

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (Traditional English Carol, arr. Larry Sue) - Handbells

Opening Sentences - Wendy

Hymn 84: "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Wendy

Lighting of the Advent Candles: The Candle of Peace

Anthem: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (17th Century French tune, arr. John Ferguson) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir/Handbells

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology - DeeAnn

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors) - Pastor Mark

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 - Rachel

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Sermon: "BEYOND THE PROMISE" - Pastor Mark

Hymn 89: "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response 575 (v. 3): "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name" - DeeAnn et al.

Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night; turn thou for us its darkness into light; from harm and danger keep Thy children free, for dark and light are both alike to Thee.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller, Rachel Gehres, Wendy Kushion,
Handbell Quintet, Chancel Choir

THE TRIUNE GOD

84

Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Isaiah 40:1-8

Johann Olearius, 1611-1684

Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

Genevan Psalter, 1551

1. Com - fort, com - fort, ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus
 2. Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth In the des - ert
 3. Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er

saith our God; Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness,
 far and near, Bid - ding all men to re - pent - ance
 plac - es plain; Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - row's load. Speak ye to Je -
 Since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 As be - fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

GENEVA 42
 8.7.8.7.7.8.8

Second verse: "Bidding people to repentance"

THE TRIUNE GOD

Tell her that her sins I cov - er,
Let the val - leys rise to meet Him
And all flesh shall see the to - ken

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melody line with notes and rests. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.

And her war - fare now is o - ver.
And the hills bow down to greet Him.
That His word is nev - er bro - ken. A - men.

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.

O God of power and might, Creator of light and of darkness, of the earth and the stars, speak anew to Your people gathered to worship You and sing Your praise. Like Israel of old we wait in darkness, anticipating the Light who will dawn upon us and lift us from shadowy gloom into the glowing splendor of Your presence. So, we ask You, speak to us a word of comfort, a word of hope, a word that will keep our anticipation alive as we wait for the Coming One who brings Your creative Word into our very flesh and makes us one with You. Enable us, in turn, to be bringers of comfort to those who long and wait for You, preparing the way of Your kingdom, already present and yet to come. All this we ask in the name of him whom prophets foretold, the Word who speaks comfort and hope, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Rev. Steven A. Peay, Ph.D.

THE TRIUNE GOD

89

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Haggai 2:7

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Attr. to Christian F. Witt, 1660-1716

Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715

1. Come, Thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
 2. Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, Hope of all the
 3. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and
 4. By Thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us,
 earth Thou art: Dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion,
 yet a king, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,
 hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it

Let us find our rest in Thee.
 Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne. A - men.

STUTT GART
8.7.8.7