



***Sunday Morning Worship  
November 27, 2022***

**Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People**

Johannes Olearius, Louis Bourgeois, and Catherine Winkworth  
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Comfort, comfort, ye My people, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
Comfort those who sit in darkness, Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.

Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover and her warfare now is over.

Yea, her sins our God will pardon, blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many a day, now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness into e'er-springing gladness.

Hark, the Herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near,  
Bidding all men to repentance Since the Kingdom now is here.  
Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to Him.

Make ye straight what long was crooked, Make the rougher places plain;  
Let your hearts be true and humble, As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token That His Word is ne'er broken.

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Q. 96. What is the Lord's supper?

**A. The Lord's supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.**

**Memory Verse**

**Colossians 3:14–15 ESV**

**And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.**

**\*Call to Worship & Prayer**

**Psalm 29:1-2, 10-11 ESV**

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**

*Joy to the World the Lord Is Come*

George Frederic Handel and Isaac Watts

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Joy to the world the Lord is come, let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, and heav'n and nature sing  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth the Savior reigns, let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground  
He comes to make His blessings flow,  
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as far as the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love, and wonders wonders of His love

**\*Corporate and Silent Confession of Sin**

**Loving and faithful God, as we begin the season of Advent, we celebrate that Jesus has come, and that He promises to come again! Jesus came to bring light and hope, but our hearts are often shrouded by darkness and despair. Jesus came to bring joy and peace, but our hearts are often encased by sorrow and turmoil. Jesus came to bring life and love, but our hearts are often hardened by resistance and contempt. Thank You, God, that You so loved the world, that You gave Your Son so that we might not perish but have eternal life. In the Name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.**

-Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

**\*Assurance of Pardoning Grace**

**Colossians 1:19–20, ESV**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

*All Must Be Well*

Mary Bowly Peters and Matthew S. Smith

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Through the love of God our Savior all will be well, free and changeless is His favor all is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation all will be well, ours is such a full salvation all is well  
Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow all will be well, faith can sing through days of sorrow all is well  
On our Father's love relying, Jesus ev'ry need supplying  
Yes in living and in dying  
All must be well

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Yes in living or in dying all must be well

## Pastoral Prayer & 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. \*sins/trespases

## Song of Preparation

### *Every Valley (It's Hard to Wait)*

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When you write a letter, to a friend, and you don't when you'll hear back again  
Well, it's hard to wait, it's hard to wait  
So hard to wait

When the one you love leaves on a plane, and you know that she'll come back someday  
It's hard to wait, it's hard to wait  
So hard to wait

*(Chorus)*

*There is gonna be a day, every low valley He will raise  
There is gonna be a day hills and mountains gonna be made plain  
There is gonna be a day, winding roads gonna be made straight  
Comfort, comfort, comfort, comfort  
It's hard to wait, so hard to wait*

When you plant a seed in the garden bed, but you don't see green growing up just yet  
Oh, it's hard to wait, it's hard to wait  
Comfort, comfort, comfort, comfort  
It's hard to wait, so hard to wait

## Sermon

### Speak Ye Peace thus Saith our God (Isaiah 40:1-11)

Rev. Dave Latham

### *I Have a Peace*

Aaron Keyes and Matt Papa  
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I have a peace I can't explain, that goes beyond the sorrow  
for there's a truth I can't erase, Your love is my tomorrow  
Through deepest loss, through highest gains, I have a brighter treasure  
The grass will die, the flower fade, but God is mine forever

I have a peace, when fears arise and waters roar around me  
Through many storms and sleepless nights, a quiet grace surrounds me  
I know not what the future holds, I know who holds the future  
When all I fear is all that's true, your perfect love is truer

## The Lord's Supper

I have a peace with God and man, for You have reconciled me  
I was at war, You came a friend to serve and stand beside me  
Though wounds are deep and anger burns, You showed me true forgiveness  
So I'll extend what I have learned, the gift the peace of God is

## \* Benediction

### *The Doxology*

Thomas Ken, 1709

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW IN GOD'S GRACE**

**Sunday**

9:00 a.m.....Sunday School  
 10:15 a.m.....Worship Service  
 6-7:30 p.m.....GYM study of Ephesians at Grace (dinner not provided)

**Wednesday**

6:00 p.m.....prayer group meeting

**January 20-22, 2023**.....Roots Retreat for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades (call the office for the registration link)

**January 27-28, 2023**.....Women's Conference at Westminster (Huntsville)

<b>GRACE CHURCH DAILY PRAYER CALENDAR</b>		
<i>DAY</i>	<i>CHURCH FAMILY</i>	<i>MISSIONARY / MINISTRY</i>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Jenny & Carter Morris	Courtney & Daniel Hightower <i>RUF, Jacksonville State</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>	Betsy & Mike O'Dell	Lois & Paul Jenks <i>AMG Int'l, Thailand</i>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mary Katherine O'Dell Tyler	Ayao & Wungnaoting Konghar <i>PEF Missions, Manipur, India</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Patsy Overby	Andrea & Ben Lewis <i>Navigators, Dearborn, MI</i>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Kathleen & Howard Owen	Kathy & Carl Most <i>Caribbean Ministries, Cuba</i>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Nick Parker	Elizabeth & Paul Musser <i>One Collective</i>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Jane Phillips	Ann & Jeff Nelson <i>Ponderosa, Mentone, AL</i>

**Prayer Concerns**

Robert Harris – continued healing and physical therapy  
 Matt Habel – continued healing  
 Nathan Smith – medical testing

**Various Cancer Treatments**

Judy Lewis, Harold Kilgo, Paula Knuckles, Cindy Wood, Pat Fuller, Leanne Burkett Weatherford,  
 Betty Langley, Jera Medlock, Carolyn Webb, Sam Cunningham

**2022 Faith Promise Commitment: \$118,330.00**

**Faith Promise Giving to Date: \$66,126.71**