ID #959 8065 3992 Passcode: bestill

Yoga and Centering Prayer Offering in December

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

Mondays and Wednesdays, 8-9 am

Enneagram Lunchtime Discussion Group

Each month on Zoom we will explore and reflect upon different aspects of the Enneagram, 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.

3rd Tuesdays of the month, 12:20-1:30 pm Meeting ID: 966 6904 5127 Passcode: 9types

Cathedral Yoga

Yamuna will lead yoga in-person in the Sanctuary before the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service.

Wednesdays, 6 to 7 pm

Journey Dance

Enjoy an evening of healthy, energizing, funky and divine dancing on the 3rd Friday of every month (with a few exceptions) from

Third Friday of every month (mostly), 6:30-7:45 pm (Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 13)

Yoga Retreat

Treat yourself to the first ever *yoga retreat* at ELPC! Whether you are a regular attendee to Wednesday night Cathedral Yoga or not, consider joining Yamuna Morgenstern and Katrina Woodworth for a *yoga retreat* in the church. We will begin the day with yoga, followed by moments for movement, reflection, meditation, and lunch. We hope also to offer the experience of *kirtan* (sacred call and response chanting in Sanskrit) and perhaps the labyrinth. We will end the day with a luscious restorative yoga class to send you on your way with a divine sense of renewal. Register by Jan 23 to Norma (Norma@coh.net).

Saturday, Jan 29, 9 am-5pm Suggested donation \$35-\$60 (includes lunch)

The Rev. BJ Woodworth is Minister of Taizé Prayer here at ELPC. BJ is also Director of Spiritual Life Ministries and is available to provide spiritual direction to anyone who is a part of the ELPC community (attending Taizé makes YOU a part of that community). He can be reached at 412.441.3800 x141 or at BJW@coh.net.

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Assist Refugee Families

Our efforts in assisting refugees has experienced some twists and turns, but is running in high gear. When our Congolese family's arrival was delayed, we realized we could still be a big help to those already here. Presently, we are seeking volunteers and donations to help with settling 5 families from South Sudan and Syria. Volunteer efforts involve helping families move into new homes, shopping for basics like home goods and clothing, and helping refugees navigate various aspects of their new life here in Pittsburgh.

We are moving two families into their new homes, and could really use some help! Work involves moving furniture into apartments in Carnegie and Crafton. Some work is light duty, some heavy; no prior experience needed! Please contact Eric Jester to volunteer (eric@newburgh.com).

Christmas Caroling - Dec 23

Youth in grades 6–12 are welcome to join us for Christmas Caroling around the Highland Park neighborhood with the Young Adults on Thursday, Dec 23 from 5-7 pm. RSVP to Sara for details (SaraH@coh.net).

No Journey Worship Service — Dec 26 and Jan 2

We will not offer Journey worship services next Sunday, Dec 26 and Sunday, Jan 2. The service will resume on Winter Rally Day, Jan 9.

Sanctuary/Chapel Tour — Dec 26

Following the 11 am service on Sunday, Dec 26, join a tour with Steve Evrard of ELPC highlighting church history and architectural contrasts of the Chapel and Sanctuary. The Narthex, Trinity Chapel, and Chancel will be included. Please gather at the Highland Lobby after worship.

Taizé Christmas Music — Jan 5

Please join us immediately after Taizé on Wednesday, Jan 5 (8:15-8:45 pm) for a 30 minute program of Christmas music with Taizé musicians Kathy Whittaker (piano), Charlie Anderson (flute) and guest artist Wendy Webb Kumer (flute).



This will be a musical celebration of the final day of the Christmas season.

Purchase Café Justo Coffee — Jan 9

Stop by the Narthex after the 11 am worship service on Sunday, Jan 9 to purchase a bag of Café Justo coffee. All varieties are available in ground and whole bean bags for \$10 (cash or check only). If you are unable to pick up your coffee in person, please contact Ryan Booher (rabooherco@gmail.com). Note: Café Justo will be sold on the second Sunday of the month.



DONATIONS TO ELPC

You are invited to use this QR code if you would like to make a donation in support of ELPC. Collection plates will be circulated during the Offering. A donation box is also available near the Sanctuary center aisle.













Please visit our website for more information about the ministries of East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

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INFORMATION ABOUT TAIZÉ

ABOUT TAIZÉ: Taizé is an international ecumenical prayer community in Taizé, France which was founded in 1940 by a young seminary student, Roger Schultz, as a place of hospitality and reconciliation during World War II. Today, thousands of young people come each week to Taizé to pray with the brothers and discern God's purpose for their lives. Taizé Prayer Pilgrimages and Intercontinental Meetings around the globe bring together thousands more in an effort to become the prayerful, reconciled presence of Christ wherever they live.

Taizé prayers at East Liberty Presbyterian Church were begun in the Spring of 1992 in preparation for an intercontinental meeting in Dayton. The experience proved to be so meaningful that we have continued to pray every Wednesday evening since then, inviting people of all backgrounds to join with us.

Taizé is located in eastern France, southeast of Paris, north of Lyons, due west of Geneva, Switzerland, between the towns of Chalon-sur-Saône and Macon. Here are the ways to get Taizé information:

Address: Taizé Community, 71250 TAIZE, France

To contact Taizé: community@taize.fr
To visit Taizé: meetings@taize.fr
List of useful info: info@taize.fr

Web site: www.taize.fr

Telephone: 011-33 385 50 30 02 Fax: 011-33 385 50 30 16

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ELPC Web site: www.ELPC.church
E-mail: BJW@coh.net

You are welcome at any of our programs and worship services. It is possible to have more than one church home. Perhaps you would be interested in becoming a member or friend of this Church. If so, please speak to The Rev. BJ Woodworth, Minister of Taizé Prayer (BJW@coh.net or 412.441.3800 x141).