

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

DECEMBER 18, 2024 . 12:00 PM

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on In Dulci Jubilo

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: John reminds us to make room for the gift that is coming.

People: We are preparing the way of the Lord!

Minister: The light is coming into the world.

People: Thanks be to God. Let us worship the Lord. Amen!



Charles Wesley, 1744

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

People:

Gracious God, we thank you for your generous love. You provide us all that we need to say yes to you as we live with faith, hope and love. We give you thanks today for the gift of John the Baptist, the messenger that you sent who pointed people to your glorious light. Forgive us for the times and the ways that we fail to see and respond to what you are doing in our lives and our world. Renew our vision and help us follow you as we seek to help others see and experience your light. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: Hear the good news. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,

neither angels nor demons, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our

Lord. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God, Amen!

THE GOSPEL LESSON * John 1:6-8

† following the reading

Minister: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Preparing for The Light

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

O Come, Let Us Worship, from Chandos Anthem No. 8

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

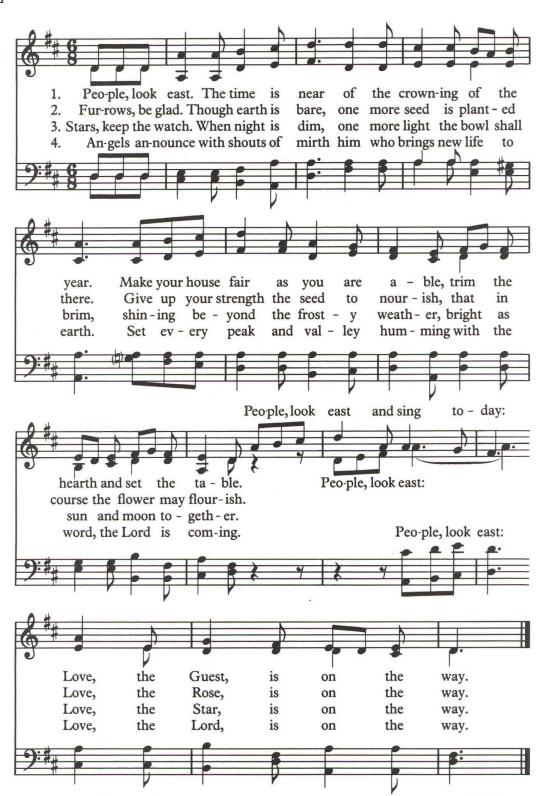
O come, let us worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our maker; for he is the Lord our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 95:6-7

William Green, tenor

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Eleanor Farjeon, 1928

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Toccata on Antioch

Craig Phillips (b. 1961)

Preaching: Rev. Daniel Ogle, Associate Minister

Music: Jonathan Easter, Guest Organist

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