

*Welcome to Roland Park Presbyterian Church.
We're glad you're here!*

November 27, 2022



Waiting is a form of passive persistence.

~ Ogwo David Emenike



ROLAND PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
November 27, 2022 10:30 AM

CENTERING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

The Peace May Be Exchanged
Esther Lee, organ

Dan Locklair

Words of Welcome

*Thank you for joining us today. We hope that today's service will be meaningful for you.
You can always visit us at our website for the latest happenings and information.*

<https://www.rolandparkchurch.org/>

*If this is your first time with us, you can email Pastor Mark to introduce yourself and
learn more about the congregation: pastor@rolandparkchurch.org*

Today's Liturgy is written by the Rev. Teri Petersen for the BibleWorm Podcast.

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***CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

God promised!

Sometimes it doesn't seem like God is keeping those promises the way we want.

God promised!

Sometimes we don't like the way God is acting.

God promised!

The world will be turned upside down.

God promised!

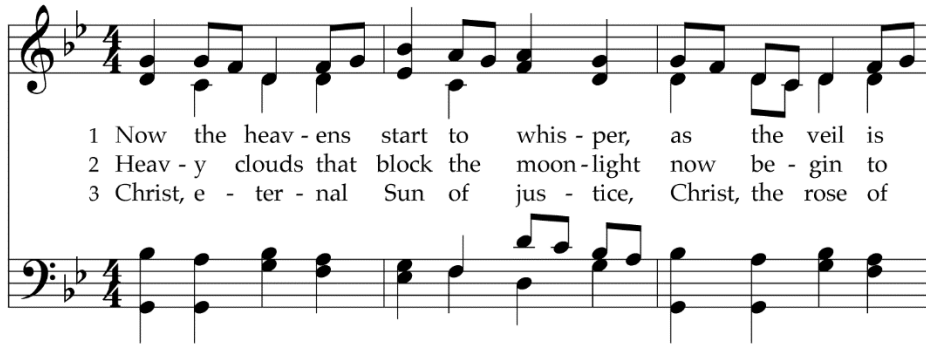
And God is coming: wait for it!

***HYMN #94**

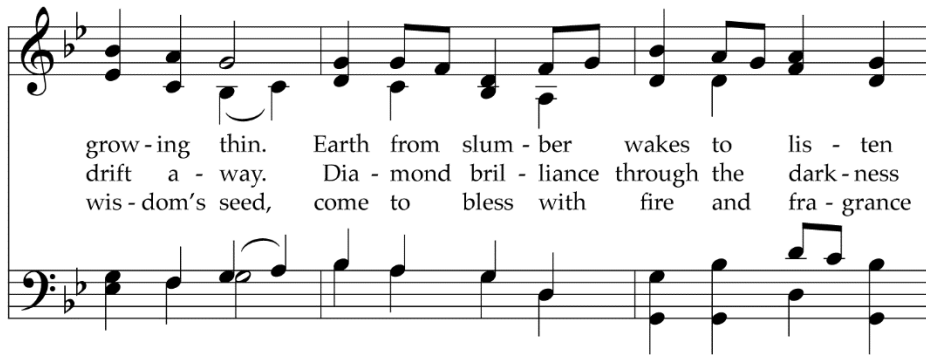
Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

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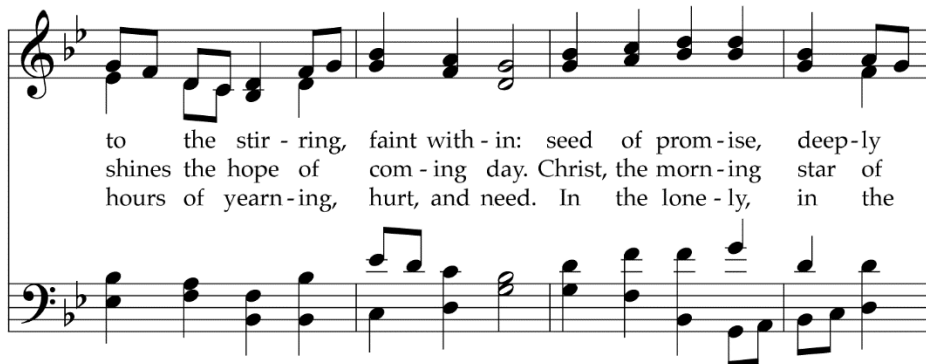
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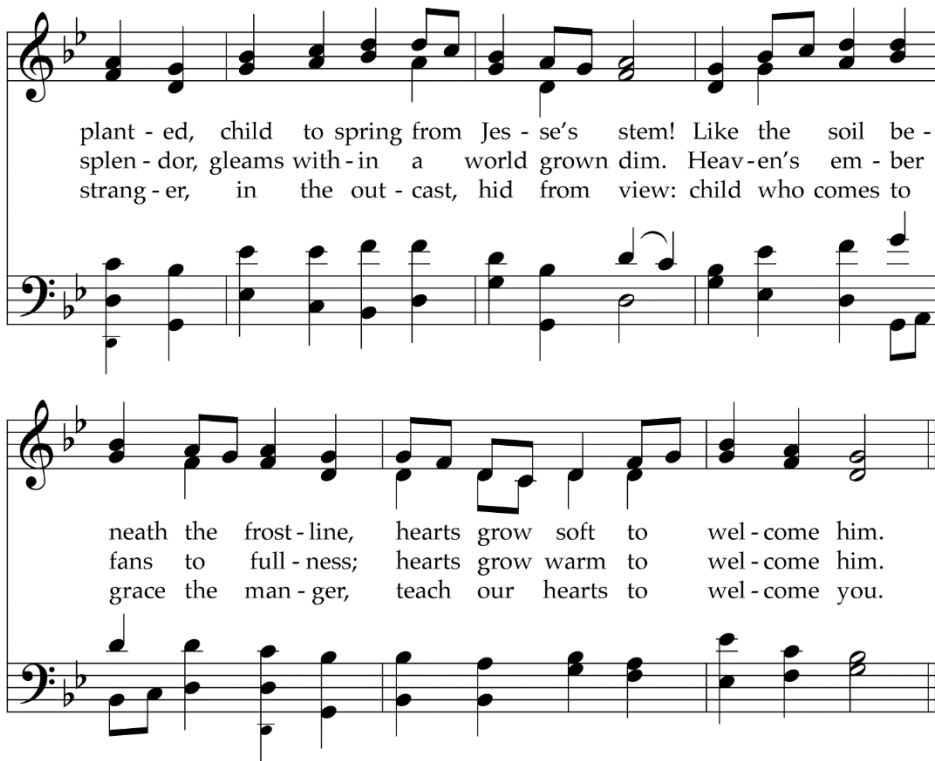
1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of



grow - ing thin. Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten
drift a - way. Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness
wis - dom's seed, come to bless with fire and fra - grance



to the stir - ring, faint with - in: seed of prom - ise, deep - ly
shines the hope of com - ing day. Christ, the morn - ing star of
hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need. In the lone - ly, in the



plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem! Like the soil be -
splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim. Heav - en's em - ber
strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view: child who comes to

neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we are busy with many preparations. We are busy with parties, with feasts, with giving. We are busy cleaning house and wrapping presents. We are busy with the stuff of the holiday. And we confess that our busyness may be misplaced, that we spend more time preparing for things than preparing for You. Draw us back to the center which is You. Remind us that our hearts and souls have work to do, too. Enable us to let go of that which does not matter, and to see what does matter. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time of Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Friends, this is the Good News:
In Christ, God brought us back to our true home, to hope, to love, and to life.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.
Thanks be to God.

*GLORIA

GLORIA (TAIZE)

*Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!*

PASSING THE PEACE

SOLO

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Phillip Collister-Murray, soloist

arr. William Cutter

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

GOD'S STORY

Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:3b-6, 17-19

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous — therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden. Before him went pestilence, and plague followed close behind. He stopped and shook the earth; he looked and made the nations tremble. The eternal mountains were shattered; along his ancient pathways the everlasting hills sank low.

Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, and makes me tread upon the heights.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Wait for It

Pastor Mark

HYMN #89

For You, O Lord, My Soul in Stillness Waits
Remain seated for the hymn.

MY SOUL IN STILLNESS

The soloist will sing the verses. Please join in each refrain.

For You, O Lord, My Soul 89

in Stillness Waits

My Soul in Stillness Waits



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayer there will be a time for you to give voice to your own prayers, after which the leader will say, “Lord, in your mercy,” or “Lord, we give thanks,” and the entire congregation responds, “Hear our prayer.”

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.

DEDICATION OF OUR 2023 PLEDGES AND INTENTIONS

OFFERING

*We offer our time, talent and treasure in gratitude to God. Thank you for your gifts in support of our shared ministry. For your convenience, we offer these electronic giving options (fees involved):
Use PayPal @RolandParkChurch or Text RPPC to 73256 and follow prompts.*

Offertory Creator of the Stars of Night (Hymn #84) CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM
Chancel Choir

*Doxology (Hymn #606) OLD HUNDRETH
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #105 People, Look East BESANÇON
The choir will sing verse 3 alone.

105

People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an-nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



Peo - ple, look
 a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.



east and sing to - day:

Peo - ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo - ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Following today's service you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship.

***SENDING MUSIC**

O Come, O Come Emmanuel (Refrain)

VENI EMMANUEL

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - - u - el shall come to thee, O I - - sra - el.

POSTLUDE

Tocatta on "O Come, O Come, Emanuel"
 Esther Lee, organ

arr. Thomas Helmore

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TODAY

We look to our Lord for strength and healing. We look to each other to see our Lord in action. We remember all those in harm's way, those recovering from natural disasters, refugees and people in conflict, and facing new challenges. Among our church family: the friends and loved ones of Joan Buttner, Sharon Halm, Sandy Budd (daughter-in-law of Margaret Budd), Ruth Billet, the community of Roland Park and David & Danny Guillaume along with the staff and children of Kay Papa Nou & Unity House.

IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

December 4, 2022
10:30 AM Worship

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

For Such a Time as This

Esther 4: 1-17



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2. In the sanctuary, connect your device wifi to the network: AudioFetchExpress
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