



Service for the Lord's Day

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6th, 2020

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude *Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele* Georg Böhm

Welcome Dorothy Piatt

Opening Hymn **Comfort, Comfort, You My People** GENEVAN 42

Prayer of Confession

Congregational Response STUTTGART

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Congregational Response GLORIA

**Let the nations shout and sing, glory to their Savior bring;
All below and all above sing your praise with joy and love.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; gloria in excelsis Deo.**

Passing of the Peace

God's Word to Us

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 Lynne Clements

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8

Sermon Clearing the Table Ken Henry

Anthem *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying*
Megan Sharp & Sophie Caplin, sopranos arr. Craig Phillips

Sending Us Out

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Candlighting Response

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show
and teach us in thy ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Charge and Benediction

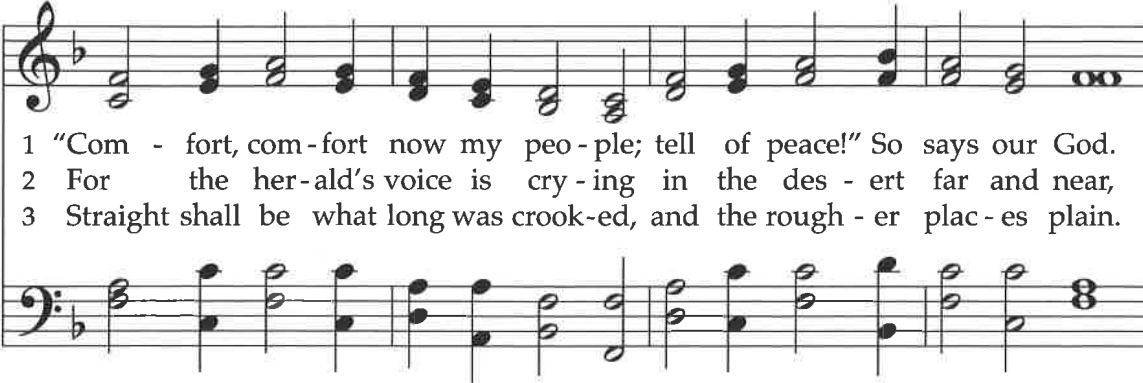
Postlude

Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele

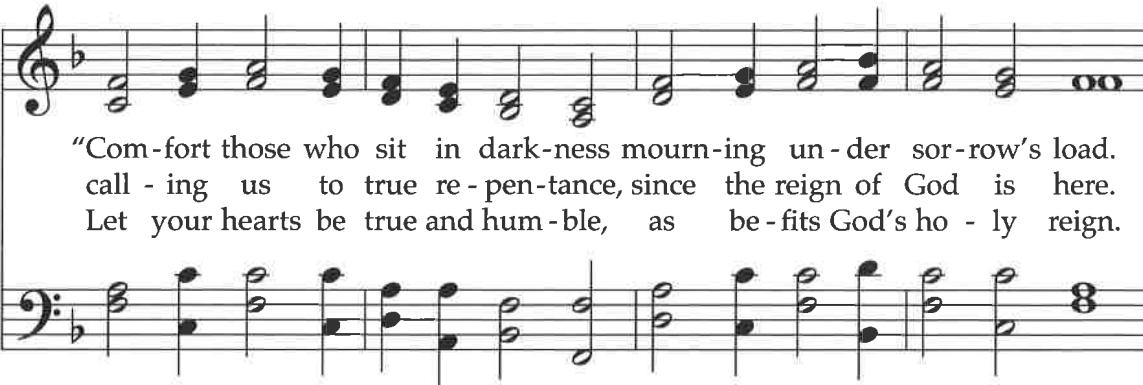
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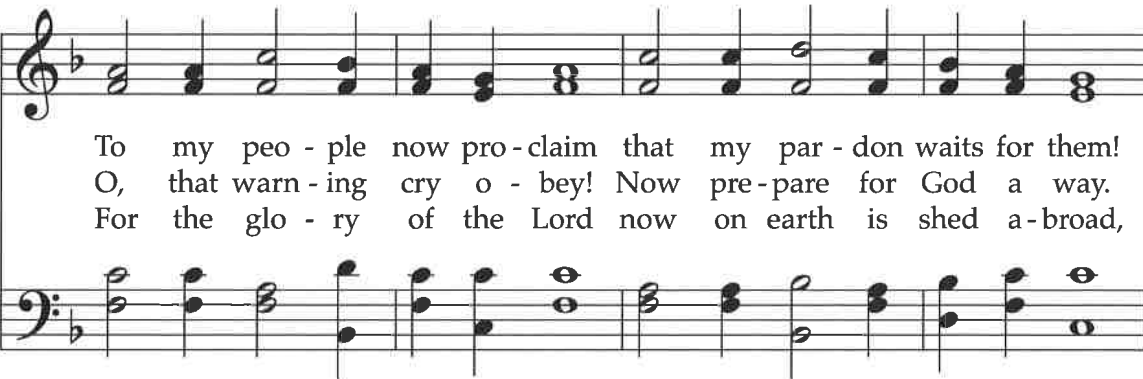
Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87



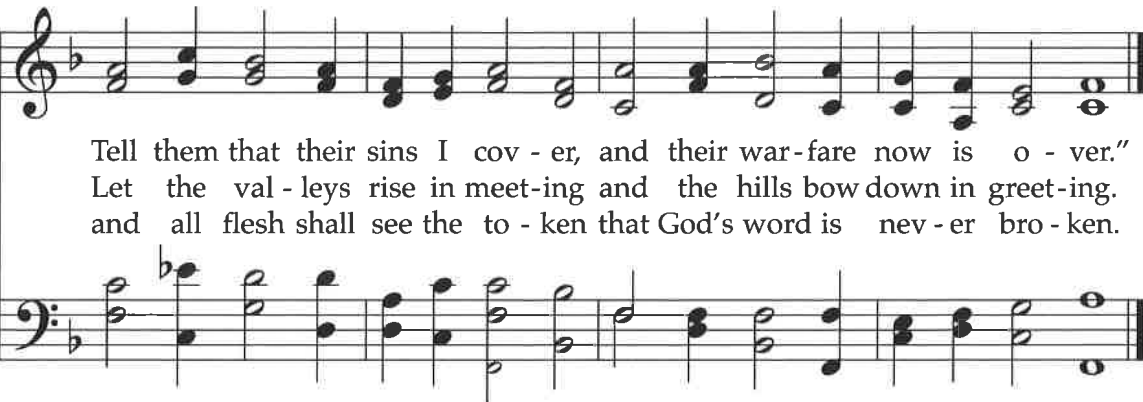
1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.
 2 For the her-ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook-ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



"Com-fort those who sit in dark-ness mourn-ing un-der sor-row's load.
 call - ing us to true re - pen-tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To my peo - ple now pro-claim that my par - don waits for them!
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre-prepare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a-broad,



Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war-fare now is o - ver."
 Let the val - leys rise in meet-ing and the hills bow down in greet-ing.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1-5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Light of Promise

We come to light a light of promise,
to remember we are not alone,
not abandoned, not lost,
but held in the promise of God's
love.

In a world that sometimes forgets
God-with-us,
we cling to your promise.
With the prophets of every age
we cling to your promise.
We light a candle in the darkness,
we cling to your promise.

O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Come, Lord Jesus.

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