

**PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**December 20, 2020**

*The Fourth Sunday  
of Advent*

Order of Worship 10:30 am

**GATHERING**



Welcome and Announcements  
Minute for Mission  
Time of Silence  
Prelude

Sing We Now of Christmas  
Catherine Johnson and Jill Schubert, handbells  
Will Benton, piano

Kevin McChesney

Choral Introit Prepare the Way of the Lord

Call to Worship (Isaiah 35:1-3, 5-7a, 9-10)

Let the wilderness and dry lands exult,  
Let the wasteland rejoice and bloom.

**Let it bring forth flowers like the crocus,  
Let it rejoice and sing for joy.**

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed upon it,  
The splendor of Carmel and Sharon,

**They shall see the glory of God,  
The splendor of our God.**

Strengthen all weary hands,  
Steady all trembling knees.

**The eyes of those blind shall be opened,  
the ears of those deaf unsealed,  
The lame shall leap like a deer,  
And the tongues of the dumb sing for joy.**

For water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland,

**The scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.**

No lion will be there,  
nor any fierce beast roam about it,  
but the redeemed will walk there,  
for those whom God has ransomed shall return.

**They will come to Zion shouting for joy-  
everlasting joy on their faces-  
joy and gladness will go with them,  
and sorrow and lament be ended.**

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Hymn No. 129

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

## Call to Confession

## Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord God, we confess that in spite of our longings, we are not ready for your kingdom of love and joy to be established among us. We still turn away from other's suffering; we still postpone caring for your gift of creation; we still tolerate violence and division, and take too lightly the burdens of making peace. Forgive us, O God, for our unreadiness. Convict us in those places where we need to change. Awaken us once more to your presence among us, and make us signs of the coming victory of your mercy; through Jesus Christ, the child of your love and the brother to our hopes.**  
(moment for silent prayer)

## Declaration of Forgiveness

Friends, this is the good news: The Word has become flesh and dwelt among us. Let Christ's light shine in the darkest corner of your life. Let Christ's love shine in the darkest corners of our world.

**Thanks be to God! Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus!**

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## Hymn No. 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

## Lighting the Advent Candle of Love

Emma McDonald and Delaney Bookhardt

## Advent Hymn (bulletin, page 4)

Light the Candle

Jaroslav J. Vajda

## THE WORD

## Welcoming the Children

The children's bulletin is available on the plpc.org and in the Park Lake Up2Date weekly email.

## Blessing of Children No. 145 (v. 1)

What Child Is This?

## Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-29

Pew Bible, N.T. 53

## Sermon

God With Us: Let Heaven and Nature Sing

Dr. Helen DeBevoise

## Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed (ecumenical version)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offertory

Angels Visit When We Sing

Music by Tom Trenney  
Words by Thomas H. Troeger

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

### SENDING

Hymn No. 134

Joy to the World

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

A Christmas Benediction

Music by David Eddleman  
Words by Jared Jacobsen

Congregational Meeting

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### Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 20, 2020 Immediately following worship (11:30 a.m.)

This congregational meeting is for the purpose of electing church officers. The congregational nominating committee will nominate these individuals to serve as an elder for Park Lake Presbyterian Church in the class 2023: John Bowers, Jane Callahan, Pam Coburn, Lynne Long, Barbara Martin, and David Simmons. You may participate in the Congregational Meeting either in-person or on zoom. Preregistration for zoom meeting is required, please find the link in the weekly Park Lake Up2Date email.

**Thank you** to our volunteers for making our sanctuary and grounds so special for the Advent and Christmas Season! A special thanks to Evie Park and her team of volunteers for coordinating the hanging of the greens - John Franklin, John Rachey, Sue Bond, Brett Hampton, Matt Cook, Keith Bridges, Kelsey Francis, Aaron Hull, Pam Ferrin, Dan and Helen DeBevoise.

**Thank you** to our Livestream Audio/Visual Team, John DiSalvo, Will DiSalvo, John Bowers, and Matt Cook, and to our music team Robb Ross, Will Benton and the Chancel Choir Section Leaders, our Ushers and Session members who have assisted in worship today.

### End of the Year Giving

**We are grateful for any year end gifts you are able to make to Park Lake Presbyterian Church.** Many people make special year end gifts as a part of their financial plans. **Gifts must be postmarked by Thursday, December 31, 2020 or received in the church office by 2:00 on December 30, 2020. The church office will be open Wednesday, December 30, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, if you would like to drop off an end of the year contribution.**

# Light the Candle

Joroslav J. Vajda

Carl Schalk

**Gently**



Light the can-dle of HOPE to-day, the Giv-er of hope will come!\_\_\_\_  
Light the can-dle of PEACE to-day, the Giv-er of peace is here!\_\_\_\_  
Light the can-dle of JOY to-day, the Giv-er of joy is here!\_\_\_\_  
5 Light the can-dle of LOVE to-day, the Giv-er of love is here!\_\_\_\_



Wel-come the hope we long and wait for, but on - ly Christ can give.\_\_\_\_  
Wel-come the peace we fight and cry for, but on - ly Christ can give.\_\_\_\_  
Wel-come the joy we crave and pray for, but on - ly Christ can give.\_\_\_\_  
9 Wel-come the love we life and die for, but on - ly Christ can give.\_\_\_\_



Flick-er and flame and glow\_ with hope, light up the world a - round you.  
Flick-er and flame and glow\_ with peace, light up the world a - round you.  
Flick-er and flame and glow\_ with joy, light up the world a - round you.  
13 Flick-er and flame and glow\_ with love, light up the world a - round you.



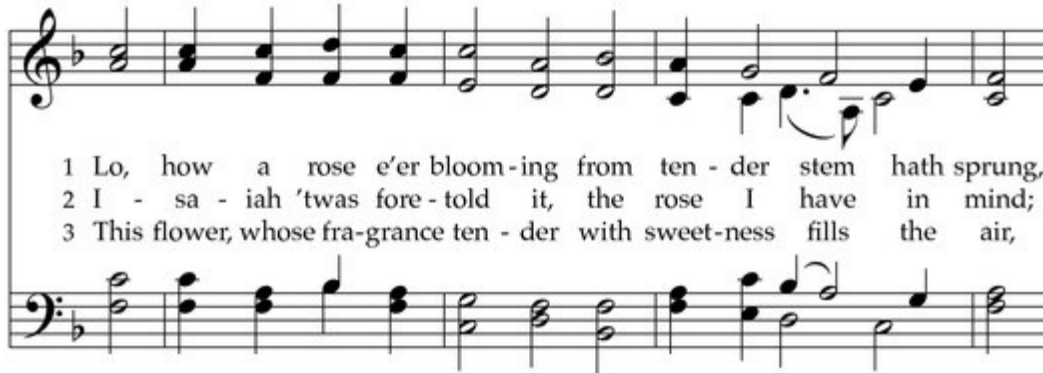
Flick - er and flame and glow\_ with hope, light up the world a -  
Flick - er and flame and glow\_ with peace, light up the world a -  
Flick - er and flame and glow\_ with joy, light up the world a -  
16 Flick - er and flame and glow\_ with love light up the world a -



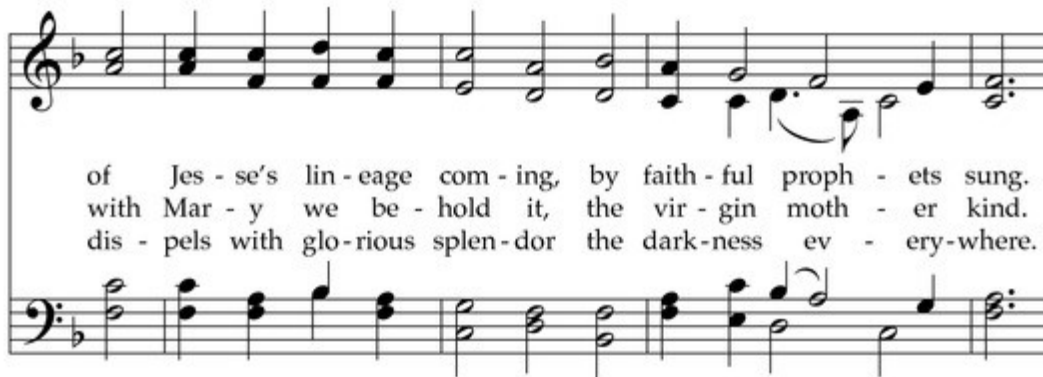
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## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 129



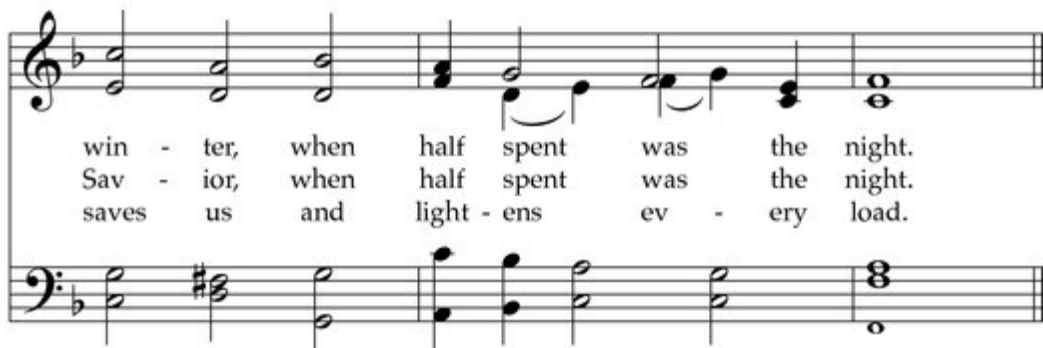
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;  
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,



of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung.  
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.  
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where.



It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of  
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a  
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he



win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.  
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.

# 134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs  
 3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -

her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,  
 em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
 the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow  
 tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture  
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his  
 and heaven and na - ture sing,

and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.



# 2020 Poinsettia Dedications



## ***In Loving Memory of:***

My nephew, Andrew Shaw  
 My parents, Shirley and Alfred Bowers

Our daughter, Lori Anne Butler  
 Our parents, Buford and Geneva Byrd  
 Russell and Bobbie Butler

Nancy's mother, Leona Stoutamire

James S.M. Gray

Beloved mother, Mildred VonBehren

Dick and Mable Lawton

My parents, Jim and Mary Wattleworth  
 My son, Chip Long

In loving memory of Bryan Park,  
 our precious son, who is so missed!  
 Frances Wooddell and Peggy Emmons

## ***In Honor of:***

Our mothers/grandmothers, Mary (Bookhardt) Sikes  
 and Ruth Alice Rogers

Betty Jean Patton

Ruby Madsen Rogers

Jim and Diane Cook

## ***Gifts in Lieu of Plants***

## ***In Loving Memory of:***

Our fathers/grandfathers, Jesse (Jack) Bookhardt,  
 Arthur W. Heath (Building Fund)

Captain and Mrs. E.L. Madsen  
 Mr. and Mrs. John V. Rogers  
 Rev. Tommy Pritchard (Building Fund)

## ***In Honor of:***

Our family, Glynn and Katherine Kelley, Susan Kaney,  
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