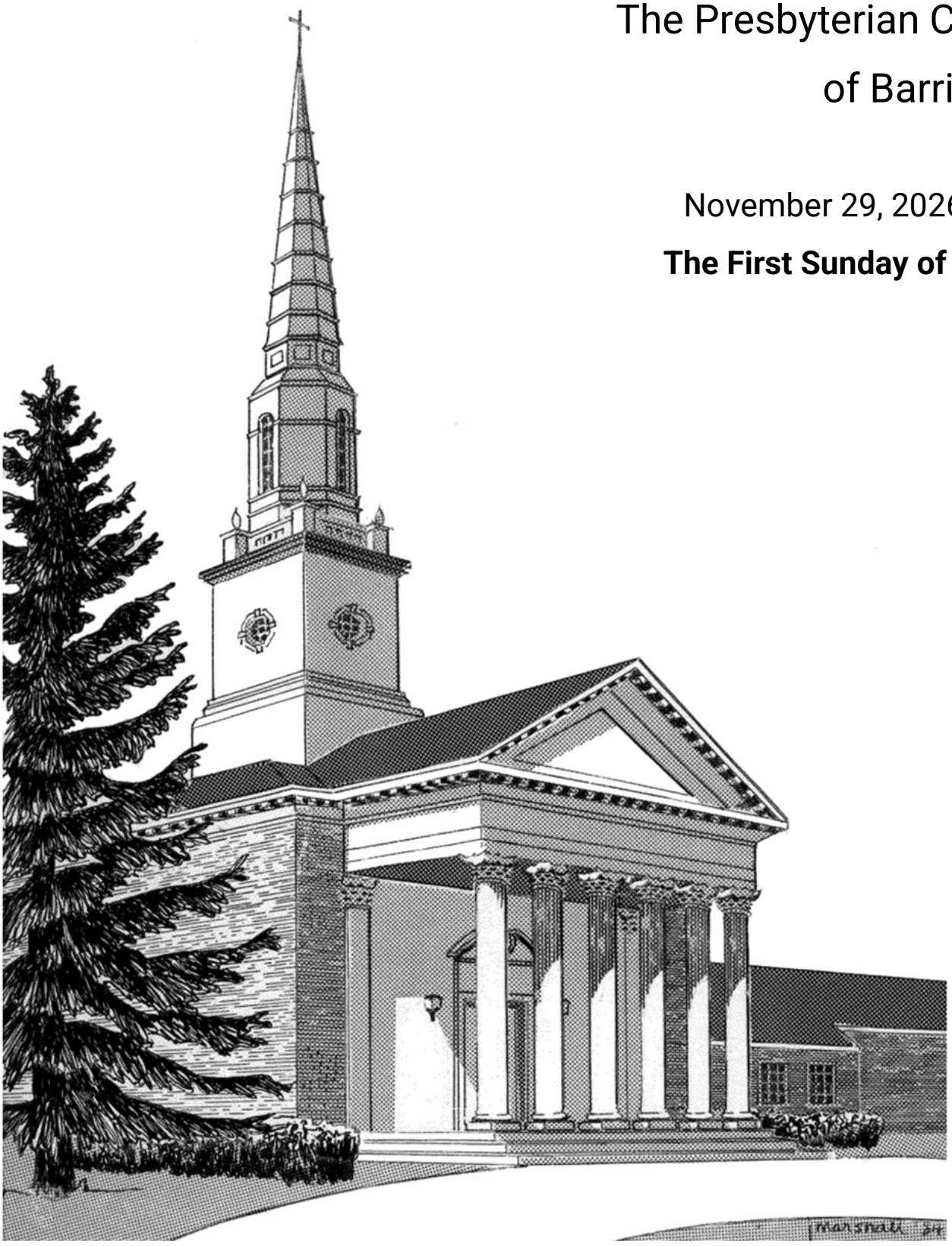
# The Presbyterian Church of Barrington

November 29, 2026 10AM

**The First Sunday of Advent**

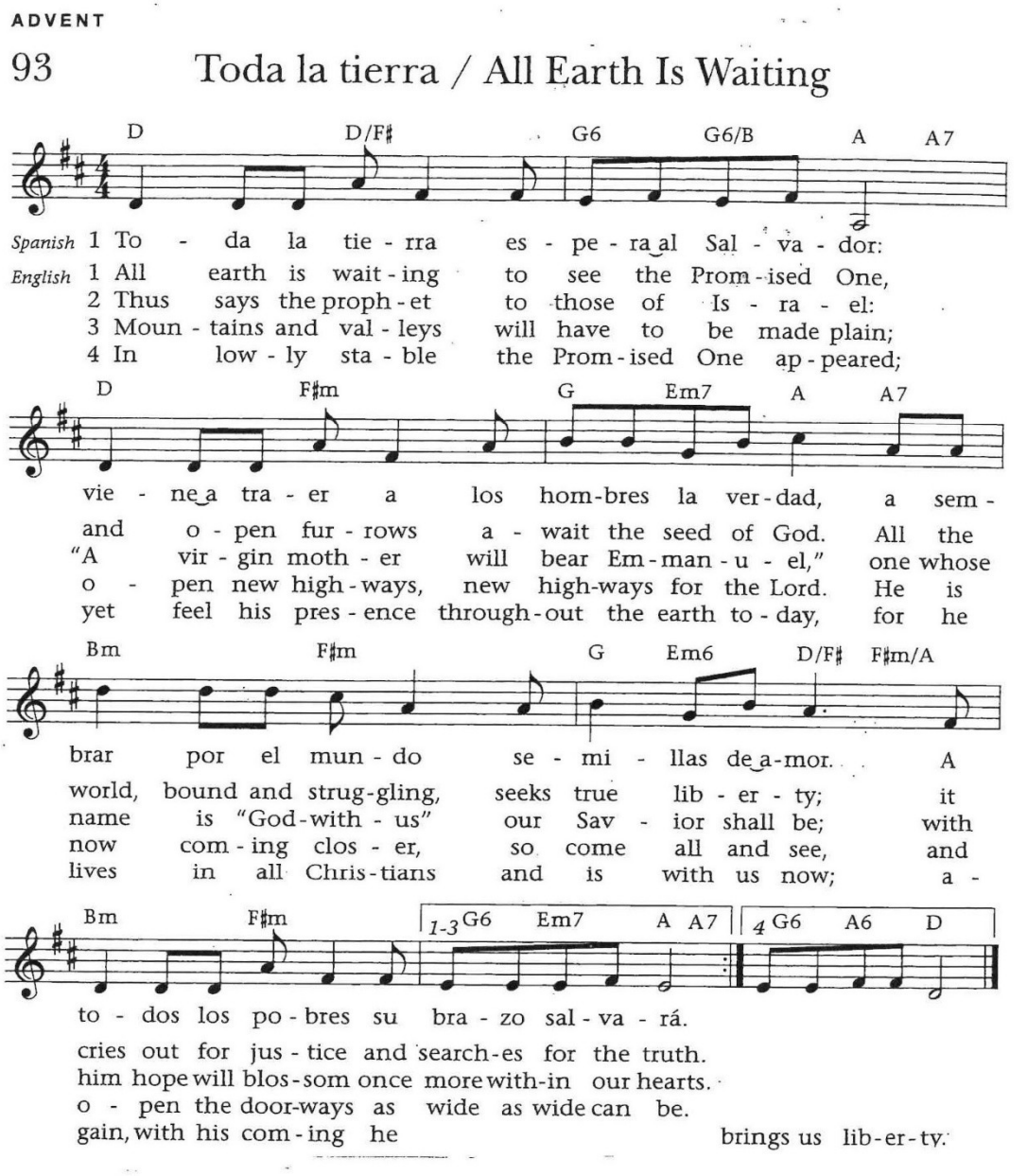


*Welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Barrington; we are glad you are here. As you prepare for worship, silence your cell phones and all electronic devices. Please note, t*his service is being streamed and recorded live.
✟indicates you are invited to stand as able.

Prelude Who Would Think That What Was Needed arr. Sandra Eithun

Welcome and Life of the Church

✟Procession of the Light All Earth is Waiting TAULÉ
Verse 1




Text: Tirso Vaquero; tr. Gertrude C. Suppe (b. 1911)
Music: Alberto Taulé (b. 1932)

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TAULÉ

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✞Lighting of the First Candle of Advent

One: We light this candle as a sign of hope of the coming light of Christ.
**All: We hear the message of hope coming from on high.**
One: But we don't just look up, for the way God works is to plant more hope right here on earth.
**All: There are angels among us just like it was with Jesus' birth.**
One: As the angel said, "Do not be afraid."
**All: We will not be afraid, for the Lord Christ himself will come among us to bring us hope on earth.**

✞Hymn 88 O Come, O Come Emmanuel VENI EMMANUEL

✞Time of Confession

**All: Redeeming God, we confess that waiting is difficult when the world around us is on edge. We are impatient with each other, and too often give voice and action to our anger. And we are impatient with you, O God, waiting for a sign of hope. Forgive us. Turn our hearts to you again and show us how to act in hope for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

✞ Sung Response 113 Angels We Have Heard on High GLORIA
Refrain
**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**
**Gloria in excelsis Deo!**

✞Sharing God's Peace

Time with Young Disciples
*Children of any age are invited to come forward.*

Scripture Reading Luke 1:5-25, 57-66 (edited) *The Message*

ONE: This the word of God for the people of God.
**ALL: Thanks be to God**

Anthem Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes Mark Sirett

Message Angels Among Us: Make Ready a People David Ezekiel

✞Hymn 138 Who Would Think That What Was Needed WHITE ROSETTES

Morning Prayer and 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.**

Invitation to Share our Offerings

Offertory Carol of the Bells arr. Andrea Handley

✞ Sung Response 144 In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM
Verse 4

**What can I give him poor as I am?**
**If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.**
**If I were a wiseman, I would do my part;**
**Yet what I can I give him: give my heart.**

✞Offertory Prayer

✞Hymn 105 People, Look East BENSANÇON

✞Benediction

Postlude Gloria arr. Wayne L. Wold

**Leading in Worship this Morning**

Preaching Pastor: David Ezekiel | Liturgist: Children & Youth
Director of Music: Kirsten Hedegard | Organist: Andrew Luzwick
Time with Young Disciples: Raechel Sowa
AV: Cooper Dale, Tija Franklin & Heather Layne

***Please note:***

*Large print hymns and scripture readings are available. Just ask an usher.*
*T-Coil service is provided for those needing hearing enhancement.*
*Do stay for Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following Worship.*
*Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month.*
*In this church, everyone is welcome at Christ's table.*

# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**WELCOME**

We are delighted you are here today. If you are our guest today, more information about the church may be found at the table near Fellowship Hall.

**CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

If you are visiting with us today and have children, use the QR code to learn about our worship and how your children are welcomed and included.

**ALL AGES FAITH FORMATION**

Today, a Simple Stable for the Birth of the King.

- Want to take a deeper dive into the history of the creche? Join Robert Riley in the parlor.
- A family friendly discussion and activity is in Fellowship Hall.

Both are open to all ages and an opportunity to learn together.

Next Sunday, **December 6th:** Meet Elizabeth

- Grab a cup of coffee and gather at the tables to meet a woman who waited a long time for a child. We will learn about Elizabeth while decorating gingerbread houses that we will gift to our homebound friends.

**Family-to-Family Holiday Giving Program**

Help fulfill holiday wishes for Christopher House families by purchasing gifts or gift cards. Select a family in Fellowship Hall after worship through **Dec. 6**. Label all gifts with the **family code** and place them under the tree in the Parlor by **Wednesday, Dec. 9** for our Dec. 12 delivery. Please leave your gifts under the tree in the Parlor. If you have any questions or would like to sign up for a family, please email Jodie Harmsen at jodie.harmsen@gmail.com

**Holiday Joy, December 13, 3:00 pm**
Music on the Hill performance and carol singing with choir, brass, and bells, followed by holiday cookie reception.

**GIVING**
There are several ways you can financially support the ministries of this church:



E-giving via the provided QR code
Zelle: use accounting@pcbarrington.org
Place your gift in the offering plate!
Mail your gift to the church office.
Stock transfers and QCDs, please call the church office.
However you choose to give, it is very much appreciated and will be used wisely.

**2027 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN - A JOY TO BEHOLD**
Thank you for your gifts of all kinds to the church! Your support has made for a dynamic 2026 at PCB. Let's work together to keep the momentum going in 2027. If the church has your mailing address, then a letter about the Session-approved 2027 budget from your Finance & Stewardship Committee should have recently arrived. In the next week, you will receive your invitation to consider a 2027 pledge.

If you wish to pre-pay part or all of your 2027 pledge or gift before the end of December (for tax, RMD, QCD, or any other reason), please feel free to do so and note it is for 2027. If you want to make a gift of stock, please contact Patti Fugle in the office (847-381-0975 or patti@pcbarrington.org).

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Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Raechel Sowa

Scripture Reading Luke 1:5-25, 57-80

**The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold**

5 In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named
Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was
descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth.
6 Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly
according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. 7 But
they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were
getting on in years.
8 Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's
turn of duty, 9 he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the
priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. 10 Now
at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people
was praying outside. 11 Then there appeared to him an angel of the
Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12 When
Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. 13 But
the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has
been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name
him John. 14 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at
his birth, 15 for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never
drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with
the Holy Spirit. 16 He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord
their God. 17 With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to
turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the
wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the
Lord." 18 Zechariah said to the angel, "How can I know that this will
happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years."
19 The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I
have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. 20 But
now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in
their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these
things occur."
21 Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering at
his delay in the sanctuary. 22 When he did come out, he was unable to

speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak.
23 When his time of service was ended, he returned to his home.
24 After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, 25 "This is what the Lord has done for me in this time, when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

**The Birth of John the Baptist**

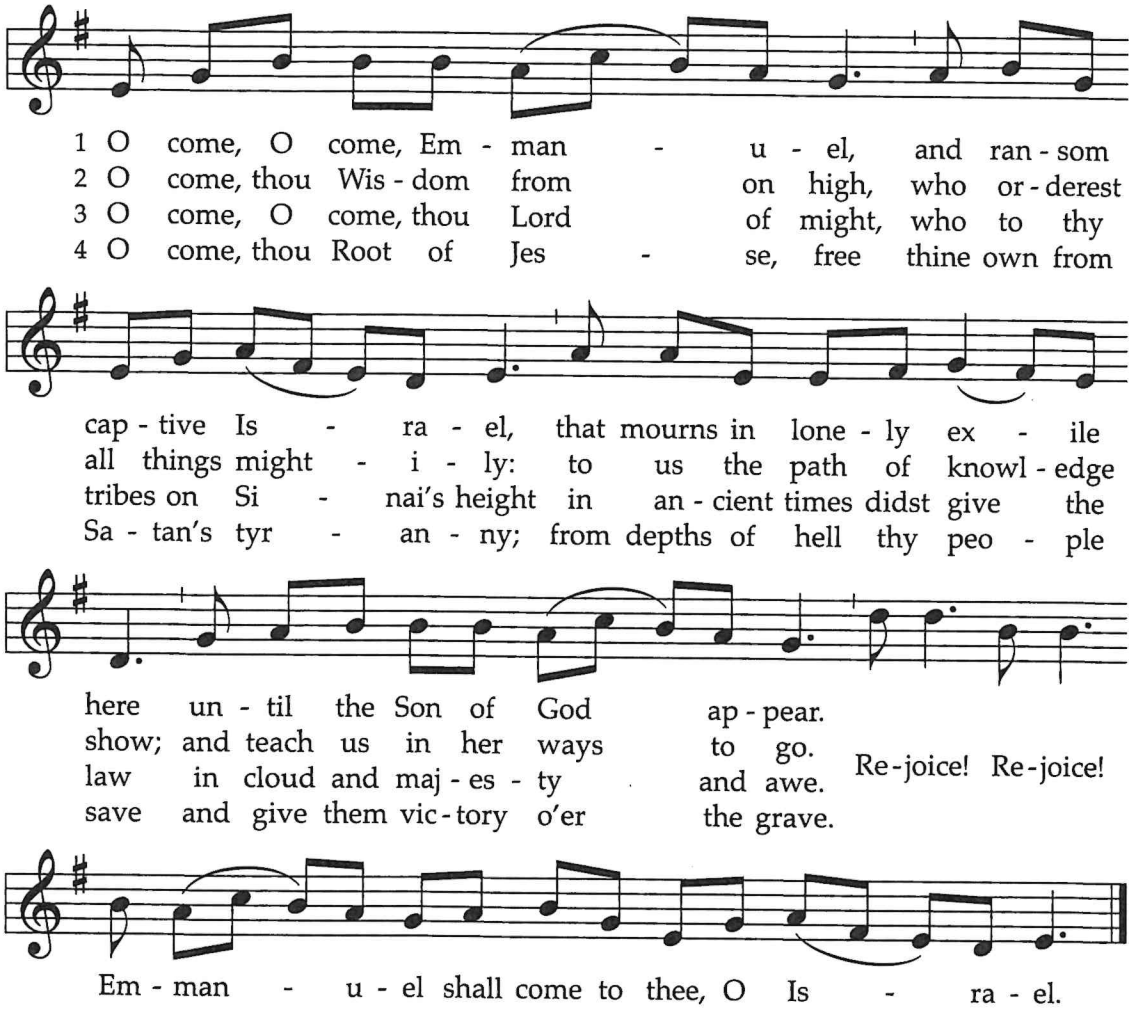
57 Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son.
58 Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.
59 On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. 60 But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." 61 They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." 62 Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. 63 He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed.
64 Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. 65 Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. 66 All who heard them pondered them and said, "What then will this child become?" For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

**Zechariah's Prophecy**

67 Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:
68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has looked favorably on[a] his people and redeemed them.
69 He has raised up a mighty savior[b] for us
in the house of his child David,
70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors
and has remembered his holy covenant,
73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,
to grant us 74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,
might serve him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness
in his presence all our days.
76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,
77 to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
78 Because of the tender mercy of our God,
the dawn from on high will break[c] upon[d] us,
79 to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace."
80 The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the
wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel




5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

7 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.

*One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:*

*Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)*
*Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)*
*Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)*
*Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)*
*Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)*
*Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)*
*Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)*

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

TEXT: Latin prose, pre-9th cent.; trans. composite
MUSIC: Plainsong; adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1852; arr. John Weaver, 1988
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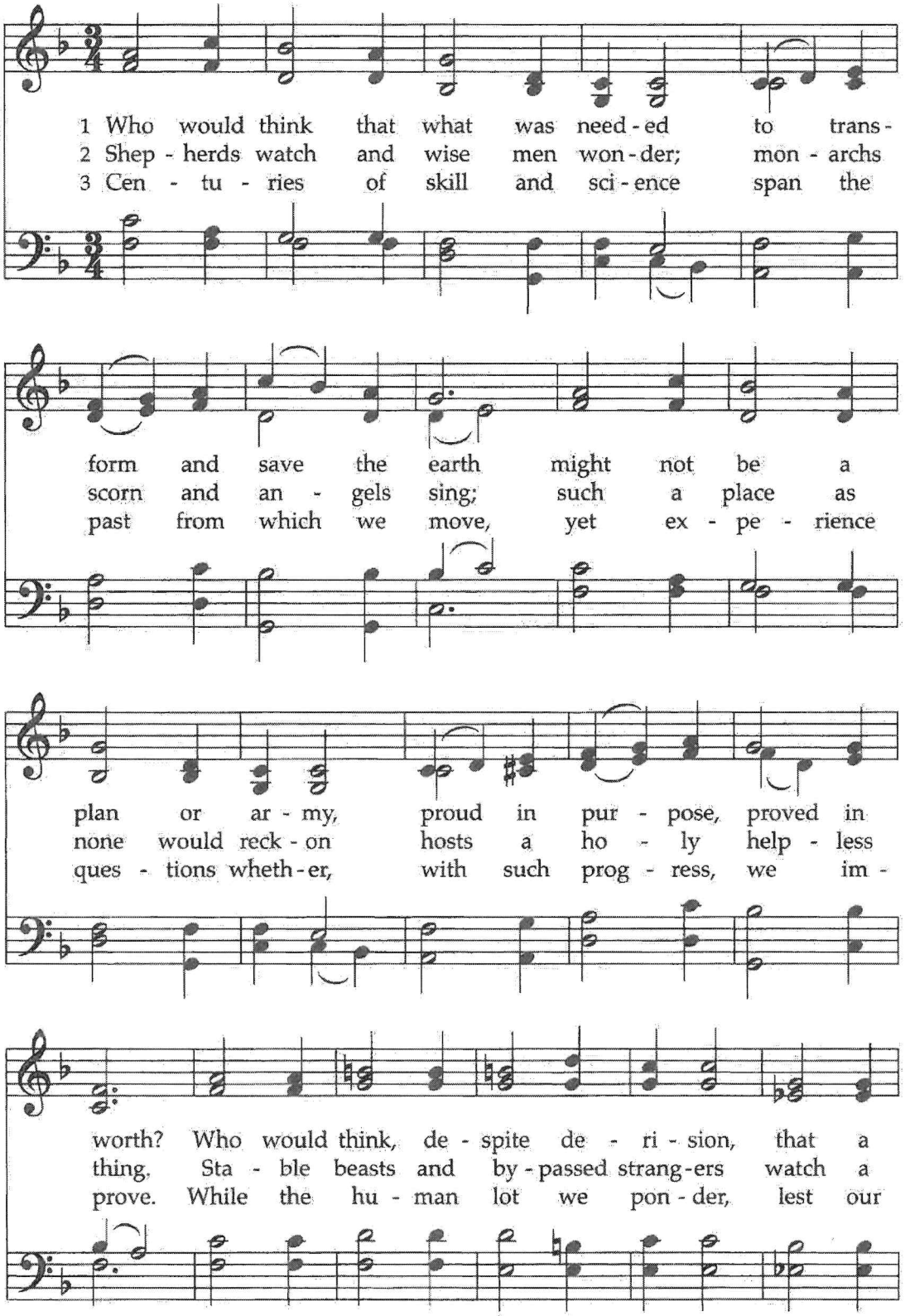
VENI EMMANUEL
LM with refrain

# 138 Who Would Think That What Was Needed




Hindsight is nearly always clearer than foresight, and with gentle good humor this Christmas hymn points out how great was the gap between human expectation and God's actual way of providing a means of salvation for us. God's ways continually exceed our claims to comprehend them.

TEXT: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1987
MUSIC: John L. Bell, 2005
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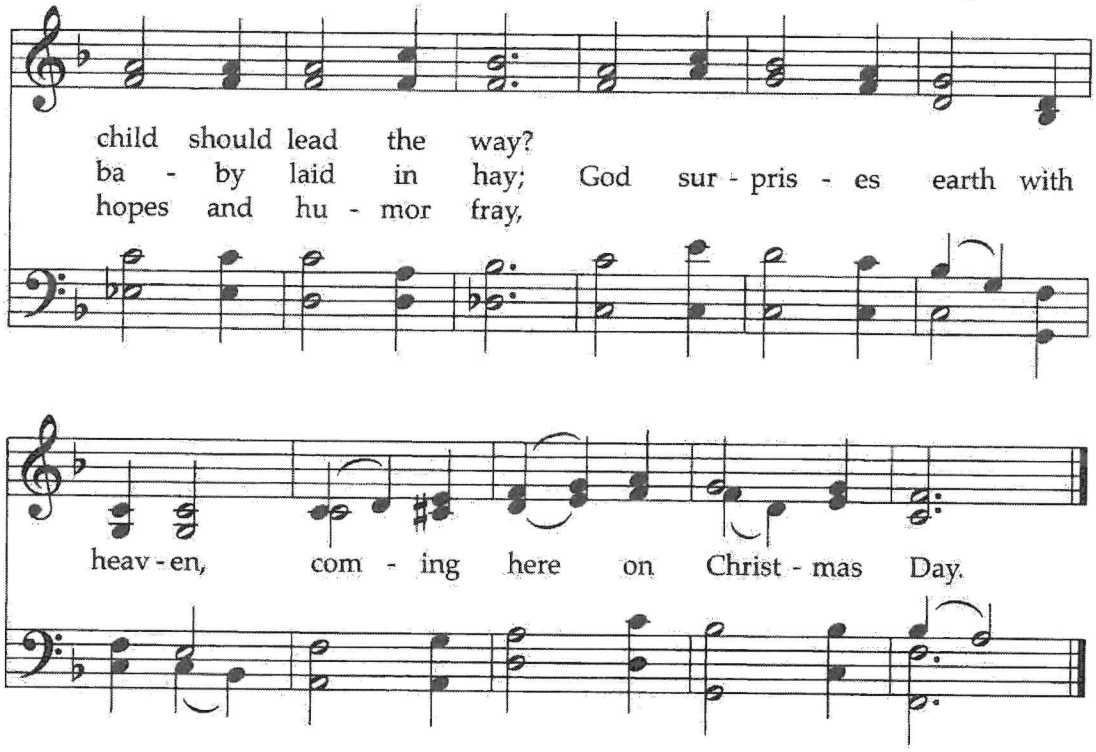
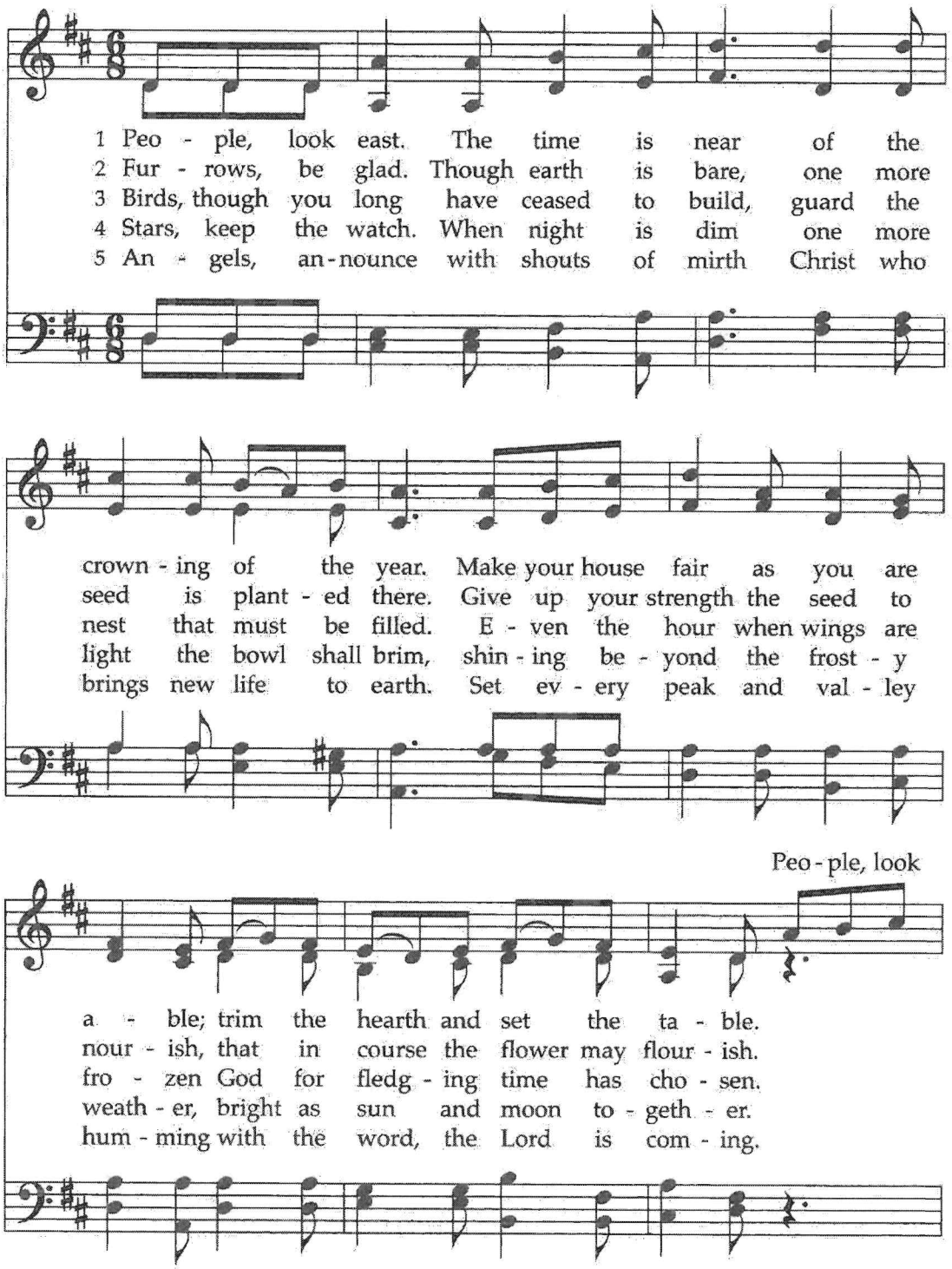

child should lead the way?
ba - by laid in hay; God sur - pris - es earth with
hopes and hu - mor fray,
heav - en, com - ing here on Christ - mas Day.

# 105 People, Look East




This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928, alt.
MUSIC: French folk melody; harm. Martin Shaw, 1928
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BESANÇON
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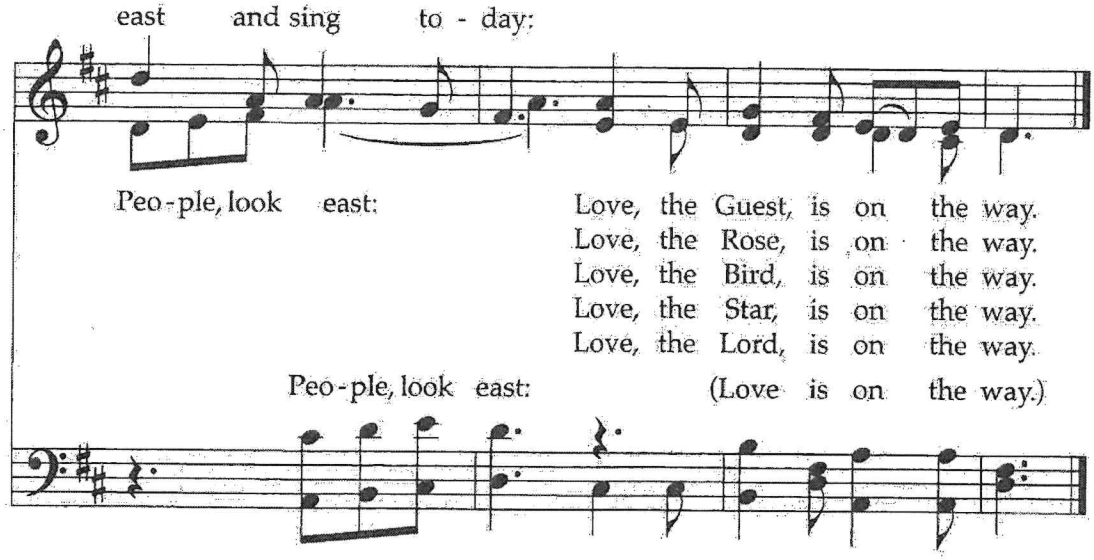
east and sing to - day:
Peo - ple, look east:
Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Bird, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.
Peo - ple, look east:
(Love is on the way.)