

Order of Worship for Sunday, December 7, 2025

The Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome/Announcements		Pastor Tom
* Opening Hymn	"Prepare the Way of the Lord"	UMH #207
Lighting of the Advent Candle		Jill & Jim Chandon
Opening Prayer		Pastor Tom
Children's Moment		Gary Grundman & Chugi
Hymn of Praise	"Some Children See Him"	WS #3065
The Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts		
Offering Music	"English Advent Carol"	The Chancel Choir
* Doxology		Screens
<i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.</i>		
Prayers of the People and The Sung Lord's Prayer (WS #3068)		Pastor Tom
<i>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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</i>		
Hymn of Preparation	"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	UMH #211
Scripture Reading	Matthew 3:1-12	Dr. Nguessan Affi
Message	Signs and Times, Toda La Tierra Espera	Pastor Tom
Communion		
Born to Be the Bread (choir)		
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear UMH #218		
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming UMH #216		
* Closing Hymn	"Toda la Tierra Espera El Salvador"	UMH #210
* Benediction		Pastor Tom

QUESTION OF THE WEEK – December 7, 2025

What are some ways you can actively cultivate peace in your life during this Advent season?

Second Sunday of Advent – Candle Lighting Liturgy

12/07/2025

Readers: Jim and Jill Chandon

First Reader: Advent reminds us that we are people who share a story, the story of Jesus, who enacts peace by judging in favor of the poor and deciding with equity for the meek of the earth. We long for the day when “the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6).

All: Today, we choose to live the story of peace, believing that true peace comes when we seek the flourishing of all God’s creation.

Second Reader: We light this candle of peace as a sign of our commitment to bring Light to the places the world seeks to hide until that day when all creation lives together in harmony and abundance.

Matthew 3:1-12 - Dr. Nguessan Affi

At this time John the Baptizer appeared in the desert of Judea, proclaiming, "Change your hearts and minds, for the reign of heaven is about to break in upon you!" It was John that the prophet Isaiah described when he said, "A herald's voice cries in the desert: Prepare the way of our God, make straight the paths of God!"

John was clothed in a garment of camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist. Grasshoppers and wild honey were his food. At that time, Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him. John baptized them in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins.

When he saw that many of the Pharisees and Sadducees were coming to be baptized, John said to them, "You pack of snakes! Who told you to flee from the coming wrath? Give some evidence that you mean to reform! And don't pride yourselves on the claim, 'Sarah and Abraham are our parents.' I tell you, God can raise children for Sarah and Abraham from these very stones!

"Even now the ax is laid to the root of the tree. Every tree that is not fruitful will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I will baptize you in water if you have a change of heart, but the One who will follow me is more powerful than I. I'm not fit even to untie the sandals of the Coming One! That One will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire, whose winnowing-fan will clear the threshing floor. The grain will be gathered into the barn, but the chaff will be burned in unquenchable fire."

Prepare the Way of the Lord 207

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a circled '1' above the first measure, which contains a double bar line and repeat dots. The second measure of the first staff has a circled '2' above it. The second staff begins with a circled '3' above the first measure, and the fourth measure has a circled '4' above it. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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 -

WORDS: Isaiah 40:3; 52:10

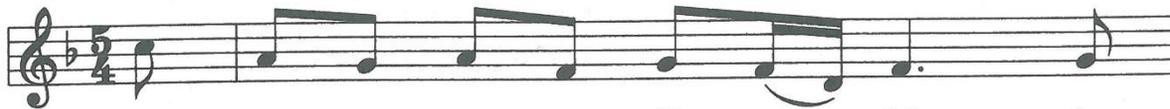
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier and the Community of Taizé, 1984

PREPARE THE WAY

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Some Children See Him



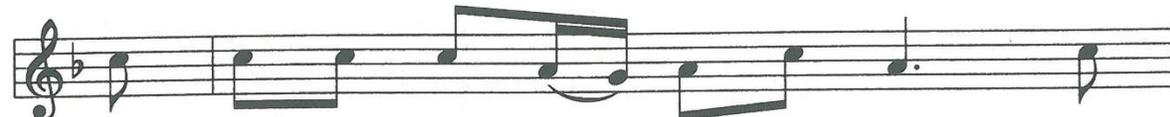
1. Some chil - dren see him lil - y white, the
 2. Some chil - dren see him al - mond - eyed, this
 3. The chil - dren in each dif - ferent place will



ba - by Je - sus born this night, some
 Sav - ior whom we kneel be - side, some
 see the ba - by Je - sus' face like



chil - dren see him lil - y white, with tress - es soft and fair.
 chil - dren see him al - mond-eyed, with skin of yel - low hue.
 theirs, but bright with heaven-ly grace, and filled with ho - ly light.



Some chil - dren see him bronzed and brown, the
 Some chil - dren see him dark as they, sweet
 O lay a - side each earth - ly thing, and



Lord of heaven to earth come down; some
 Ma - ry's Son to whom we pray; some
 with thy heart as of - fer - ing, come

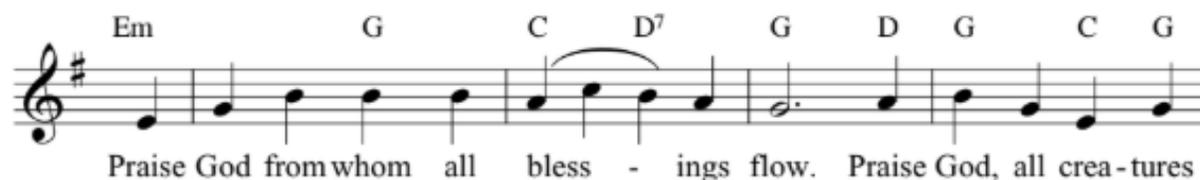


chil - dren see him bronzed and brown, with dark and heav-y hair.
 chil - dren see him dark as they, and ah! they love him, too!
 wor-ship now the in - fant King. 'Tis love that's born to - night!

Doxology

For Advent

Em G C D⁷ G D G C G



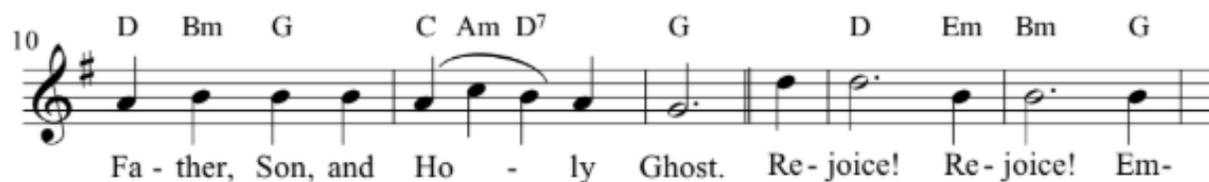
Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures

5 Am Bm⁷ Em Am Em B⁷ Em A⁷ D Em



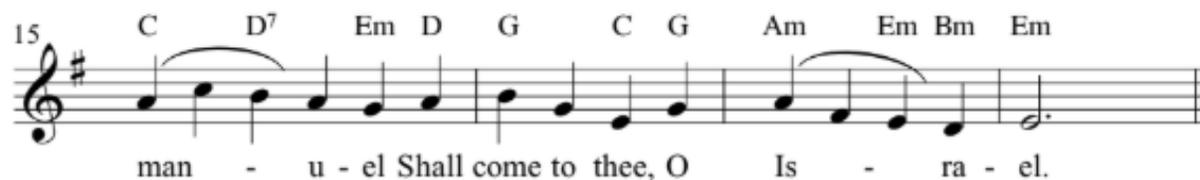
here be - low. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise

10 D Bm G C Am D⁷ G D Em Bm G



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em -

15 C D⁷ Em D G C G Am Em Bm Em



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: 15th Century French

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LM with Refrain

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The Lord's Prayer

B \flat B \flat F/B \flat B \flat /D Cm7 F7

Our Fa - ther, — which art in heav - en, —

6 B \flat /D Gm Cm7 F7 B \flat B \flat B \flat /A Gm Dm

— hal-low-ed be — thy name. — Thy king-dom come,

13 Gm Cm7/G D D7 Gm E \flat B \flat /F F7sus F7 B \flat

thy will be done on earth as it is in heav - en.

19 E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat Gm Cm7 F7 B \flat Gm/B \flat

Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and for - give us our

24 A Gm/E Asus A B \flat

debts as we for-give our debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp-

28 Cm C7 F7 B \flat

ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for thine is the

32 E \flat C7/E E \flat m/G \flat B \flat /F

king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry for - ev - er. —

36 Cm7 F9sus F7 E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat /G B \flat /F Cm7/E \flat B \flat

— A - men. — A - men. —

WORDS: Based on Matt. 6:9-13
 MUSIC: Albert Malotte, arr. by Richard Huggins
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MALOTTE
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211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, and or - der all things
 3. O come, O come, great Lord of might, who to thy tribes on
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an en - sign of thy

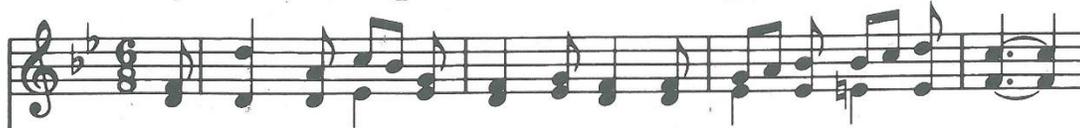
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 far and nigh; to us the path of knowl - edge show
 Si - nai's height in an - cient times once gave the law
 peo - ple be; be - fore thee ru - lers si - lent fall;

Refrain

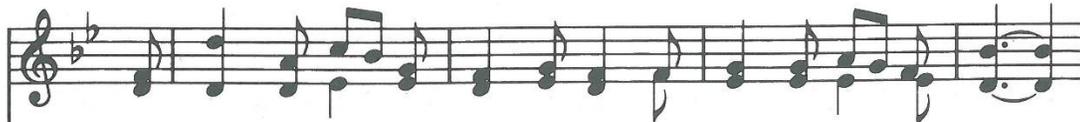
un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 and cause us in her ways to go. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 all peo - ples on thy mer - cy call.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

218 It Came upon the Midnight Clear



1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,
2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace-ful wings un-furled,
3. And ye, be-neath life's crush-ing load, whose forms are bend-ing low,
4. For lo! the days are has-tening on, by proph-et seen of old,



from an - gels bend-ing near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
and still their heaven-ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
who toil a-long the climb-ing way with pain-ful steps and slow,
when with the ev - er - cir-cling years shall come the time fore - told



“Peace on the earth, good will to men,* from heaven’s all-gracious King.”
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains, they bend on hov-ering wing,
look now! for glad and gold - en hours come swift-ly on the wing.
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an-cient splen-dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still-ness lay, to hear the an - gels sing.
and ev - er o'er its Ba-bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
O rest be-side the wea - ry road, and hear the an - gels sing!
and the whole world send back the song which now the an - gels sing.



*“all” may be substituted

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath
 2. I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in
 3. O Flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the

sprung! Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing, as those of old have
 mind; with Ma-ry we be - hold it, the Vir-gin Moth - er
 air, dis - pel in glo-rious splen-dor the dark-ness ev - ery -

sung. It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the
 kind. To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 where. True man yet ver - y God, from sin and

cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, 15th cent. German; trans. by Theodore Baker, 1894; st. 3 from
The Hymnal, 1940 (Is. 35:1-2)

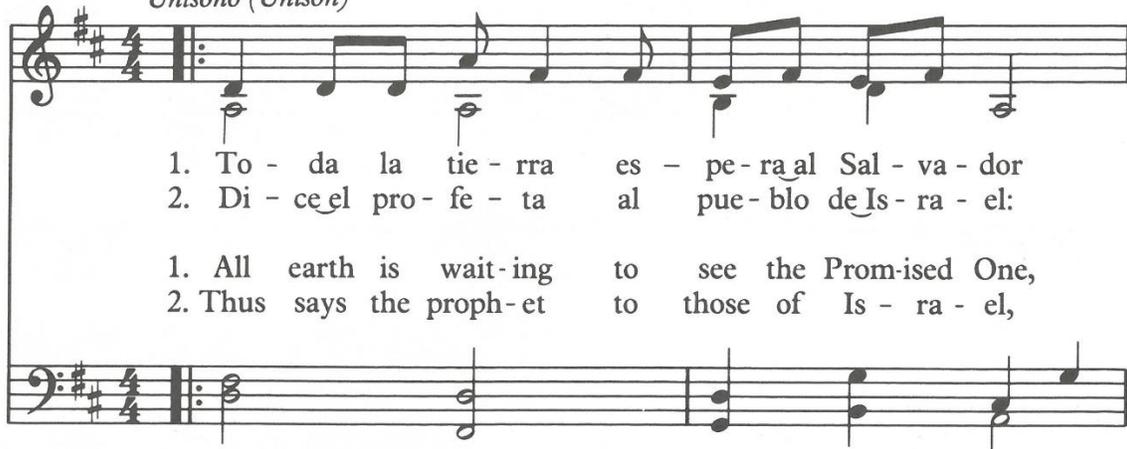
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Toda la Tierra

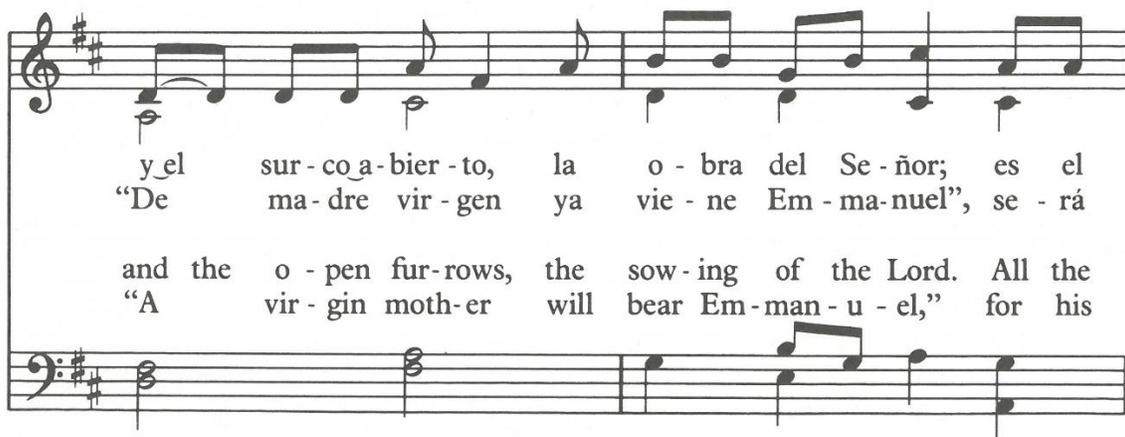
(All Earth Is Waiting)

Unísono (Unison)



1. To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 2. Di - ce el pro - fe - ta al pue - blo de Is - ra - el:

1. All earth is wait - ing to see the Prom - ised One,
 2. Thus says the proph - et to those of Is - ra - el,



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la o - bra del Se - ñor; es el
 “De ma - dre vir - gen ya vie - ne Em - ma - nuel”, se - rá

and the o - pen fur - rows, the sow - ing of the Lord. All the
 “A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el,” for his



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 “Dios con no - so - tros”, her - ma - no se - rá, con

world, bound and strug - gling, seeks true lib - er - ty; it
 name is “God with us,” our broth - er shall be, with

WORDS: Catalanian text by Alberto Taulè, 1972; English trans. by Gertrude C. Suppe, 1987 (Is. 40:3-5)

MUSIC: Alberto Taulè, 1972; harm. by Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1988

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cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. (4. dar - nos li - ber - tad.)
 él la es - pe - ran - za al mun - do vol - ve - rá.

cries out for jus - tice and search - es for the truth. (4. brings us lib - er - ty.)
 him hope will blos - som once more with - in our hearts.

3. Montes y valles habrá que preparar;
 nuevos caminos tenemos que trazar.
 Él está ya muy cerca, venidlo a encontrar,
 y todas las puertas abrid de par en par.

4. En una cueva Jesús apareció,
 pero en el mundo está presente hoy.
 Vive en nuestros hermanos, con ellos está;
 y vuelve de nuevo a darnos libertad.

3. Mountains and valleys will have to be made plain;
 open new highways, new highways for the Lord.
 He is now coming closer, so come all and see,
 and open the doorways as wide as wide can be.

4. In lowly stable the Promised One appeared,
 yet, feel his presence throughout the earth today,
 for he lives in all Christians and is with us now;
 again, with his coming he brings us liberty.