

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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DECEMBER 10, 2023

10:00 A.M.

***With doors wide open**, we welcome all to come and discover how
God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other,
our community, the world and with God.*

***With arms wide open**, we welcome all who are looking for something more,
who have questions, who want to make a difference as
they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.*

***With hearts wide open**, we welcome you.*

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

*HYMN INSERT "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

vss. 1,2,6,7

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*God of steadfast love and mercy, we confess our sins before you. In your light,
we recognize how many of our decisions and our priorities are shaped by the
wisdom of this present age. We have brought much trouble and pain upon
ourselves, and we have contributed to the trouble and pain of others. Forgive us in
your grace and mercy, and teach us your ways through Jesus Christ, your beloved
Son and embodiment of Wisdom. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE: #579 "Gloria Patri"

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM: "People Look East"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT:	Proverbs 8:1,6,22-36	Pew Bible Page 622
NEW TESTAMENT:	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Pew Bible Page 1105
SERMON:	"Come, Wisdom..."	Jeff Prey

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN # 27 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

PRAYER RESPONSE: Hymn #43 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray,
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell.
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY: "Creator of the Stars of Night"

*DOXOLOGY:

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures
Here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TAKING GOD'S WORD TO THE WORLD

*HYMN # 49 "Once in Royal David's City"

*THE BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE: "May God's peace be with you."

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

* Those who are able please stand.

The Lay Reader this morning is Selina C.

~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~

Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us again next Sunday.

Christmas Pageant

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6; Luke 2:13-14

Sermon title: "Come, Prince of Peace..."

DECEMBER 10, 2023... During the musical prelude we ask that you prepare for worship by quiet prayer and reflection. If you are visiting our virtual worship service, we extend a special welcome. We invite you to please sign your name in the Chat room (icon located in Zoom's tool bar at the bottom of the screen) this is a good way to meet the people joining us this morning. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office or visit our website www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org.

OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ... Please keep the following people in your prayers: Harry, Tom, Hailey, Chris and Luna, all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for Israel and Ukraine, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ... are given to the glory of God in honor of Catherine's 28th birthday and in Thanksgiving for my wonderful Church Family from Lynn Thomas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

December	12	Glenn N.	13	Alex H.
		Catherine T.	14	Trilby F.
		Judy W.	16	Jill M.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER ... If you have need for special prayers, concerns or thanksgivings, please call the church office 922-5477 or Kristine L. 922-3126.

This week...

Today	Worship and Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Christmas Pageant Practice	11:30 a.m.
	Mission M.T. Meeting	11:30 a.m.

Thu 12/14	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
Sat 12/16	Christmas Pageant Practice	9:45 - 12:00 p.m.
Sun 12/17	Christmas Pageant Practice	8:45 a.m.
	Christmas Pageant - "The Friendly Beasts???"	10:00 a.m.

Coming Up...	Session	December 19
	CSAC Toy Drive	December 20 - 21
	Sunday Morning Worship 4 th Sunday in Advent	December 24
	Christmas Eve at 4:00	December 24
	Family Candlelight Service	

SERMON OUTLINE

"COME, WISDOM..."

Introduction: every tree tells a story...

I. Proverbs

A. to search...

B. to be found.

II. Paul

A. foolishness?

B. cradle to the cross

**Christmas Pageant
December 17th, 2023**



The Friendly Beasts???

Rehearsal Schedule:

Sunday, 12/10	11:30 - 12:00
	<i>Costume Selection</i>
Saturday, 12/16	9:45 - 12:00
	<i>Dress Rehearsal</i>
Sunday, 12/17	8:45
	<i>Final Rehearsal</i>

Please plan to attend all Rehearsals
Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected and delivered to local food pantries. Please place your food donations at the front of the church. Blue Bags are available in the vestibule. Your donations are greatly appreciated, Thank you!

HELP WANTED

Offering Counter

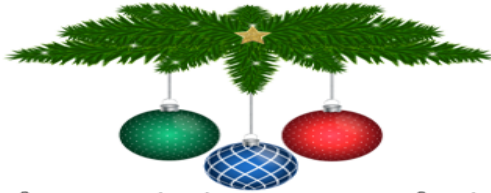
Starting January 2024

"Join the A-Team"

Counters work every third week in teams of two.
Counting takes place after church on Sunday
and usually finishes before noon.
Confidentiality required
Training provided

Call the church office
(516) 922-5477
or Suzie Ecton
(516) 628-3527

HOLIDAY SHARING PROGRAM



Gifts due date:
December 18

The Board of Deacons invites the church family to participate in the Holiday Sharing Program by volunteering to provide a gift or money towards a gift to a needy individual or family in the Oyster Bay community.

For those of you who like to consider participating in the Holiday Sharing Program, please go to the sign-up board in Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

Thank you all for your generous support and giving to the community outreach program.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you like to make a donation to the flower fund, we will use your donations to purchase Poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to dedicate your donation in memory, honor or in thanksgiving of loved ones, please fill out this form and kindly place it in the offering plate.



Please Submit your requests and dedications by
DECEMBER 17TH, 2023

to appear in the Christmas Dedication Insert list.

Thank You!



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In memory of: _____

by: _____

In honor of: _____

by: _____

In thanksgiving for: _____

by: _____

88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



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

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| <p>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.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
 shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | |

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

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Joseph Simpson Cook, 1919

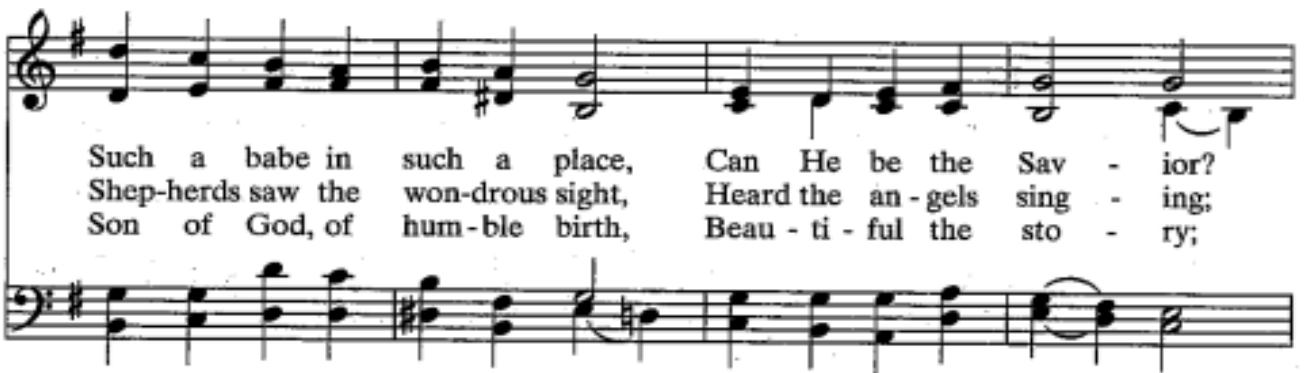
Piae Cantiones, 1582
Arr. Ernest C. MacMillan, 1930



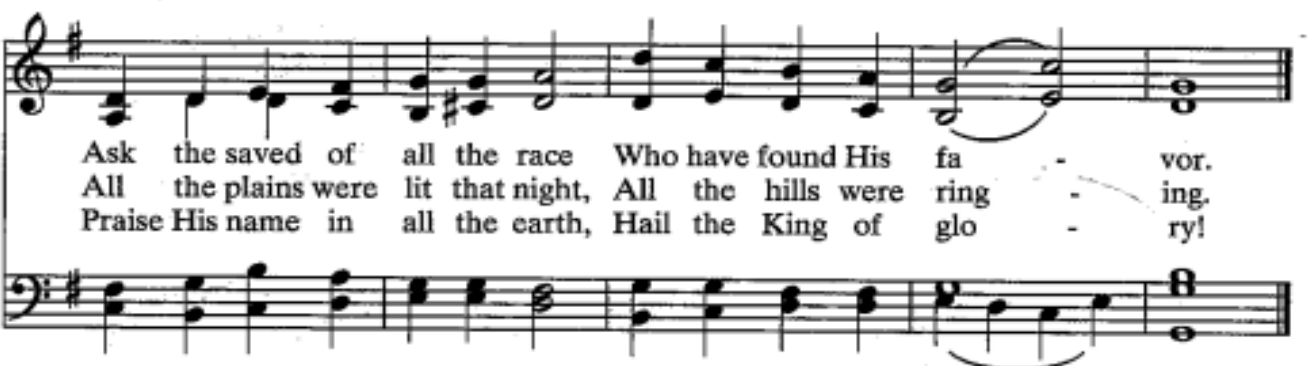
1. Gen-tle Ma-ry laid her child Low-ly in a man-ger;
2. An-gels sang a-bout His birth, Wise men sought and found Him;
3. Gen-tle Ma-ry laid her child Low-ly in a man-ger;



There He lay, the un-de-filed, To the world a stran-ger.
Heav-en's star shone bright-ly forth, Glo-ry all a-round Him.
He is still the un-de-filed, But no more a stran-ger.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav-ior?
Shep-herds saw the won-drous sight, Heard the an-gels sing-ing;
Son of God, of hum-ble birth, Beau-ti-ful the sto-ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa-vor.
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring-ing.
Praise His name in all the earth, Hail the King of glo-ry!

Once in Royal David's City

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IRBY 8.7.8.7.7.7

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848; alt.

Henry John Gauntlett, 1849
Harm. Arthur Henry Mann, 1919

1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a low - ly
 2. He came down to earth from heav - en Who is God and
 3. Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by day like
 4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own re -

cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her ba - by
 Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a sta - ble,
 us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak and help - less,
 deem - ing love, For that Child so dear and gen - tle

In a man - ger for His bed. Ma - ry was that moth - er
 And His cra - dle was a stall. With the poor, op - pressed, and
 Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He feels for all our
 Is our Lord in heaven a - bove; And He leads His chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 low - ly, Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 on To the place where He is gone.