

101 No Wind at the Window

1 No wind at the win - dow, no knock on the door;
 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face.
 3 "This child must be born that the king - dom might come:
 4 No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made;

no light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor;
 Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.
 sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;
 no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.

no dream born of tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear:
 The time for re - deem - ing the world has be - gun,
 both end and be - gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign;
 Yet Mar - y, con - sent - ing to what none could guess,

just an an - gel and a wom - an and a voice in her ear.
 and you are re - quest - ed to moth - er God's Son."
 both vic - tor and vic - tim, both yours and di - vine."
 re - plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell God I say, Yes."

This 20th-century retelling of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) effectively incorporates characteristic features of the folksong style its Irish tune requires, especially in the lists of "no" and "both." The tune is named for a many-talented Irish saint of the 6th century.



Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

December 17, 2017 ~ Third Sunday of Advent

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.
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CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE *How Lovely Shines the Morning Star* arr. Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Fear of the future. We all have this to varying degrees, affecting our behavior, our relationships, our generosity and our ability to truly know the joy of life. The journey of Scrooge with the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come is harrowing. He tries to hide from it, run from it—to no avail. It is only when he realizes that he has the power to change the destructive course he is on that his fear is transformed to joy. Along with Scrooge, we can defy death-like attitudes and reawaken to life. No matter how far off course we might have gone, "we haven't missed it!"

* HYMN #25

Away in a Manger

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit, we open ourselves today to encounter You in our worship and to see Your future where grace abounds. Open us to Your miracle just begun and in this season, transform us into those whose giving brings joy to the world. Open us to You, to each other, and to the voices no one hears so that Your reign of mercy, justice and love can be made known to all.

Silence is kept.

* SUNG RESPONSE 44 vs 4

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!**

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

ANTHEM

Gloria Deo

Patterson

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

Children are invited forward

ANTHEM

Let Our Gladness Have No End

arr. Burkhardt

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:2b-6

* HYMN 41

O Come, All Ye Faithful

MEDITATION

The Hope of Christmas Future

* HYMN 40

Joy to the World

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Good King Wenceslas

arr. Sowerby

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 23 refrain *Angels We Have Heard on High*
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

* HYMN (see back page)

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* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Toccata on Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel
arr. Benhke

* *You are invited to stand if able.*