

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Ostinato: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

*An ostinato is a continually repeated musical phrase or rhythm. In this case, the ostinato is placed as the inner-most part; above and below it are placed the plainsong melody or other notes to create harmonies.*

### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

#### WELCOME

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Clear out the cluttered heart, lest like the crowded inn,  
there is no room, no way to part a path to let Christ in.*

—Thomas Troeger

### CHORAL INTROIT

We Light the Advent Candles

German folk tune

We light the Advent candles  
against the winter night,  
To welcome our Lord Jesus,  
who is the world's True Light.

The first one will remind us  
that Christ will soon return.  
We light it in the darkness  
and watch it gleam and burn.

—Gracia Grindal (b. 1943)

### LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

The Feeny Family

On this first Sunday of Advent we light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. We are preparing ourselves for the days when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

People: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

\* **HYMN 93** (*online: see page 11*)

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates  
*The fully-vaccinated are invited to sing.*

Truro

\* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, have mercy on us, for we are not ready for your coming.**

**We live in distraction, as though there were no purpose.**

**We lived armed and armored, as though there were no peace.**

**We live in sin, as though there will be no justice.**

**We live in fear, as though there were no grace.**

*(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)*

**In your mercy, Lord forgive us. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Grant us the wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure in your coming kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

**TRISAGION** (*sung by the choir*)

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924); adapt.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, have mercy upon us.

*The Trisagion – the “Thrice Holy” – comes from the rites of the Eastern churches.  
Like the Kyrie eleison, it is a petition to God for mercy.*

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\* **GLORIA** (*sung by all*)

Jacques Berthier, 1979

*This Scriptural Song is printed in the hymnal at no. 583.*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR AINSLEY JANE KINDLER AND CHARLOTTE GRACE REDDINGTON

*(Please refrain from taking photographs.)*

### STATEMENT ON BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION

### QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

### QUESTIONS TO GODPARENTS

### QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

**Deacon:** Do you, speaking on behalf of the whole church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Ainsley and Charlotte Grace by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his Church?

**We do.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH (*congregation standing*)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are you, almighty God, creator of the universe, ruler of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all creation. In your goodness you give us the sign of water.

**People: At the beginning, your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Through the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.**

Pastor: In the time of Noah, you cleansed the earth through the waters of the flood. By the pillar of cloud and fire you led Israel through the waters of the Red Sea out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

**People: In the waters of the river Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is the never-failing spring who has promised that all who thirst can come to the living water.**

Pastor: By the baptism of his own death and resurrection he set us free from bondage to sin and death and opened to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

**People: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Ainsley and Charlotte Grace that they may have the power to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ.

**People: To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE BAPTISM

### GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Deacon: Receive the light of Christ; you have passed from darkness into light.

**People: You have been enlightened with Christ; walk always as children of the light.**

RESPONSE (*sung by all*)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

*This setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 377, the first stanza.*

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

*—Kathleen Thomerson, 1966*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### PSALM 25

Psalm 25:1-10

Sam Dimon, *layreader*

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**People O my God, in you I trust;  
do not let me be put to shame;  
do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Leader: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;  
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**People: Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

**People: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.  
He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

**All: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

*after each reading:*

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#)

(Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 738)

### SERMON

“Advent Lifting”

Rev. Love

### CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

Wait for the Lord

Jacques Berthier, 1984

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart.

*—Psalm 27:14; adapt.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

**ANTHEM FOR CHOIR**

E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come

Paul O. Manz, 1954

Peace be to you and grace from him  
who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
that we might savéd be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,  
the Lord Almighty God,  
Who was and is and is to come;  
sing holy, holy Lord!

Rejoice in heaven,  
all ye that dwell therein,  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
for Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
and night shall be no more;  
They need no light, nor lamp, nor sun,  
for Christ will be their All!

*-from Revelation 22; adapt. Ruth Manz*

\* **HYMN OF PRESENTATION** (*sung by all*)

What Can I Give Him?

Cranham

*This, the last stanza of In the Bleak Midwinter, is printed in the hymnal at no. 144.*

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

*-Christina Rossetti, 1872*

\* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**THE SENDING FORTH**

\* **HYMN** (*all: see page 10*)

View the Present through the Promise

*Ar hyd y nos*

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN**

Fugue in F Major

attr. G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

*\*indicates standing for those who are able.*

*Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church*

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. So that we may get to know you better, please fill out an information card found in the pew racks and put it in the offering plate. You may also go to: <https://ryepc.com/im-new/> and fill out the Welcome Form online.

*The chancel flowers are given by*

Amber Nee, in loving memory of Owen and David.

*This morning the Sacrament of Baptism is being administered to  
Ainsley Jane Kindler, daughter of Danielle and Bill Kindler, and  
Charlotte Grace Reddington, daughter of Jennifer and Brandon Reddington.*

*Crucifer*

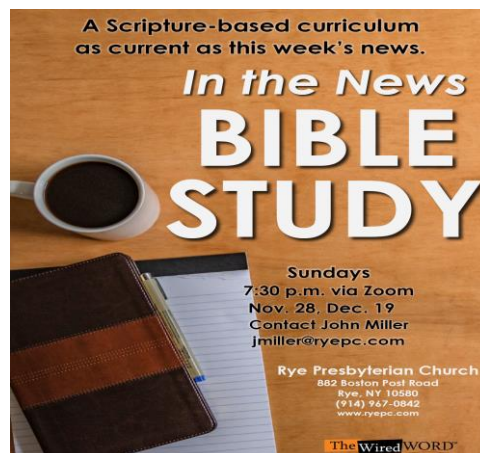
Henry O'Rorke

*In Memoriam*

Morgan Patrick Kaplan, November 18, son of Tara and Laurence Kaplan

**TODAY**

*Chancel Choir Rehearsal – 11:15 a.m., Chapel  
Adult Education – 7:30 p.m., via Zoom*





### CHILDCARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today, November 28, there is no Sunday School. We hope you all enjoy this Thanksgiving weekend! We will meet again next Sunday, December 5.

Childcare is still being provided for ages 3 months through 3-years-old. Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing.

Please make sure to sign your children up for childcare and Sunday School each week using the form on our [website](#).



### 2022 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

“O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.” - Psalm 98:1

Thank you for adding your voice to the song as you make your pledge for the coming year.

[Click here to pledge online.](#)

Those who have made annual Stewardship pledges by December 6 will be gratefully acknowledged by name in the December 12 Cantata Sunday worship bulletin.

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday, November 29

9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion, via Zoom

#### Wednesday, December 1

8:30 a.m. Women’s Discipleship, Library

11:00 a.m. Greening of the Kirk, Sanctuary

5:30 p.m. Connection, Youth Rooms

7:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach, via Zoom

#### Thursday, December 2

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop, Assembly Room

6:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders (Prime Ministers), via Zoom

#### Saturday, December 4

10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study, via Zoom

### NOTICES

#### E-MAIL PRAYER GROUP

Our e-mail prayer group is going strong. Please join us in our ministry of prayer for others. Or if you have a prayer request, please do not hesitate to contact [rpcprayers@gmail.com](mailto:rpcprayers@gmail.com).

#### ONLINE GIVING

Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page ([ryepc.com/give/](http://ryepc.com/give/)), or you may

Please scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone.

**Zelle** We can also accept your donations with Zelle from your mobile banking app.

contact the church office to register with us first.

Contact Maida Robinson at 914-967-0842 or email [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com), if you have any questions.

*Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!*



### How the Pandemic Has Changed Our World

Sunday Morning, December 12, 9:00 AM, Rye Presbyterian Church

A 2020 Pew Research poll asked Americans how the pandemic has affected them.

The majority (89%) mentioned at least one negative change in their lives, while a smaller share (though still a 73% majority) mentioned at least one unexpected upside. Most have experienced these events simultaneously. 67 of Americans mentioned at least one negative and at least one positive change since the pandemic began.



The guest speaker in the last of this series will be Jim Howland (RPC member), Managing Director at Morgan Stanley.

## LIVE NATIVITY - 2021

This Christmas, the high school youth will create a live nativity scene during the 3:30 and 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve services.

To sign-up online, go to <http://ryepc.com/article/christmas-eve-live-nativity-participant-sign-up/>. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Rawson, [lrawson@ryepc.com](mailto:lrawson@ryepc.com), or Jean-Paul Marshall, [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – DECEMBER 19, 4:00 P.M.

This year's Christmas Pageant will be in-person! In order to maintain social distancing, the Pageant is open to children in Grades 2-6 and will be limited to 25 participants (on a first-come, first-served basis). If you, or your children, are interested in participating, please sign up online at <https://ryepc.com/article/christmas-pageant-2021-sign-ups-underway/>. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders interested in helping out with narration, lighting, or ushering, please contact Lisa Rawson ([lrawson@ryepc.com](mailto:lrawson@ryepc.com)). Sign-ups are due **TODAY (Sunday, November 28)**.

*Rehearsal Schedule:* 3:45-TBD, Thursdays, December 2, 9, and 16.



**Sunday,  
December 5,  
at 7:00 p.m.**

Welcome the season with carols and dessert around the trees on the front lawn. Please bring a dessert to share!



## GINGERBREAD HOUSE EVENT - Sunday, December 5

All are welcome to join us for our annual gingerbread house decorating event on **Sunday, December 5**, in the **Assembly Room**! This year we are offering two different time slots – **5:15-6:00pm** and **6:15-7:00pm**. *Both times are limited to 10 families each.* Masks are required while inside.

Some refreshments will be offered outside during the first time slot as you wait for your gingerbread houses to dry. Following the second time slot, families are welcome to leave their gingerbread houses in the Assembly Room to dry as they join in the tree lighting and desserts on the Front Lawn.

We also have a limited supply of extra gingerbread houses for anyone who would like one but is unable to attend the event.

**Please register on our website** (<https://ryepc.com/article/gingerbread-houses-december-5/>) **by Thursday, December 2!** If you have any questions, please contact Rev. JP ([jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com)).

## THE GREENING OF THE KIRK



It's almost time for the RPC elves to gather together to decorate the Sanctuary for the holidays.

Come by on **Wednesday, December 1**, 11:00 a.m.

As usual, there will be food and drink, music, and lots of merriment.

Please contact Ashley Ginnings ([ashleytginnings@gmail.com](mailto:ashleytginnings@gmail.com)) or Krysta Holland ([krysta.holland@gmail.com](mailto:krysta.holland@gmail.com)) if we can count on you this year!



## CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Rye Troop 2's Boy Scouts have resumed selling wreaths this year.

Two versions are available, both 22 inches across.

The first one comes with a red bow and costs \$20.

The second version adds berries and pine cones to the bow at a price of \$25.

Wreaths will be available starting Sunday, November 28.

If you are interested, please contact Bob Zahm at [BobZahm@gmail.com](mailto:BobZahm@gmail.com).

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC

As we have returned to in-person worship services as well as continuing to stream online, this year's Christmas Eve services will include beautiful flowers and music to celebrate the birth of Jesus. We invite you to help defray the cost of our Christmas flowers and music by making a donation. Your donation can be recognized in the Christmas bulletin in one of two ways:

-As an **acknowledgement** showing only your name (can also include family members names).

We will need to know how you would like your name(s) to be shown.

-As a **dedication** (as we have done in previous years). You will need to provide the following information:

From: \_\_\_\_\_ (how you wish your name shown)

Indicate one of the following dedications:

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

or ... In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

or ... In Gratitude for \_\_\_\_\_



**To Pay:** Check payable to RPC (indicate Flowers & Music on the memo line), to Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Road, Rye, NY 10580

-or Online [click here](#).

**To submit your information:** If sending a check, include a note with the information. **If online**, you can enter the information in the notes section of the PayPal form; or, you can email the information to Denise LeVan ([click here](#)).

**Donations must be received no later than Tuesday, December 14, to be included in the bulletin.** If you have questions, please contact [Denise LeVan](#).



The Rev. Daniel Love, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. John Miller, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*

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*We are a Stephen Ministry church.*

Rye  
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Church

# “Mini” Cantata Sunday

MUSIC FOR CHOIR, SOLO VOICES, AND STRING TRIO

## Magnificat

attributed to Dieterich Buxtehude  
and

selected movements from  
trio sonatas by Giuseppe Tartini



Sunday, December 12, 2021  
10:00 a.m.

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View the Present through the Promise

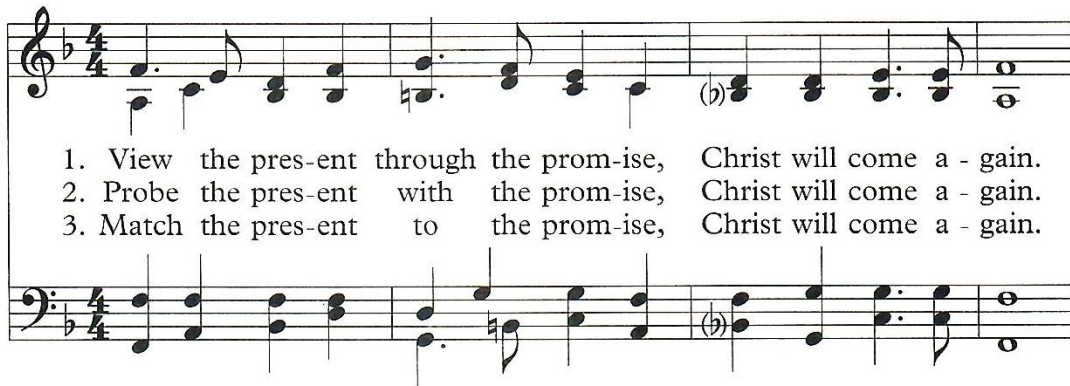
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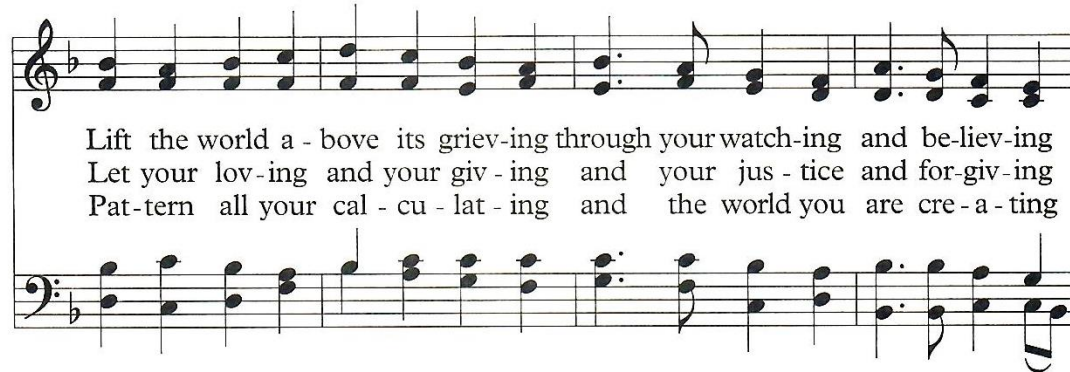
*Ar hyd y nos*



1. View the pres-ent through the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.  
2. Probe the pres-ent with the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.  
3. Match the pres-ent to the prom-ise, Christ will come a - gain.



Trust de-spite the deep-ening dark-ness, Christ will come a - gain.  
Let your dai - ly ac - tions wit-ness, Christ will come a - gain.  
Make this hope your guid - ing prem-ise, Christ will come a - gain.



Lift the world a - bove its griev-ing through your watch-ing and be-liev-ing  
Let your lov-ing and your giv - ing and your jus - tice and for-giv-ing  
Pat-tern all your cal - cu - lat - ing and the world you are cre - a - ting



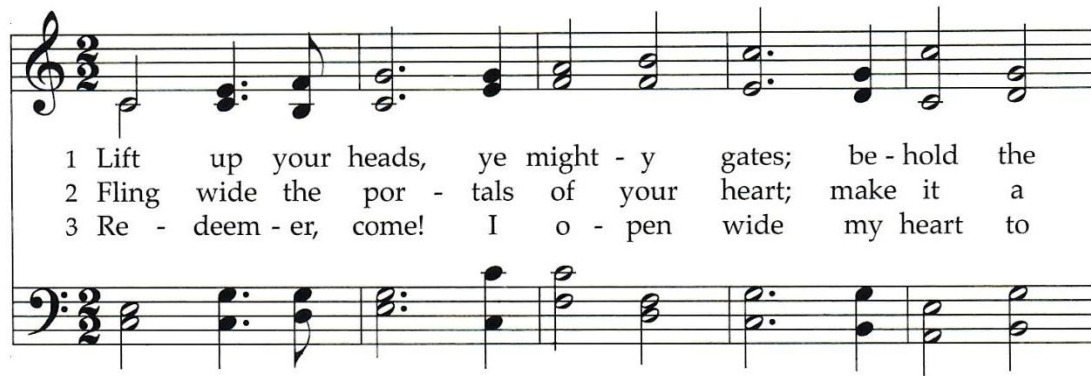
in the hope past hope's con-ceive-ing: Christ will come a - gain.  
be a sign to all the liv - ing: Christ will come a - gain.  
to the ad - vent you are wait-ing: Christ will come a - gain.

Text: Thomas H. Troeger (b. 1945)

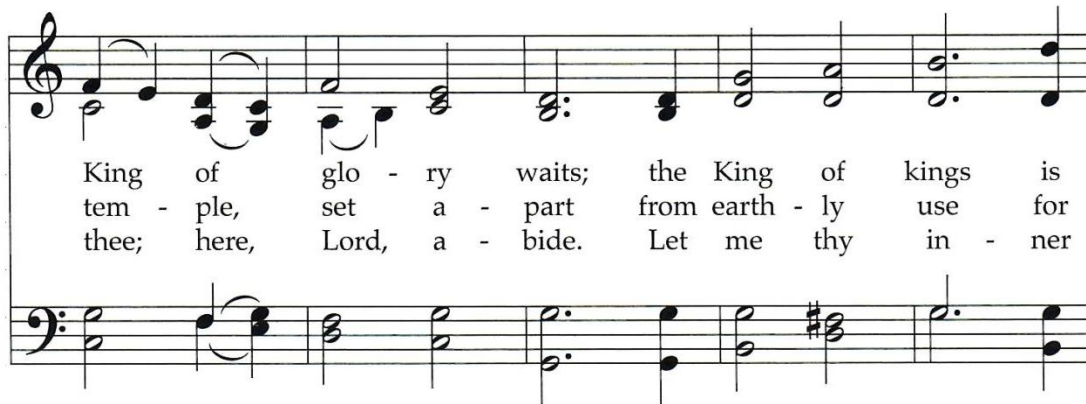
Music: Welsh melody; harm. Luther O. Emerson (1820-1915)

# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

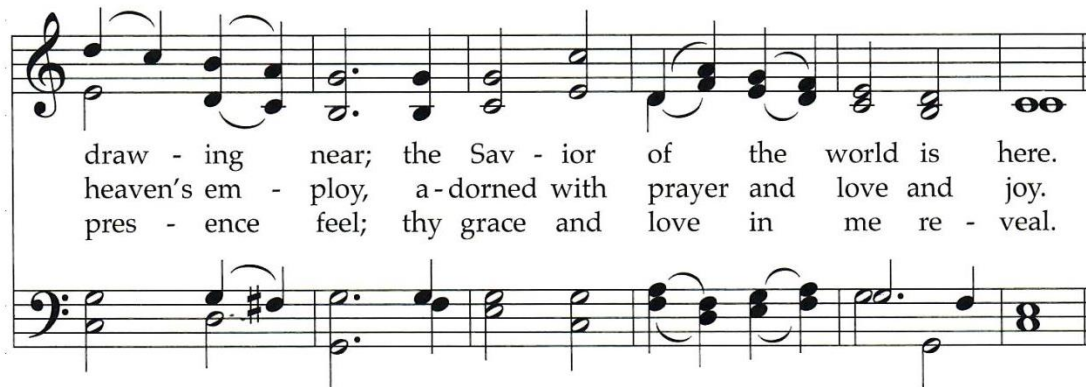
Truro



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

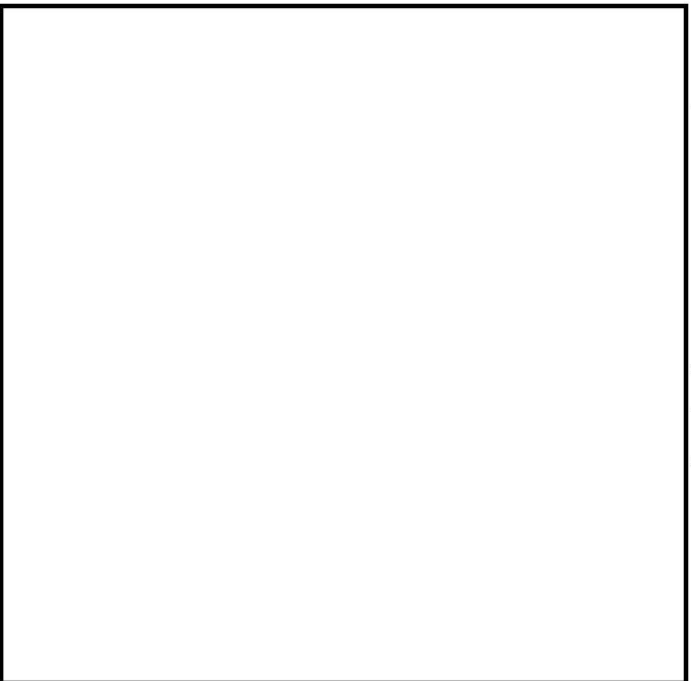


draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1642; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863  
Music: *Musica Sacra*, c. 1778

# DRAW IT

1 Thessalonians 3 describes how we can pray and share gratitude for our faith family. Who in your faith family or church are you especially thankful for? Draw a picture here and say a prayer for them.



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# CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10,  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 2:125-36.



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 25 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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

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|-------|-----------|-----------|
| LORD  | PATH      | STEADFAST |
| SOUL  | TRUTH     | GOODNESS  |
| TRUST | SALVATION | UPRIGHT   |
| WAIT  | MINDFUL   | HUMBLE    |
| KNOW  | MERCY     | COVENANT  |
| TEACH | LOVE      | RIGHT     |

# FOLLOW THE PATH

Who does the prophet Jeremiah say God will "spring up" from David's family? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see a description of the leader God will bring spelled out below.

start

R w a A g a N r a C u s i H end

B q v r S w q v U h a n r a d

\_\_\_\_\_

