**ORDER FOR WORSHIP**
**ST. ANDREW'S CELEBRATION**
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

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NOVEMBER 29, 2026 10:00 A.M.

**PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE
PROCESSIONAL: "Scotland the Brave"(*insert*)
INTROIT: "Soon Very Soon: (with Sunday School Singers)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from "The Scot's Confession" 1560, Chapter One 3.01*

Pastor: Come, let us worship our God, whom we confess and acknowledge as one God alone.
**People: To whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, and whom only we must worship.**
Pastor: God who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, omnipotent incomprehensible, one in substance and yet distinct.
**People: God in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in whom alone we put our trust.**
Pastor: By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible.
**People: We confess and acknowledge this God alone. Glory to God's name!**

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Responsive**
Pastor: God of mercy, God of love, in humbleness of heart we confess our sins. We forget to love and serve you, and wander from your ways. We are careless of your world, and put its life in danger. We talk of our concern for others, but fail to match our words with action.
**All: God of the new day and God of love, you created us and you have redeemed us. As you scatter the mist from the hills, banish the deeds of darkness from the sons and daughters of your light. Help us to know and believe that, as the children of your love, we are free to begin again; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Book of Common Order,* Church of Scotland, 1994

SILENT CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF PARDON
*RESPONSE: #579 Hymnal "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: "The Advent of Our King" *Scottish Psalter*
ADVENT CANDLE
A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

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| OLD TESTAMENT: | Haggai 1:1-15 | Pew Bible page 916 |
| NEW TESTAMENT: | Matthew 1:18-25 | Pew Bible pg. 933 |
| SERMON: | "I Am With You" | Jeff Prey |

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN #3 "Comfort, Comfort You My People"

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE: Hymn #25 "Away in a Manger"

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay*
*Close by me forever and love me, I pray.*
*Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,*
*And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY: "Give Praise and Thanks Unto the Lord, for Bountiful is He" *Dunfermline Scottish Psalter*

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #5 "Let All Mortal Flesh"

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
**People: And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
**People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
Pastor: How wonderful are Your ways, Gracious God...

RESPONSE: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Is The Lord of Hosts" (to be sung)

*Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts, (2 x's)*
*The whole earth is full of His glory, (3 x's)*
*Holy is the Lord.*

PRAYER CONTINUES

LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*We take the bread together as a reminder we are all part of the one Body of Christ. We take the cup as it is passed as a reminder we are individually cleansed by His blood.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## TAKING GOD'S WORD TO THE WORLD

*HYMN #9 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

*THE BENEDICTION
SILENT PRAYER
CHORAL AMEN
PASSING THE PEACE: Grasp both your neighbor's hands and say:
*"May God's peace be with you."*

POSTLUDE
*Worship has ended; let Service begin.*

* Please stand in body or in spirit.
The Lay Reader this morning is Mary M.

***~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~***

Kirk Sources for Reference and Inspiration: First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, CT, Highland Presbyterian Church of Largo, Largo, FL, Montgomery Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, Ohio, New Canaan Presbyterian Church, New Canaan, CT, Scotts First Presbyterian Church, Charleston, SC, and The Church of Scotland (web site).
After worship, please join us for a celebrative Ceilidh, a Scottish celebration of fellowship and special treats.



*Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us again next Sunday.*
*The Scripture Readings: Haggai 2:1-9; Matthew 2:1-15*
*Sermon Title: "I Will Grant Peace"*
*Tree Lighting - Advent Brunch*

***THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**
**(Selections from "The Scot's Confession" – 1560)**

We acknowledge one God alone.

We most surely believe that God preserved, instructed, multiplied, honored, adorned, and called from death to life his Kirk in all ages since Adam until the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh.

We acknowledge and confess that this wonderful union between the Godhead and humanity in Christ Jesus did arise from the eternal and immutable decree of God from which all our salvation springs and depends.

We do not doubt but that the selfsame body which was born of the virgin, was crucified, dead, and buried, and which did rise again, did ascend into the heavens, where he sits at the right hand of God, the only advocate and mediator for us.

We believe that the same Lord Jesus shall visibly return for this Last Judgment as he was seen to ascend. And then we firmly believe, the time of refreshing and restitution of all things shall come.

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom we must cleave, whom we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust.

Give thy servants strength to speak thy Word with boldness, and let all nations cleave to the true knowledge of thee. Amen.

## What is a Kirkin' O' the Tartan?

**The history** - The ceremony of Kirkin' O' the Tartan is of American origin, though based on Scottish history and legend. After Bonnie Prince Charlie's Scottish forces were defeated by the English at the Battle of Culloden in 1746, Scotland once again came under British rule. To control the Scots, an Act was passed that forbade the carrying of arms and the wearing of kilts or tartan which represented Scottish heritage. Orders were given for British troops to kill any person dressed in or displaying the tartan.

**As the Legend Goes** - This Act prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartan as they went to the Kirk. The minister then slipped a blessing (a Kirkin') into the service for the tartans. The prohibition against tartan lasted for nearly 50 years. When at last repealed, the Church of Scotland celebrated with a Service of Family Covenant, at which time the tartan of each family was offered as a covenant expression for the Lord's blessing.

**The First Kirkin'** - The Saint Andrew's Society of Washington, DC held the first Kirkin' during the early years of World War II. The late Dr. Peter Marshall, an eloquent Scot, then Chaplain of the US Senate as well as a pastor, led the service in 1943, choosing "Kirkin' O' the Tartan" for the title of his sermon. He had preached many sermons in support of the British War Relief and Scottish Clans Evacuation Plan. His Sermons were so popular that a request was made for their publication, with the proceeds designated for war relief programs. As the war continued, the DC St. Andrew's Society continued to hold prayer services for the British subjects. These became known as Kirkin's.

**The prickly, purple thistle** is the national emblem of Scotland, as well as the flower of Scotland. Ever present in the fields and pastures throughout Scotland, it has been an emblem of the country for centuries. Its first use as a royal symbol was on silver coins issued by King James III in 1740. The Order of the Thistle was founded by James VII in 1687 while seated on the throne of both Scotland and England. In the special language of heraldry, Scotland's national badge is "the thistle, slipped and leaved proper."

Although not as old an insignia as the saltire – the Saint Andrews Cross, the oldest flag of any country – it nevertheless well represents the Scottish peoples and their history – like a "lion with its claws out." In the plant world, the thistle has no enemies because of its own vicious spines that cover it like armor plating.

Most stories of how the thistle became Scotland's symbol point to the events surrounding a battle in 1263 fought against Norway. It is often forgotten that for more than 600 years most of Scotland was a part of that nation. Norse warriors attacked with large force, and at some point during the campaign tried to surprise the Scots with a night attack. They removed their footwear for a silent approach, but found themselves on ground covered thistle.

It is said their leader stepped on thistle and cried out. His shout warned the Scots, who then put an end to them, thus saving Scotland. The role of the thistle was then understood, and was chosen as Scotland's symbol, with the motto *Nemo me impune lacessit* (No-one harms me without punishment) … More commonly translated as *Wha daurs medlle wi me.*

## From the Minds of Scots

There have been more inventions from the Scots, per capita, than any other country in the world, including:

- Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin
- Kirkpatrick MacMillian invented the bicycle
- John Chalmers invented the adhesive postage stamp
- James Watt invented the modern steam engine
- William Morton, a dentist, pioneered the use of anesthesia
- John Paul Jones founded the US Navy
- James Simpson discovered and used chloroform
- John Boyd Dunlop patented the pneumatic tire
- Charles MacIntosh patented the raincoat
- Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone
- John Williams developed the smallpox vaccine
- Robert Watson-Watt developed RADAR

**NOVEMBER 29, 2026…** *… 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. Chancel flowers are a great opportunity to honor, or remember loved ones and to celebrate special occasions. If you like to sign up, the flower chart is located in the office hallway or call the church office to make arrangements. Welcome Packets can be found at either door and are available for visitors, also available to take and share with your neighbors or anyone else, so as to introduce them to the church. Please feel free to visit our website www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org, or call the church office if you have any questions.*

**OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ...** Please keep the following people in your prayers: Sylvie, Darrell, Anne, Jen, Cindy, Dick, and all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, the Mideast, and other areas where conflict reigns, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit, and all those going through difficult times.

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS …** *are given to the glory of God.*

**COFFEE HOUR**… Isa G, Kay B. and Lynne Z.
**Next Week**: Advent Brunch

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**…
December 3 Paul B.

**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…**

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| **Today** | **Communion** Worship & Sunday School | | 10:00 a.m. |
| | First Sunday of Advent/St. Andrew's Day | | |
| | Pageant Practice | | 11:30 a.m. |
| Tue 12/1 | Deacons Meeting | | 7:00 p.m. |
| Sun 12/6 | Worship & Sunday School | 10:00 a.m. | |
| | Stewardship Dedication | | |
| | Hanging of the Greens | | |
| | Advent Brunch | | 11:00 a.m. |
| | Christmas Pageant Practice | | 11:45 a.m. |

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| **Coming Up…** | Pageant Practice | December 12 |
| | Community Dinner | December 12 |
| | Christmas Pageant | December 13 |
| | Session Meeting | December 15 |
| | Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 and 9:30 p.m. | December 24 |

Sunday December 6th

Advent Brunch

Immediately following worship

# Children's Christmas Pageant
# December 13, 2026




***Pageant rehearsal schedule***:

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| Sunday | 11/ 22 | after church | 11:30 |
| Sunday | 11/ 29 | after church | 11:30 |
| Sunday | 12/6 | after church | 11:30 |
| Saturday | 12/12 | Dress Rehearsal | 9:45 – 12:00 |
| Pageant Sunday | 12/13 | Final Rehearsal | 8:45 |

## Celebrate Christmas

*at the*

First Presbyterian Church
60 East Main St, Oyster Bay, NY
www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org
516-922-5477

*Nov. 29*
1st Sunday in Advent
St. Andrew's Day Worship
celebrating our Scottish heritage

*Dec. 6*
2nd Sunday in Advent
Hanging of the Greens
Advent Brunch

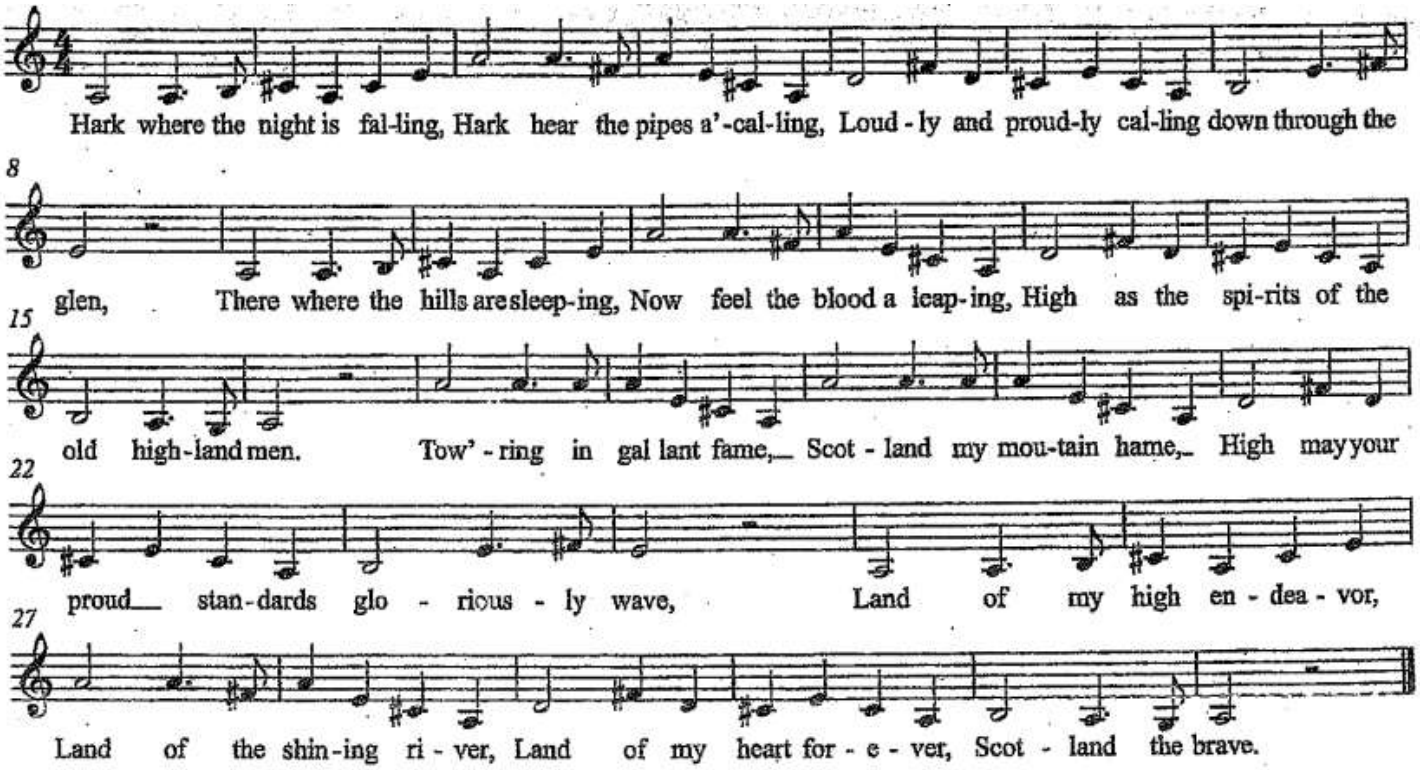
*Dec. 13*
3rd Sunday in Advent
Children's Christmas Pageant



*Dec. 20*
4th Sunday in Advent

*Dec. 24*
*Christmas Eve Services:*
Family Candlelight Service
5:00 pm
Evening Candlelight Service
9:30 pm

## Scotland the Brave

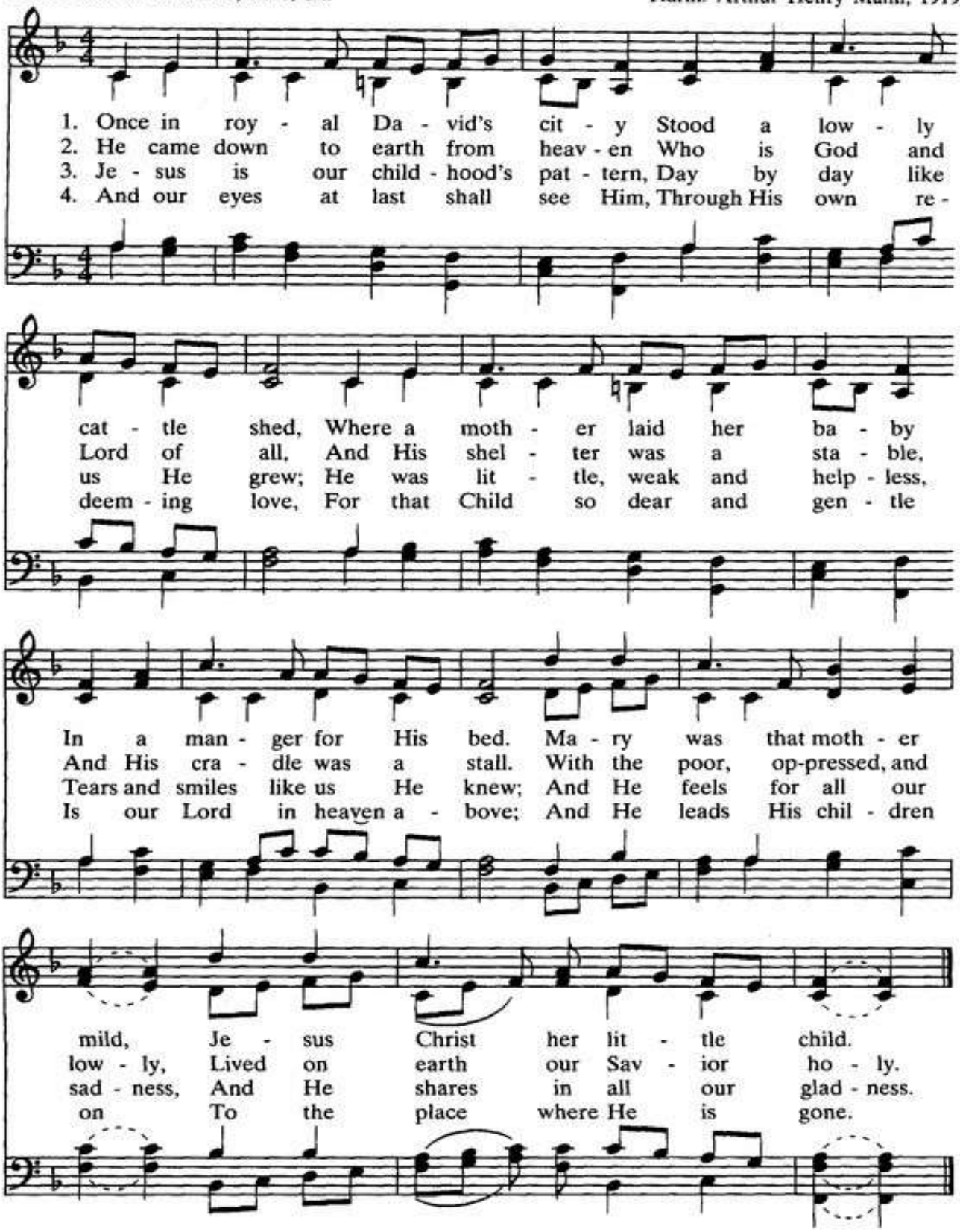


# Once in Royal David's City 49

IRBY 8.7.8.7.7.7

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848; alt.

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




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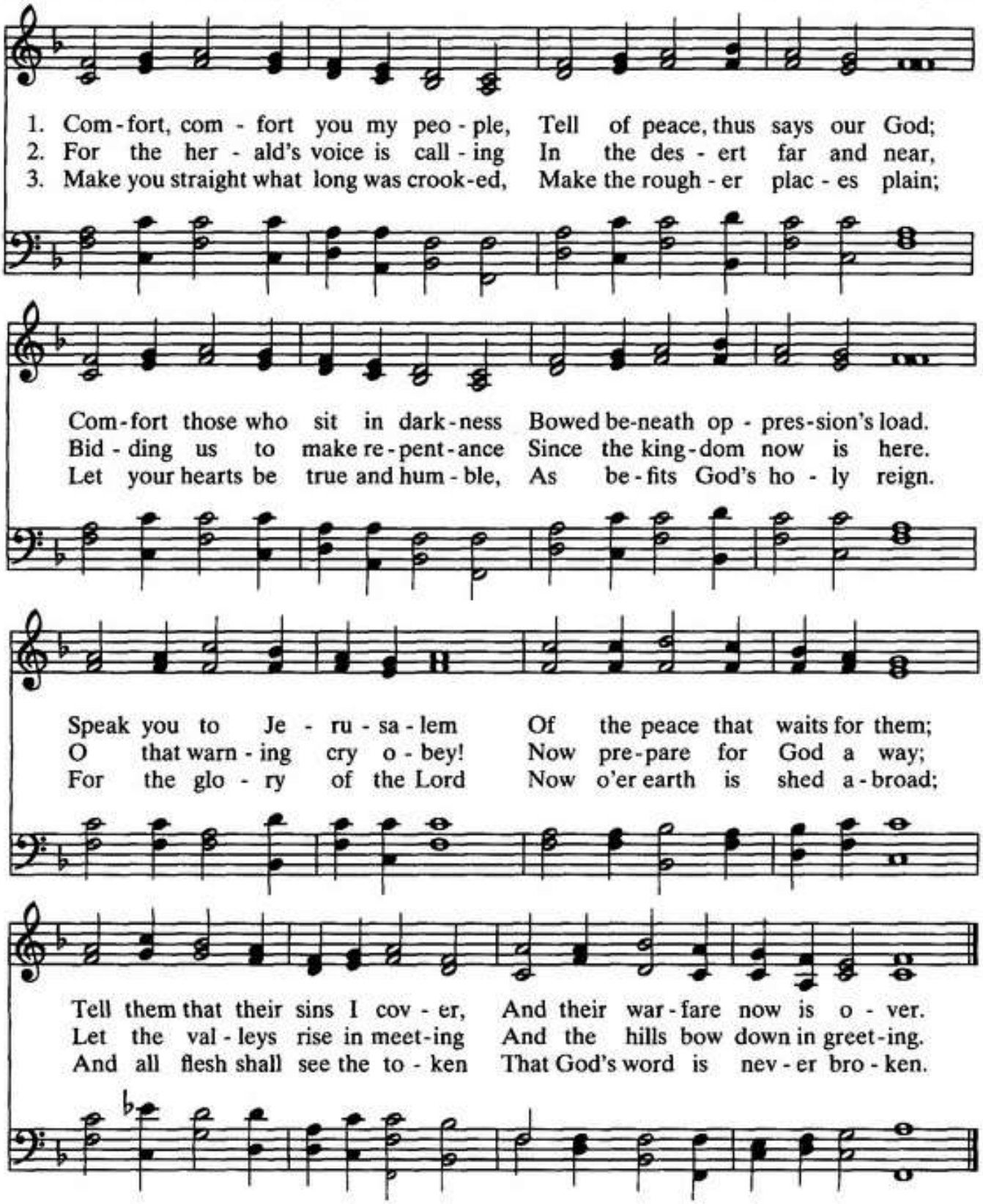
# Comfort, Comfort You My People



PSALM 42 8.7.8.7.7.7.8.8

Johannes Olearius, 1671
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.

Genevan Psalter, 1551



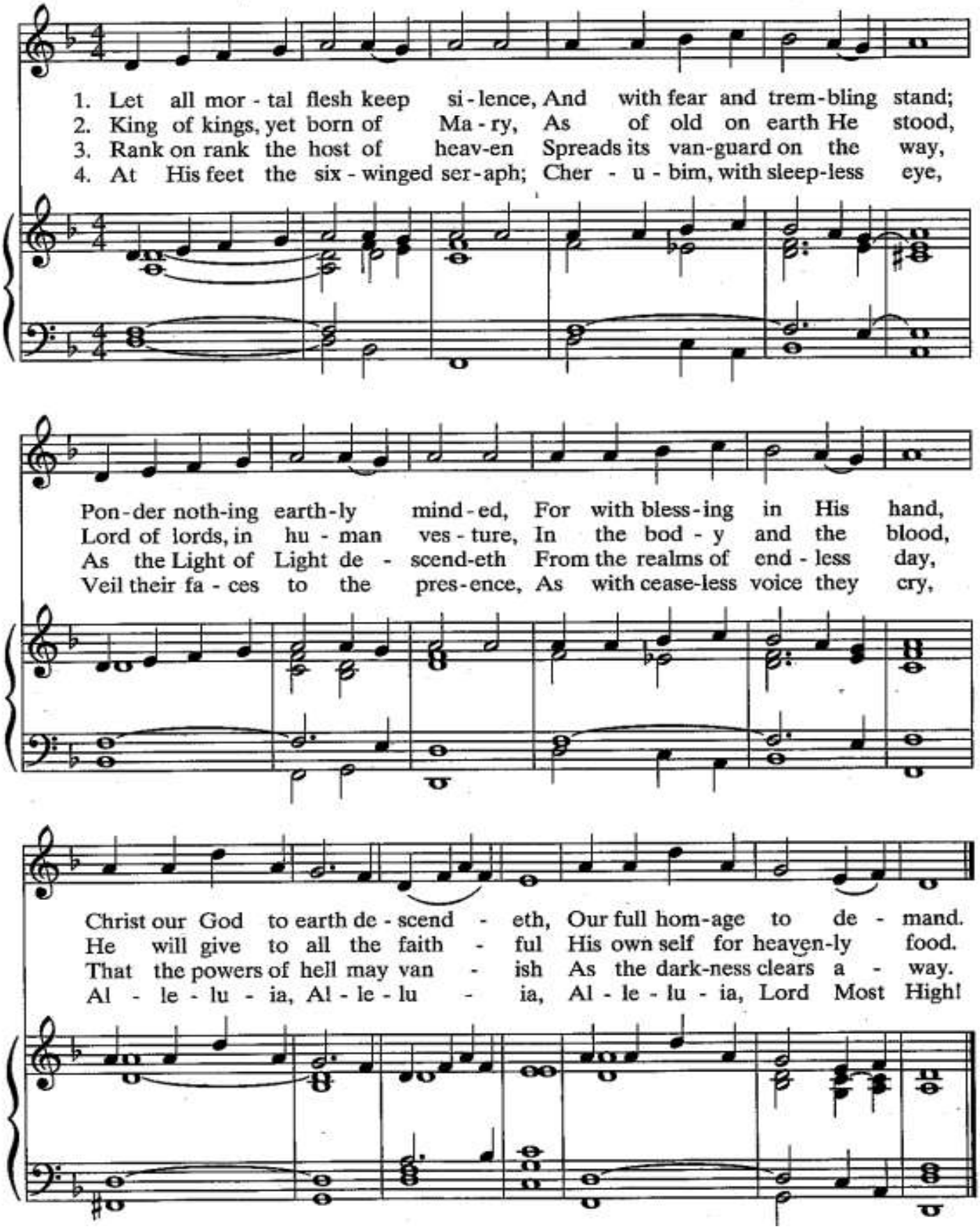
# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7

From Liturgy of St. James, 4th century
Trans. Gerard Moultrie, 1864

French carol
Harm. *The English Hymnal,* 1906



# 9 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain

Latin, c. 12th century
Stanzas 1–2 trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1854
Stanza 3 trans. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916

Adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854
Accomp. John Weaver, 1988

