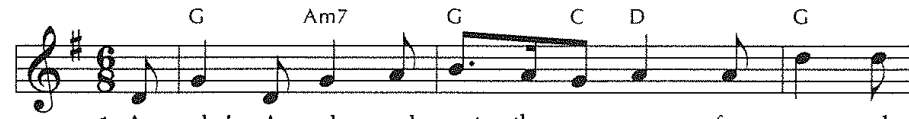


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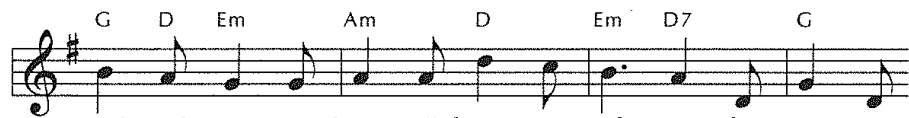
1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the
 4 Re - jice, re - jice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



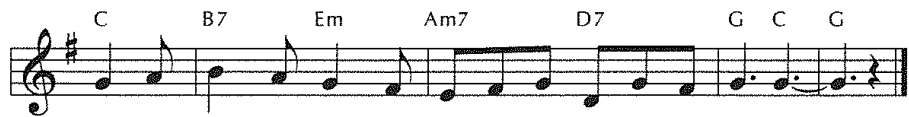
her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is
 el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and
 world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and
 win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
 near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the
 free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break
 light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens
 bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der
 forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be
 love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heav - en - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.
 raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 2:4.

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

December 16, 2018
3rd Sunday of Advent

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade
and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

Sermons available at
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CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Joy to the World

arr. Raney

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN 9 verse 3

The Dickerson Family

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**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.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

We open our hearts to all God's children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.

The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world.

* HYMN 5

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Patient and forgiving God, you know how we want to be people of peace and justice, but when opportunities come to participate in groups working for justice, we turn our backs and walk the other way, or we give a token pledge and then ignore further pleas for assistance. We hide our names from appearing on roles of supporters of justice-seeking organizations. Forgive us, O God, when we give only lip service to ministries of justice rather than pledging our lives to helping all people in need. Free us from our selfishness. Banish our fears and move us in ways of peace and justice, bringing your love and hope to all God's children. (Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN 602 vs. 1

Song of Zechariah

**Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.**

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

* PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 98

MEDITATION

* HYMN 40

Joy to the World!

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob

Mendelssohn

* HYMN 23 Refrain

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DEDICATION OF ITEMS RELATED TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

LITANY OF THANKS (Responsive)

For the worship of God in prayer and praise, for the preaching of the Word, for the celebration of sacraments

Offered by this church, we give thanks.

For the comfort of those who mourn, for the help of those who are perplexed, for the guidance of those who seek strength,

Offered by this church, we give thanks.

For guarding against evil, for fostering faithfulness, for promoting peace and justice in all the earth,

Offered by this church, we give thanks.

For the monetary gifts given, the work done, the new items that grace our worship space,

Offered by this church, we give thanks.

PRAYER 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WE DEPART

* HYMN (back of bulletin)

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Birthday of a King

Neidlinger/Smith & Hustad

* You are invited to stand if able.