

Riverside Presbyterian Church

December 6, 2020 ~ 10:00 am

THOSE
WHO *prepare
the way*
DREAM
2nd sunday in Advent

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Meditation on "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"* Behnke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO A TIME OF WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Candle of Peace
Lit by the Long Family

ADVENT HYMN

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.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Lynda Nadkarni

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Mark 1 selected verses

MEDITATION

Those Who Dream...prepare the way

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

Your continued financial gifts allow the ministry and mission of RPC to continue.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Gloria from Angels We Have Heard on High

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Please have bread or crackers and juice or another beverage ready for communion

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

During Communion you are invited to reflect on the Recitative for Tenor *Comfort, Comfort My People* from Handel's *Messiah*. These are the words with which both Isaiah 40 and the *Messiah* open. It is quite natural to connect the words with the comfort that comes to us in the birth of Jesus. We also hear the words that John the Baptist would one day use.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS CAROL

Away in a Manger

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Nicolai/Behnke

Capo 5: (C) (Am) (C) (Dm)

F Dm F Gm

1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the poor ba - by wakes,
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay

(F) (G) (C) (Dm) (F) (G)
 B^b C F Gm B^b C

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.

(C) (Dm)
 F Gm

The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
 I love thee, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,

(G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 C F Gm C F

the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.
 and fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

Messiah soloist: Baritone Nicholas Ward is so happy to be singing again for Riverside Presbyterian Church, after singing solos in the Messiah for the past two seasons. He has performed in opera across the country with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chicago Opera Theater, Union Avenue Opera, Winter Opera St. Louis, Florida Grand Opera, Opera in the Heights, Central City Opera, and many more. Recent concert and recital highlights include CCPA's PianoFest, Opera Birmingham's Catch a Rising Star series, the Saugatuck Center for the Arts, and the Steinway Gallery in Miami. He is a three-time Regional Finalist of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions, and an award winner from the Opera Birmingham Competition, the Opera Guild of Dayton Competition, and FAVA's Grand Concours de Chant. He received his degrees from the University of Michigan and the University of Cincinnati-CCM. He grew up in Pontiac, Michigan, and currently resides in Chicago.

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