

Advent 2025

November 30, 2025

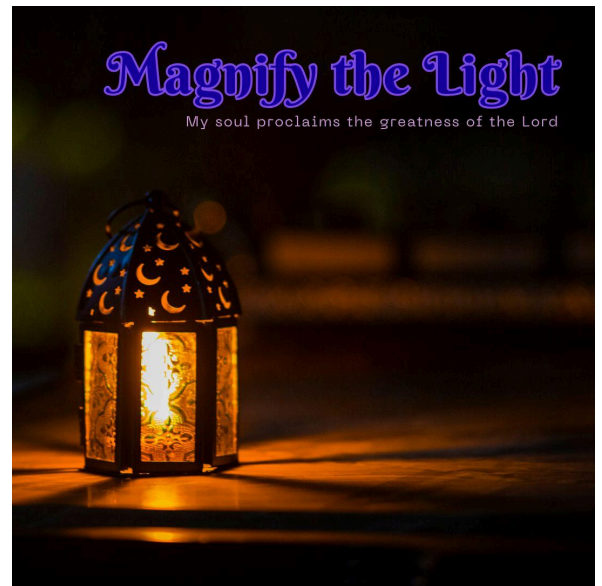
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Gather

Welcome

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Jane's Note: God is gender-neutral. We invite you to use the word "God" or "Love" whenever you see gendered pronouns.



Centering Advent Poem

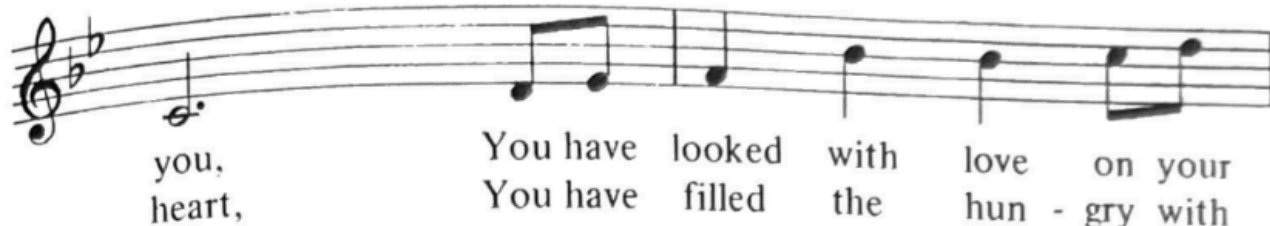
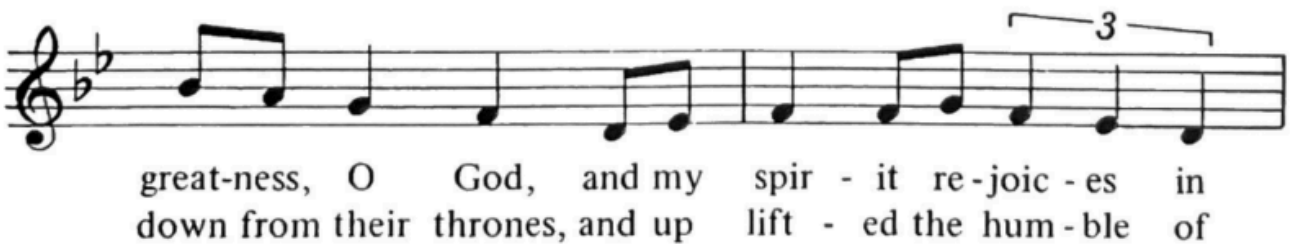
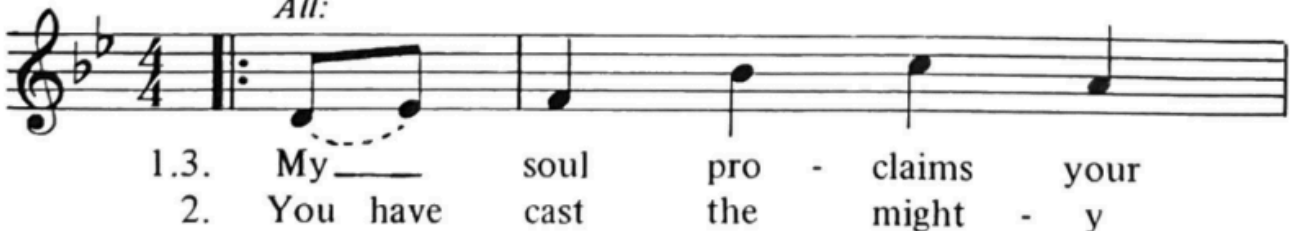
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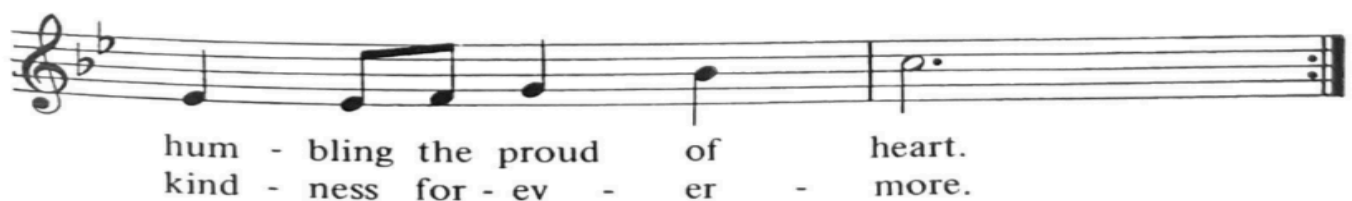
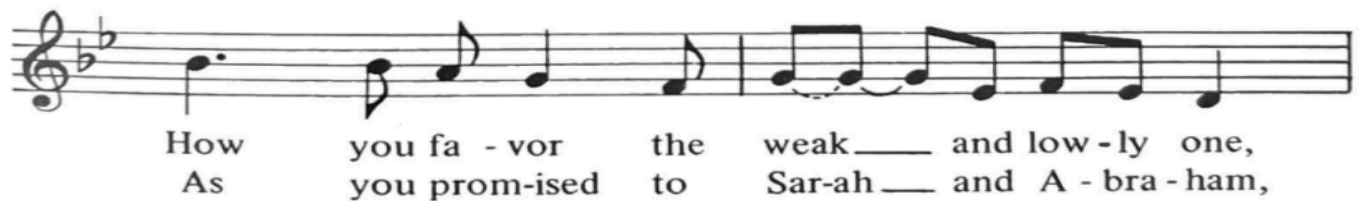
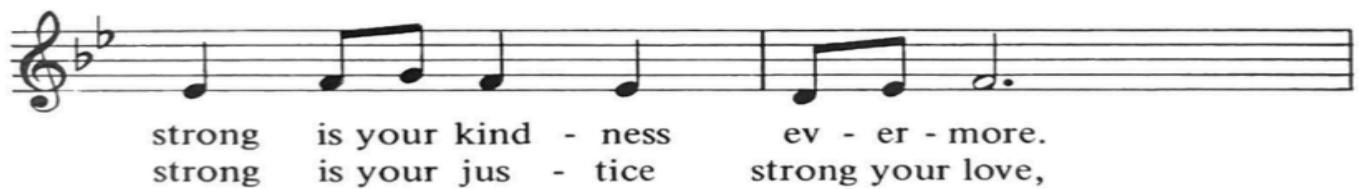
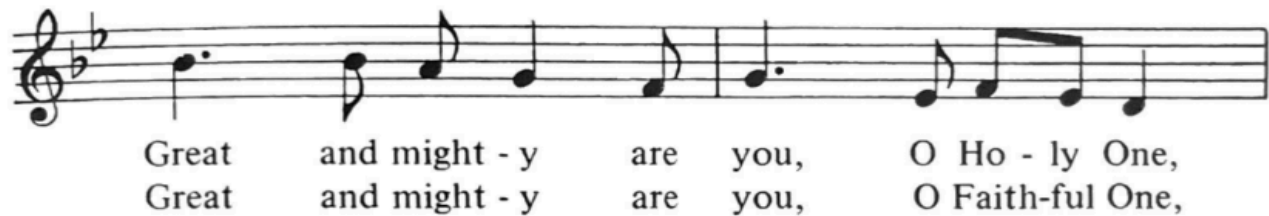
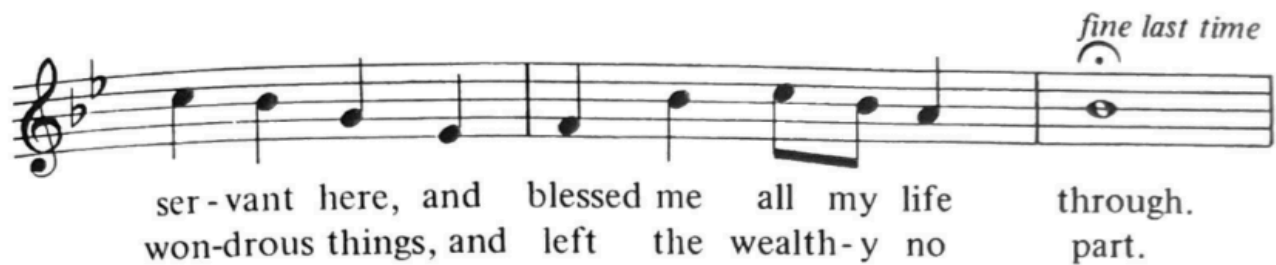
Gathering Song *The Magnificat*

The Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55

All:





Confession and Forgiveness

Long-expected God,
we confess that we look to ourselves
for the peace and security only you
can provide.

We reach for swords and spears,
reluctant to release our grip on the
ways of war.

We become impatient while waiting
and weary of keeping awake.

Free us from self-reliance,
and teach us to live in harmony with
our neighbors.

Increase our trust in God's timing,

and awaken us to your advent among
us,
that we may abound in the hope you
have promised,

and magnify the Light.
Amen.

Word

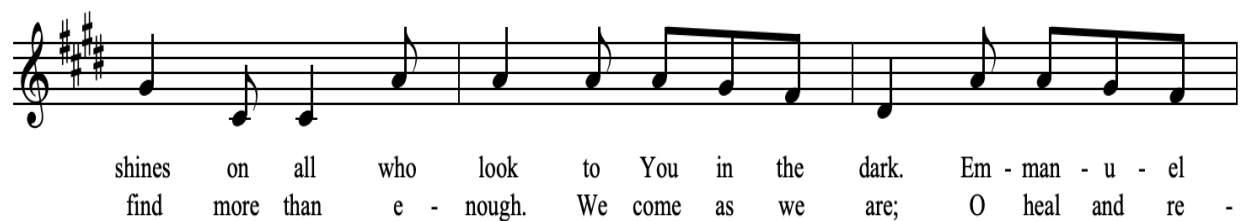
Children's Message and Lighting the Advent Wreath

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People *Thanks be to God*

Advent Canticle: Come Light Our Hearts *Sandra McCracken*



Gospel

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to

Glory to you, O Lord

Gospel is read

This is the Gospel, the Good News, of Jesus Christ. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Reflection + Conversation

Statement of Affirmation: A Celtic Creed (*Iona Abbey: Wild Goose Publications*)

**We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth, of the entire spectrum of humanity.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree.**

A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

**He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,
and His kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life.**

Amen

Prayers of the People

Each petition will end with

God empower us to: **Magnify the Light**

Savior of the nations..because we know: **You love it when we pray. Amen**

Peace The Peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Call to Offering: Give thanks with a grateful heart and let us prepare our hearts to be the place where God and human become one.



Call to Offering *Every investment in Beloved Community helps us to do and be Love in the world. Thank you! You can use the QR code to go to our online giving page at Breeze Church Management
Or you can text to give at 715-233-8600; just text "give"*

*All Offerings can go into the offering plates **or** the buckets. Our children often go around with buckets. 1st Sunday of month any loose offering goes to our discretionary funds; all other Sundays it goes toward Beloved Community + our ministries.*

Giving Song *Advent Begins in the Darkness*

♩. = 45

1. Ad - vent be - gins in the dark - ness of night, wait - ing and
 2. Ad - vent be - gins with our dreams yet de - ferred. Love sounds ri -
 3. Ad - vent be - gins in op - pres - sion's do - main, marked by the
 4. Ad - vent goes on till the prom - ised dawn breaks, ty - rants are

watch - ing for signs of a light, walk - ing in
 dic - u - lous; prayer seems ab - surd. But in the
 cries of con - fu - sion and pain. Yet hope is
 top - pled, and God's dream a - wakes. Hope is per -

faith that a path will ap - pear, dar - ing to
 midst of life's cen - ter - less maze, we lift to -
 kin - dled where jus - tice is done, mer - cy is
 fect - ed and faith is made sight. Love is our

1.-3.

fol - low in spite of our fear.
 geth - er our pro - test of praise.
 nur - tured and peace is be - gun.
 cen - ter and Christ is our

4.

light.

Holy Communion: The Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to the One who created us. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

...in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

... who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, **"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.**

After supper, he took the cup of wine. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying: **"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."**

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

...holy and undivided trinity, now and forever. And all God's people say: **Amen.**

**Our loving God in heaven,
holy is your name.**

May your reign 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, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Alleluia.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

At Beloved Community, all are invited to the Communion Table. You may come and receive our blessed, gluten-free bread and blessed wine/juice OR you may receive a blessing (simply cross your arms on your chest). We believe that the real presence of Christ is here with us in Communion.

Communion

*Communion is an extension of Baptism. Baptism is woven into Communion.
We find and experience Jesus in both.
If you are interested in learning more about Baptism, please speak with Jane+*

Communion Song *Jesus Remember Me WOV 740*

Post Communion Prayer

**Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.**

Send

Blessings and Announcements

Blessing

May God who comes among us, Source of all Being, ☩ Beloved Son, and Holy Spirit, grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness, and good news to share today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: JEFFERSON, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Dismissal

Go in peace. Magnify the Light each and every day.

Thanks be to God!