

## PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Order of Worship

**December 4, 2022**  
**GATHERING**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Time of Silence

Prelude

Prelude on "Hyfrydol"

arr. Edward Good

Choral Introit

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Jacques Berthier

Call to Worship and Lighting the Advent Candle of Peace

A voice cries, "Prepare the way of the Lord." Lift every valley; lift every voice. All flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

**How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"**

We light the Advent candle of Peace.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

\*Hymn No. 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

pew Bible, O.T. pg. 602

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we hear the call to repentance, but we struggle to respond.**

**We have grown comfortable putting ourselves first at others' expense.**

**We resist admitting wrong and acknowledging harm we have caused.**

**You seek to purify us in love, but we choose to trust our self righteousness.**

**We are afraid to see how the way we view ourselves is distorted, bending to a sense of our own goodness at the expense of the truth.**

**Our sin leads us away from you, away from life. Look with mercy upon us.**

**Clear a place within us so that something new might be born, something that might return us to the way you have shown us in Jesus Christ.**

(Time of silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*Hymn of Response No. 96

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

## THE WORD

Scripture Reading

Matthew 3:1-13

pew Bible, N.T. pg. 2

### Welcoming the Children

*Following the time on the steps, children are invited to pick up a lap desk from the west side of the chancel and go sit on the floor near their families. This is PRAYground time. The children are provided with coloring and activity pages, as well as other supplies, allowing them to continue exploring today's gospel message.*

Hymn No. 115

Be Near Them Lord Jesus

*Be near them, Lord Jesus, We ask thee to stay, close by them forever and love them we pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit them for heaven to live with thee there.*

Sermon

Showing Up for Christmas: John the Baptist

Rev. Dan DeBevoise

\*Affirmation of Faith p. 17

The Apostles' Creed

Glory to God Hymnal

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, God's 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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Chancel Choir

arr. Sandra Ford

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation  
The Prayer of Thanksgiving  
The Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup  
Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

\*Hymn No. 106

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

While We Are Waiting Come  
Chancel Choir

Don Cason

Postlude

Toccata  
Will Benton, organist

David Hegarty

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**Worship Leaders today are** Revs. Dr. Dan and Helen DeBevoise, co-pastors; Robb Ross, choir director; Will Benton, organist.

**December Ushers:** John Bowers, Pam Coburn, Vic Evans, Aaron Hull, Mark Sondermann

**December Greeter:** Evie Park

# 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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.

# 96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make  
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our  
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our  
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we  
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

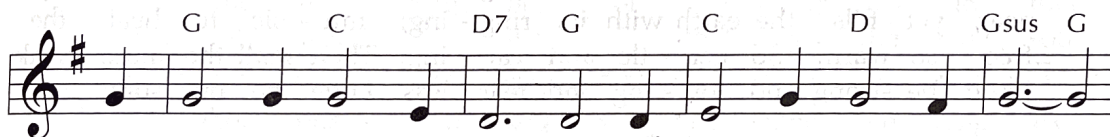
for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!  
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.  
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

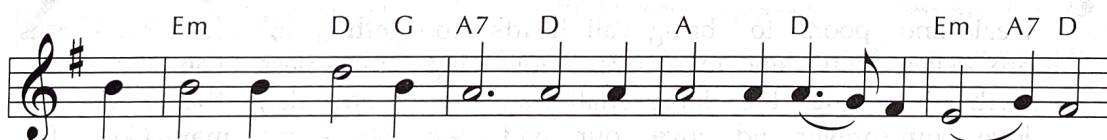
# Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



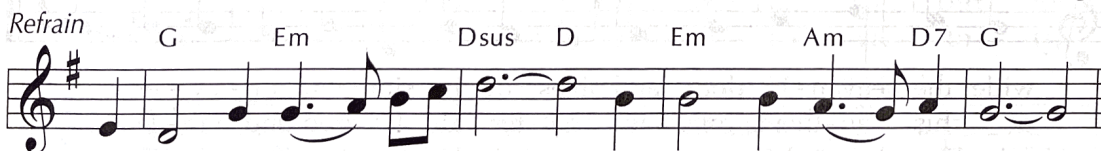
1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3–5 and Psalm 24:7–10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812; rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1958;  
 adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt.

MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930  
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BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN  
 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain