

LIGHT and PROPHECY

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Beatrice Poljak



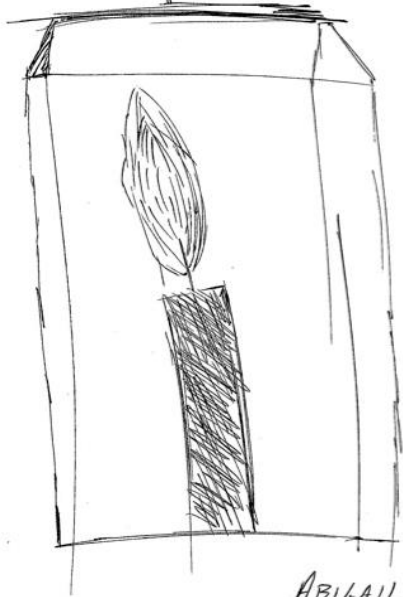
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Light and Prophecy (Hope)



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Morning Worship
First Sunday of Advent
‡ December 3, 2023 ‡ 10:30 a.m. ‡

*Please complete the Red Friendship Book and pass it to others in your pew.
Please note any concerns on the yellow prayer cards and place those in the offering plate.*

Where indicated by the asterisk (), please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

Prelude	Praise Team
Welcome	Rev. Doug Hagler
Announcements	Sarah Shulman

Passing the Peace

The Candle of Light and Prophecy

Candle Lighter

¹ In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was in the beginning with God.

³ All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being ⁴ in him was life,^[a]
and the life was the light of all people.

⁵ The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overtake it.

John 1:1-5

* Hymn # 86: "The People Who Walked in Darkness"

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Opening Prayer

by Jacqui Busch

In the cold, the beginnings of a fire.

Lord, kindle in my heart

A flame of love for my kindred

Those I know, and those I do not.

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Our kin-dom gathers, united
To worship the Lord of All.

Pass the bread and the cup,
Dance in a circle, dodging
The pets and children underfoot

Who know how to rejoice
Instinctually, those closest to
A Babe in a manger.

Beneath the blanket of winter,
All of our hopes
Sleep in safekeeping
Waiting for the One
Who will wake the dawn.

He will love the children
And the sick and downtrodden.
He will teach His people,
And give His time,
His miracles,
His life.

This Advent is a pregnant pause,
Our joy building
Candle by candle
As we wait in hope
For the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Antiphon: **The Desert Shall Rejoice**

- ¹ O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence —
- ² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil —
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence
- ³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
- ⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
- ⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself, we transgressed.
- ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- ⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
- ⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
- ⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Anthem

Poem: In the wee hours

by Jacqui Busch

In the wee hours,
When all the neighbors sleep,
The stars do not rest,
The moon lends a watchful eye

And when she cannot sleep,
Mary lays quiet and listens
To the God of the still, small voice
That is there even in between her breaths.

For God alone her soul waits in silence,
Knowing from Him comes salvation.

Any question she has,
Has God as the answer.

Antiphon: The Desert Shall Rejoice

Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Pastor Doug

- ¹ Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
- ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
- ³ A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
- ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

4. continued ...

- 5 Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”
- 6 A voice says, “Cry out!”
And I said, “What shall I cry?”
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
- 7 The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
- 8 The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.
- 9 Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Here is your God!”
- 10 See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
- 11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Leader: This is the word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Anthem: *“Mary, Did You Know”*

Spirit Journey

by Jacqui Busch

The cry of St John
Catching in Elizabeth's throat
A kick of recognition
Womb to womb

Each warm and waiting within
The comfort and bravery of Mother
Counting each day, each moon
Under the watchful eye of
A firmament made just for them.

The carpenter and his wife
Will build a new life
Nail by nail, dirt under fingers, yet

Mary and Joseph will be nomads,
And there is no use of building Him a roof,
But God will provide,
Just as He has for all of Creation.

Brave virgin and her betrothed:
She gave over her body to an angel's breath,
Carrying the most precious cargo
Over borders to a new city
Til the family sleeps in the straw.

Communion

Welcome to the Table
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

6. continued ...

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

from John Climacus, The Ladder of Divine Ascent (c. 600)

God of all good,
you are life and salvation to all—
faithful and unfaithful,
just and unjust,
pious and impious,
passionate and dispassionate,
holy and worldly,
wise and simple,
healthy and sick,
young and old.

Make us faithful and wise
in your worship and service
day by day and step by step
adding fire to fire,
fervor to fervor,
zeal to zeal,
and love to love;
in the name of Christ our Lord.

from Gelasian Liturgy (8th century)

Almighty God, you built your church
upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the cornerstone.

Join us together by their teaching,
so that we may be a holy temple
in whom your Spirit dwells.

Amen.

Blessing of the Elements

Song during Communion: “While We Are Waiting, Come” Praise Team

Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Pastor Doug

- ¹ The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me,
because the LORD has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;
- ² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
- ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion —
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
- ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
- ⁸ For I the LORD love justice,

Offering Anthem: *"The Best of Rooms"*

Prayer of Dedication

Antiphon: **The Desert Shall Rejoice**

Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Pastor Doug

- ² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness —
on them light has shined.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation,
8. *continued ...*

- you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- ⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Anthem: *“E’en So Lord Jesus Quickly Come”*

Which Day Is Jesus’s Birthday?

by Jacqui Busch

We say “Tis the Season”
Even though God is in
All seasons

We commemorate,
This time of year,
The birth of the Christ-child

Who yet always was
And always will be
Part of the the triune majesty
Of Father, Son and Holy Spirit

God of all seasons,
May we turn to you
Every day of the year

Even after the wrapping paper is put away,
When the children grow
To ask questions and find answers

In the model of Christ
Who was fully human, fully divine.

Come, Holy Spirit
Kindle in us new life

Work in us a new way of seeing:
All of us as God's children

Even those we see as the Other,
The poor, sick and marginalized,
The migrants who sleep in the hay.

And when we remember
That there is no Other and
Only unity in You,

Help us to treasure these things
In our heart forevermore.

Amen.

Antiphon: **The Desert Shall Rejoice**

Closing Prayer

from Liturgy of Malabar, 5th Century CE

Grant, O Lord Jesus,

**that the ears which have heard the voice of yours songs
may be closed to the voice of dispute;**

**that the eyes which have seen your great love
may also behold your blessed hope;**

**that the tongues which have sung your praise
may speak the truth in love;**

**that the feet which have walked in your courts
may walk in the region of light;**

**and that the bodies which have received your living body
may be restored in newness of life.**

Glory to you for your inexpressible gift.

Amen.

Hymn #107: “Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn” *see page 21*

Blessing

Postlude

Prayer Requests

Joys:

Concerns: Helen Harrop, Auggie. Jack Grocki

Upcoming Scripture Readings

- Dec. 10th: 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8
- Dec. 17th: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; Psalm 126:1-6; Luke 1:46b-55

Staff Vacations

- Dec. 31: Pastor Doug, Diane Legnini

CONFIRMATION CLASS REMINDER: Confirmands will have class today from 12:00 PM-2:00 PM. Please meet after worship in the third floor classroom for lunch and learning.

STAR TREE & CHRISTMAS DINNERS: Today is the final collection day for the Star Tree and Christmas Dinner donations. Please place items in the narthex or the main office with the number attached to your unwrapped gift bag. *Thanks from the MAC Committee elves!*

NOMINEES NEEDED: Last call! The Nominating Committee is in search of new Members At Large to serve 2024-2025. Please list your suggestions on the bulletin insert today! Completed forms can be dropped in the offering plate or in the main office.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, December 10th, at 11:45 AM (following the worship service.) The purpose of this meeting is to present the nominees for the next class of Elders and Deacons, and to vote on this slate of officers.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT GREETING CARDS: Want to support a great cause and give a unique card to a special person? Alternative Gift Greeting Cards let you do both. They make wonderful teacher gifts, stocking stuffers, and are perfect for the person who has everything. This year's choices are Heifer International, PACS, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, CWS Blankets, and Citizen Advocacy. The cards are \$5.00 each and can be purchased before and after church in the narthex, and in the church office during the week.

PROPERTY CLEAN-UP DAY: Need some exercise? Help us clean up the church grounds. For a good workout, join fellow volunteers from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM next Saturday, December 9th. Rake, sweep, trim, and beautify our property. Bring gloves, rakes, leaf blowers, tarps, and anything else that would make it easier to get leaves into a pickup truck. Many hands would be appreciated and more fun!

GOOD WORKS LUNCH PACKING: On December 9th, parents and children are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall/the kitchen to prepare and pack lunches along with our Sunday School teachers. The meals will be delivered to Good Works crews working in our area. Packing will start at 8:00 AM and deliveries will be made at 10:00 AM. Donating items on Friday, the 8th, is another way to participate. Sign up by using this link - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090444ADAD2CA5FF2-46019838-good>. To learn more about Good Works, visit GoodWorksInc.org.

SPECIAL FUNDRAISER INVITE: To FPC Friends & Families, Liz Carrabine has generously offered to host a Tupperware sale with 100% of the proceeds on existing inventory going to the Sunday School program. Bring a friend to the Carrabine's home (114 Charlestown Hunt Drive, Phoenixville) next Saturday, Dec. 9th, from 9:00am-11:00am or on Sunday, Dec. 10th, from 11:30am-2:30pm. Hope you can drop in and do some Christmas shopping while helping raise money for our kids!

CAROLING & COCOA: The Parish Life Committee will host our annual Caroling & Cocoa gathering next Sunday, December 10th. Please plan to join us for singing led by Rebecca Barkley, hot cocoa, and maybe some yummy goodies too. Meet for the merriment at 4:00 PM on the steps in front of church. Come have some holiday fun!

PUB THEOLOGY: At Pub Theology, experience some engaging conversation of current events and God in today's world. Be social. Be perplexed. Be a part of some fun fellowship! This gathering starts at 7:00 PM next Sunday, December 10th, at The Foodery, 325 Bridge St.

HOLIDAY DISHWARE: People to People has received the donation of 2 sets of Christmas dinnerware dishes. If you would like to borrow, buy or view the dishes for your holiday gathering(s), please contact Sandy Heidel (csheidel@verizon.net). We would love them to be used rather than just stored at this time of year.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY: There are some scheduling and content changes to share regarding Adult Sunday School/Bible Study. **Dec. 10th** - 8:00 AM start time; **Dec. 24th & 31st** - no session; **Jan. 7th** - sessions resume at 8:30 AM. The book for the Advent Study will be *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton. New learners are always welcome. If interested, please contact [Sue Casey](#) for a book and the Zoom link.

GRANT WRITING: The Church Growth Committee is reengaging the Grant Writing portion of their committee. If you are interested in helping out in any part of the Grant Writing process (it could be just finding grants to apply for), we would love your help! Our initial focus will be on grants for security, website refresh, and membership development (new and current). If you are interested, please let Kristin know at kristin.c.craven@gmail.com by tomorrow, Monday, December 4th.

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES: Offering envelope boxes are ready for you to pick up. They are on the table outside of the office, or in your mailbox in the office. Beginning Sunday, December 17 they will be on the table in the narthex.

PLEDGE FULFILLMENT: This is the time of year that our Finance Committee works to balance everything and close the books for the year as we look forward to 2024. Know that we appreciate your financial commitment to First Presbyterian Church throughout this past year. We ask that you please take a moment to reflect on your giving and prayerfully consider fulfilling your 2023 pledge. Thank you for all that you do and for your faithful support. - *The Stewardship Committee*

2024 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN: The 2024 Pledge Campaign - The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who has completed and returned their pledge card for 2024. If you have not yet turned in your pledge card, please know that it is not too late! We ask that you take a moment to reflect on your giving for the coming year. Your generous and faithful offerings help to support the ministry and the many good works of

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FPC. By completing your pledge card, you are helping the Finance Committee as they plan for 2024. Completed cards may be returned by mail, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning. If you need a pledge card, please call the church office at 610-933-8816.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: Let the Stewardship Committee help you with your **Christmas shopping**, while at the same time provide you the opportunity to support our church. We are placing orders for **gift cards** every Wednesday. (Orders will be placed **12/1, 12/8, 12/15, and 12/22**). If you would like to place an order, please call Lynne Williams at 610-415-1581 (home) or 610-955-4749 (cell). You may mail your check to Lynne, drop it off at her home, (14 Schofield Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460), or see her at church on Sunday morning. Orders and checks must be received by the day before the orders are placed (**Dec.7, Dec. 14 & Dec. 21**). Please make checks payable to “First Presbyterian Church DR”. You do not need to fill out an order form. We will do that for you. Happy Christmas Shopping! As always, thank you for continuing to support this program.

BOOKS THROUGH BARS UPDATE: Please note there will be no Books Through Bars trip in December. The next volunteer opportunity will be the third Saturday in January, the 16th.

GRATITUDE JOURNAL: During our year-long journey of gratitude, we invite you to record your responses in a journal so you can reflect at the end of the year. This week's prompt is: **How do you practice the gifts of the spirit?** If you would like to share your reflection (1-2 minutes) after a specific prompt or something you are grateful for, please let us know and we can let you share! *The Church Growth Committee*

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:

2nd Sunday – Dec. 10th

3rd Sunday – Dec. 17th

4th Sunday – Dec. 24th

10:30am Advent! Pageant! Christmas!

9:00 pm Candlelight! Communion! Christmas!

This Week in the Life of the Church

Sunday, December 3 (**Childcare available.*)

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study - Zoom

10:30 a.m. *SPECIAL COMMUNION ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE
with Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and via YouTube

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School classes

12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class (3rd Floor Classroom)

Monday, December 4

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

6:30 p.m. Zumba Class (Fellowship Hall)

Tuesday, December 5

2:00 p.m. MAC Meeting – Zoom

6:30 p.m. Zumba class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, December 6

7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Thursday, December 7

9:00 a.m. Women, Infants & Children (Fellowship Hall)

9:00 a.m. People to People Clothing Ministry (Fellowship Hall)

10:00 a.m. People to People Food Ministry (Kitchen)

7:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, December 8

No events scheduled.

Saturday, December 9

8:00 a.m. Good Works Lunch Packing (Kitchen)

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Property Clean-Up (Meet in the Church Parking Lot)

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Tupperware Sunday School Fundraiser (Carrabine
Residence, 114 Charlestown Hunt Drive, Phoenixville)

Sunday, December 10 (*Childcare available.)

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT

8:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study - Zoom

10:30 a.m. *WORSHIP – Rev. Doug Hagler, in-person and on YouTube

10:45 a.m. *Sunday School classes

11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tupperware Sunday School Fundraiser

(Carrabine Residence, 114 Charlestown Hunt Drive, Phoenixville)

11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting

12:00 p.m. Worship & Music Committee Meeting (Parlor)

4:00 p.m. Caroling & Cocoa (Front Steps of Church)

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology (The Foodery, 325 Bridge St, Phoenixville)

Nursery & Sunday School: The church nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the main building in room 209 and is available for children ages infant-3 years. All children 3 years and older are invited to attend Sunday School during worship (children will depart fellowship hall for their classrooms immediately following the Children's Sermon), with ages 3-5 in room 210, ages 6-8 in room 208, and grades 5 and older in the third-floor class-room. Sunday School is from 10:45am–11:45am.

Restrooms: The church restrooms are located on the first & second floors of the main building. Ushers can help direct you to the restrooms.

For Hearing Assistance: If you wish to use a wireless assistive listening device to better hear the service, see one of the ushers.

Large Print Bulletins are available from an usher.



Christmas Poinsettias 2023

In Memory Of:

Steve Pilotti	by Sarah, Noah, & Shane Pilotti
Robert Mucklow	by Richard, Rebecca, & Sarah Barkley
Jack Giebler	by Gary & Barbara Giebler
Helen & Dick Schnaedter, Marian & Don Meckstroth	by Gail & Rick Schnaedter
Our Family members celebrating Christmas with us in spirit	by Randy & Sandy Schrack
Abe & Pat Hostetter, Andrew J. Hostetter	by Becky Sinapius
Karen & Larry	by Lucinda Parrish
My parents: Louise & Chet Hain	by Jewell Baker
Cathy & Davis Charles Howe	by Jenn Howe

In Honor Of:

David, Paul, & Jay Parrish	by Lucinda Parrish
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In Appreciation For:

Deborah Williams	by Lucinda Parrish
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SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDER: The Sunday School students have been rehearsing for the upcoming Christmas pageant to be presented during the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, December 24th. Thanks to all who have responded to the survey indicating whether your child will be in church during that time. If you haven't yet responded, please do so by visiting this link: <https://app.rally.co/invite/toZylCFvB7Yt>.

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Elders on Session

Ken Brown

Kevin Carrabine

Kathryn Grocki

Roger Warwick

Jewell Baker (Clerk)

George Cockerill

Jeff McLaughlin

Adam Smith

Karin Goodman

Cassy Gulden

Jill Kleppinger

Jeanie Osterhoudt

Deacons

Jen Johnson

Kathy Thais

Gail Schnaedter

Ellen Williams

Kristin Craven

Gail Landazuri

Mona Sabia (Chairperson)

Paulette Mark

Lucinda Parrish

Lynne Williams

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Capo 3: (Em) (C/E) (Em) (C/E) (Em)
 Gm Eb/G Gm Eb/G Gm

1 The peo - ple who walked in dark - ness a - wak - en to
 2 For God has en - larged the na - tion, and pros - pered the
 3 The yoke of de - spair and bond - age, the chains of the
 4 For us now a child is giv - en, for all the de -
 5 How vast is our God's do - min - ion! How far truth and

(D) (G) (B) (Em) (C/E)
 F B^b D Gm Eb/G

see a great light. The peo - ple who dwelt in the
 fruit of its land. God's peo - ple are blest with the
 slave mas - ter's rod are shat - tered and scat - tered like
 spised and for - lorn. The rule of com - pas - sion shall
 mer - cy ex - tend. The zeal of the Lord will ac -

(Em) (Bm) (Cmaj7) (Am7) (Bsus) (B)
 Gm Dm Ebmaj7 Cm7 Dsus D

land of the shad - ow rise to a star shin - ing bright.
 har - vest of vic - tory, gift from a boun - ti - ful hand.
 dust in a wind - storm, loosed by the jus - tice of God.
 rest on his shoul - der. God's own Mes - si - ah is born!
 com - pish its pur - pose: jus - tice shall reign with - out end.

Refrain (E) (Am7) (D) (G) (C) (F#dim7) (B) (Em)
 G Cm7 F B^b Eb Adim7 D Gm

His name is Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or, Al - might - y God,

(Cmaj7) (G) (Am7) (D) 1 (G)
 Ebmaj7 B^b Cm7 F B^b

Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace.

2 (G) (B7sus) (B) Final (G) (C/G) (G)
 B^b D7sus D B^b Eb/B^b B^b

Peace. (to stanzas) Peace.

One of the great virtues of scriptural paraphrases is that they bring fresh understanding and appreciation to familiar passages. This adaptation of a customary Advent text, Isaiah 9:2-7, provides an effective example of how revisited verses can take on new life when recast.

107 Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for an - gels
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em - man - u -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when all the
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night. Though dark the



her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for soon he is
 el comes a - sing - ing; his hum - ble song is qui - et and
 world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so qui - et and
 win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall crown you with



born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing. Come as a ba - by
 near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing; mu - sic to heal the
 free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing. Then shall the mute break
 light; be strong and lov - ing and fear - less. Love be our song and



weak and poor, to bring all hearts to - geth - er, he o - pens
 bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing - kind - ness. The thun - der
 forth in song, the lame shall leap in won - der, the weak be
 love our prayer and love our end - less sto - ry; may God fill



wide the heav - en - ly door and lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 of his an - thems rolls to shat - ter all ha - tred and vio - lence.
 raised a - bove the strong, and weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 ev - ery day we share and bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

After attending a carol concert, the author and composer of this hymn was moved to create a contemporary, accessible carol that drew on the familiar images in a new way. There are echoes here of passages such as Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 7:14/Matthew 1:23, Isaiah 35:5-6, Isaiah 2:4.

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REJOICE, REJOICE
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