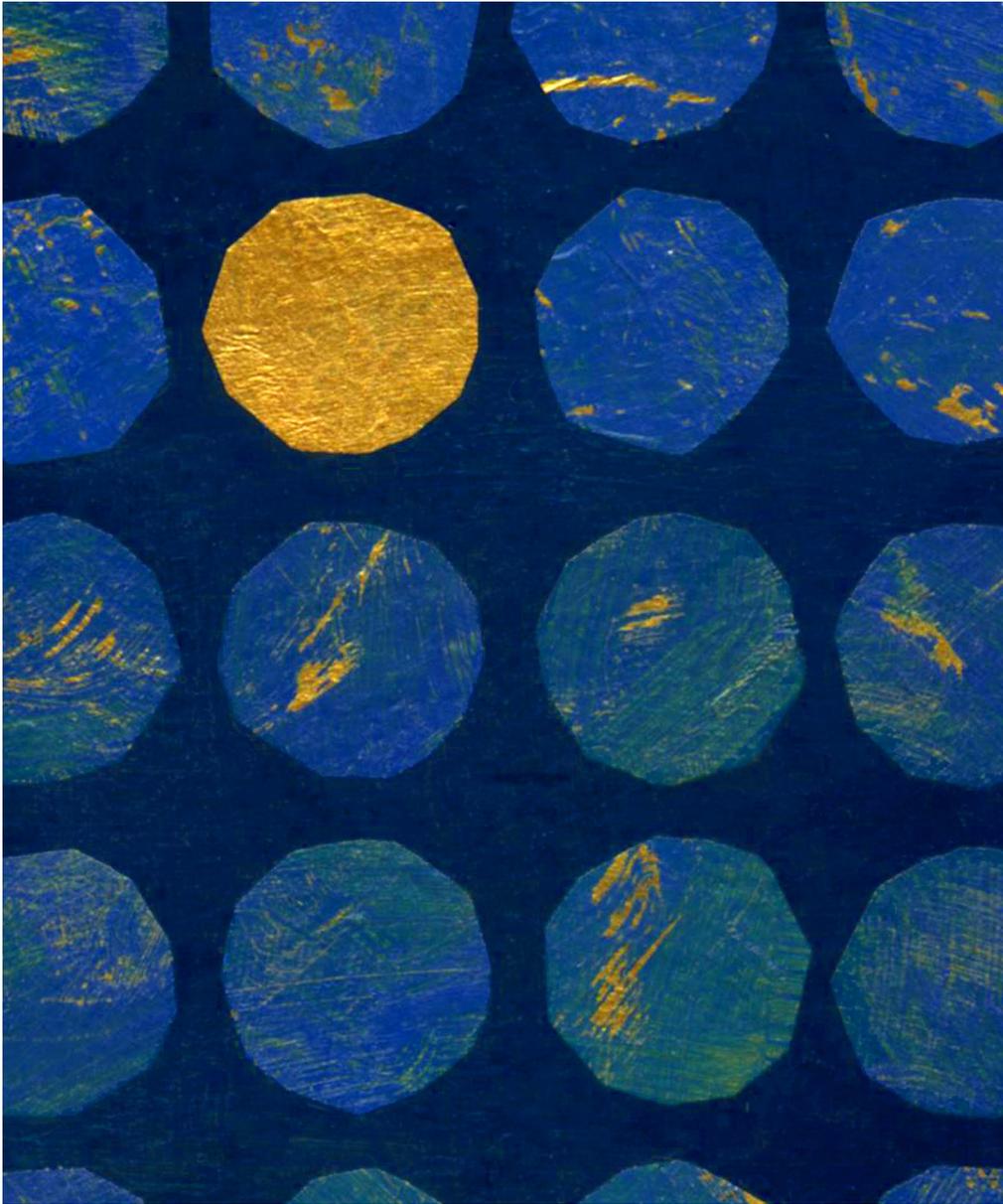


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE CANDLE of HOPE

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

ADVENT
A Season of Expectation



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WHITE MEMORIAL
— PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH —

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

** Please rise in body or spirit.*

Greeting

Karl Zinsmeister

One: The hope of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us prepare for worship.

Preparation for Worship

Merciful God, righteous judge of all, you sent Jesus among us to seek and to save those who are lost. Grant that we, like Zacchaeus of Jericho, may eagerly seek the Savior, joyfully welcome him into our homes and lives, and gladly do what is pleasing in his sight. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prelude – *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

arr. R. T. Adams

Christian Welcome and Announcements

Gloria Johnson

Please pass the Friendship Register to your neighbor and include all requested information.

Children through fifth grade will be invited forward for the lighting of the Advent Wreath, after which, they may return to their seats.

Call to Worship and Advent Wreath Lighting *(all singing)*

text by Thomas H. Troeger; music by Sally Ann Morris

Are you a shep-herd star-tled by light, hear-ing the heav-ens sing-ing at night? What-ev-er part you play in the sto - ry, God grant you a heart o-pen to glo - ry!

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust;

All: Do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

One: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame.

All: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation: for you I wait all the day long. (Psalm 25:1-3, 5)

(lighting of Advent candle)

One: Let us pray.

All: Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew in us hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of Christ, our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (BCW, p. 176)

*Hymn 336 – *We Gather Together*

KREMSER

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of Advent promise, God of mercy: forgive us when we sit on the sidelines. Forgive us when we go through the motions of faith. Forgive the times when we choose wrong instead of your justice and righteousness. By the grace of Jesus inspire us this Advent. Renew our faith that we might discover the witness that glorifies your name. By the Holy Spirit speak to us the words of light in darkness so that we find our voices and give glory to your holy name. Hear our prayer as we pray in the name of Emmanuel. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Response Hymn 113 – Refrain**

GLORIA

Glo - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Sacrament of Baptism

(9:30) **Margaret Hadley Davis Cromer**, child of Julia Davis and Carlyle Cromer

(11:00) **Elizabeth Collier Testerman**, child of Stella and John Testerman

Webb Collier Willingham, child of Alison and Ryan Willingham

Old Testament Lesson – Psalm 95; pew Bible, p. 520

New Testament Lesson – Luke 21:25-36; pew Bible, p. 80

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

(11:00) A Time With Young Disciples

At the 11:00 service, Kindergartners through 2nd Graders will meet with Eliza Sloop at the door near the baptismal font, to be joined by Kristen Sloop from the OnPoint service for Worship Enrichment in L201.

Sermon – “*What Part Do We Play?*”

Christopher Edmonston

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn 88 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

VENI EMMANUEL

Prayers of the People and 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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Jim Ferry

Musical Offering – Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming

Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

WMPC Adult Choir

Lo, how a rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,

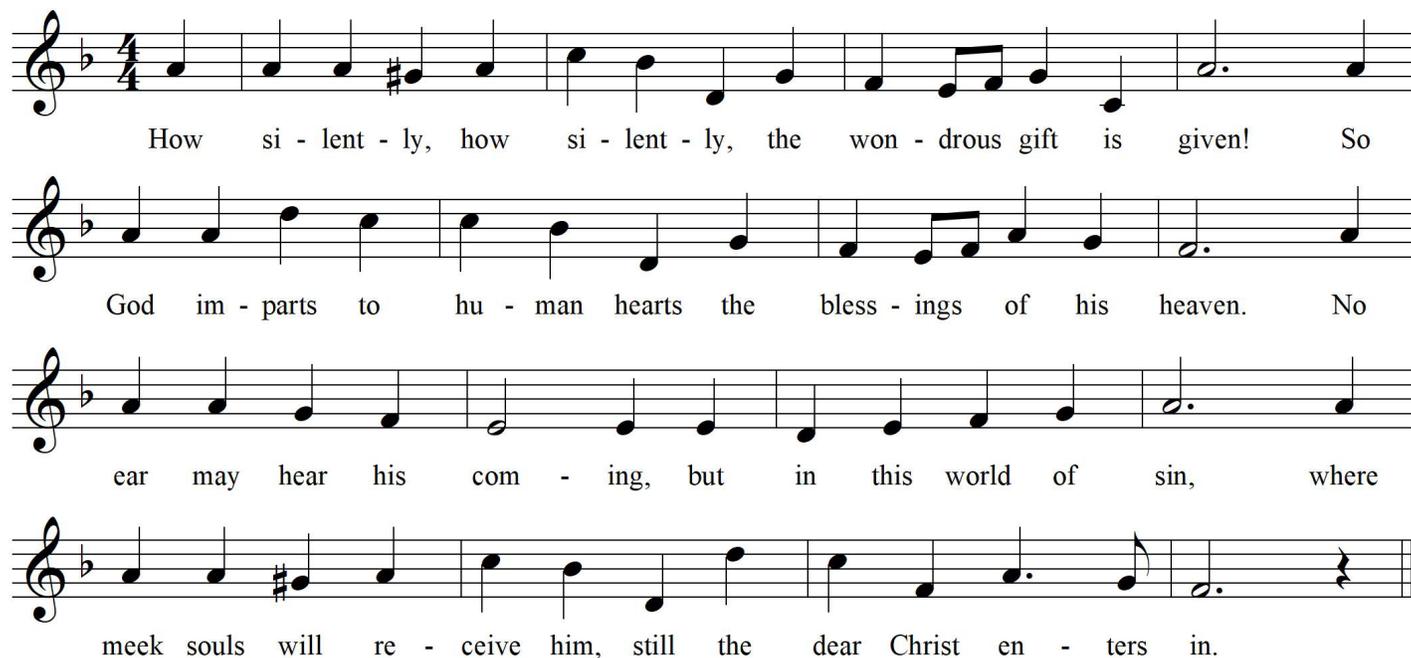
Of Jesse’s lineage coming, as men of old have sung.

It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the rose I have in mind;

With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.

To show God’s love aright she bore for us a Savior, when half spent was the night



How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given! So
God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven. No
ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin, where
meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.

***Affirmation of Faith**

(adapted from Philippians 2)

God has called us to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than ourselves. God has called us to look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others. We desire to share in the same mind that was in Christ Jesus: who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave in human likeness. Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death on a cross. God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn 93 – *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

TRURO

***Charge and Benediction**

***Chiming of the Trinity**

The worship service ends with the Chiming of the Trinity.
Please be mindful of those who remain to listen to the postlude.

Postlude – *Fantasia in g minor, BWV 542*

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Advent Wreath Lighters

8:00 am - *Terry and Bill Preston; Aimee and Brian White*

9:30 am - *Melinda and Paul Fox; Catherine and Jim Baker with Campbell & James;*

Meg and Kyle Groves with Jack, Patrick, Henry, Robert; P. J. Fox

11:00 am - *Marlet Edwards and Harrison Edwards*

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**WELCOME TO WHITE MEMORIAL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)**

We are glad you are worshipping with us.
Visiting? Deacons can be found in the Narthex
to offer a friendly greeting, answer
questions and provide directions.
New members are received after attending
Believing & Belonging @WMPC Class.
Visit whitememorial.org/join
or contact Elizabeth Viohl at ext. 206
for details, class dates and registration.

THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Restrooms** are located on the hallway to Jane Bell Gathering Space on the Pulpit side and also on the first floor of the Luther Building.
- **Childcare** is available for children up to four years old.
- **Sunday School** is offered at 9:30 for all ages.
- **Refreshments** Coffee stations are located in The Connector and Main Hall
- **The sanctuary** has a loop hearing aid system and an FM system.
- **Live-streamed services** are at whitememorial.org.
- **Radio**, WPTF 680 AM, every other Sunday at 11:00 a.m.: next broadcast is today, November 28.
- **Bulletins** left in the sanctuary following worship services are recycled as part of our care for God's creation.



We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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AFTER HOURS PASTOR ON CALL: 919-605-4593

Each Sunday, we offer four opportunities for you to worship with us at White Memorial (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and 11:00 a.m. OnPoint@1704 Edinburgh - Main Hall). While you will notice differences in music, location and worship leadership among our different services, what unites us in our worship is our scripture, liturgy and sermon. All services use the same Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, readings from Scripture and Affirmation of Faith.

JOYS & CONCERNS

IN THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

Virginia "Jeni" Irene Corderman Keyser – November 17, 2021
WMPC family members: daughters and their families: Kara Shore and grandson Brendan; Katie Keyser-Shanaberger, husband Todd Shanaberger and grandson, Austin

PRAYERS AND CHRISTIAN CONCERNS TO

Jonathan, Betsy, Jake and Davis Green, on the death of Jonathan's mother, Gwen Green Macpherson, November 21, Burnsville NC.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Martha and Jody Moore, on the birth of grandchild Michael Westbrook Hadjioannou, October 29, to Caroline Moore and Michalis Hadjioannou, Austin TX.

WEDDING

Anne Dabbs Nelson Boney and David Elwood Blake, November 20, First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh, NC. Anne is the daughter of Bobby Nelson.

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2022 GENEROSITY UPDATE

As of Wednesday, November 24, we have received 486 pledges totaling \$ 2,606,995.00. If you have not already, please consider making a pledge at www.whitememorial.org/generosity.

UNIDENTIFIED STOCK

Will the generous donors of Microsoft Corp. and Welbilt Inc., stocks please call Jody Grayson at 919-834-3425 ext. 204 to identify your gift so that we can give you proper credit?

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For your convenience, offering baskets can be found near the Exit doors in the front of the Sanctuary as you leave today's service. If you're more comfortable giving online, you may do that through our website at www.whitememorial.org.

Please take your bulletin with you and either dispose of in the recycling receptacle outside or take home. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT WMPC?

Please note: The City of Raleigh is working on Oberlin Road between Wade Avenue and Fairview Road for the foreseeable future. You can find a map on our website to help navigate the church campus.

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SUNDAY | NOVEMBER 28

2 Samuel 23:1-7; Ps. 132:1-12; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps. 93

Healing Through Grief

3:00-4:30 p.m. | Zoom

This workshop is for those who have suffered the recent death of a loved one. If you have registered, you will have received a Zoom link.

MONDAY | NOVEMBER 29

Psalm 63; 2 Kings 23:15-25; Revelation 11:1-14

Pickleball at WMPC!

2-4:00 p.m. | Pickard Hall

Whether you're new to the game or an experienced player, come join the fun!

TUESDAY | NOVEMBER 30

1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Revelation 11:15-19

Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Breakfast Line | 7:00 a.m. | Main Hall

Bible Study | 7:30 a.m. | In-person or Zoom

[Registration required.](#)

Women's Breakfast & Fellowship

7:00-8:00 am. | The Hub

Women of all ages are invited to come for a hot breakfast, fellowship, study and prayer. This group studies the PW Bible lesson once a month and on other weeks they study a variety of topics. Hosted by Circle M.

WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 1

2 Samuel 2:1-7; John 16:25-33

Lectio Divina & Centering Prayer

11:00 a.m. - noon | Zoom

We'll begin with Lectio Divina, a contemplative way to read the Bible, followed by Centering Prayer. You are welcome to come for one or stay for both. [Register to receive your Zoom link.](#)

Wednesdays Spaghetti Dinner

5-6:30 p.m. | Main Hall-Edinburgh Building

Join us for a wonderful meal and fellowship with our WMPC family. [Reservations not required, but if you prefer you can pay online in advance.](#)

Pickleball at WMPC!

6-8:00p.m. | Pickard Hall

Why not pick up a game (or watch) after Wednesdays Together Dinner?

Midweek Advent Evening Worship Services

Sanctuary | 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY | DECEMBER 2

Psalm 25:1-10; Nehemiah 9:6-15; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Keenagers

10:45 a.m. | Geneva Hall & Zoom

Join us this week as Ellen Graden talks with us about United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants and what WMPC is doing and how you may be able to help. For Zoom link, please contact Leigh Ann Dailey at ldailey@whitememorial.org.

FRIDAY | DECEMBER 3

Nehemiah 9:16-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Children's Movie Night

6:15-8:00 p.m. | The Connector

Children Kindergarten-5th grade are invited to watch The Grinch (new animated version) on Friday, December 3 from 6:15-8:00 p.m. [Pre-registration is required.](#) There will be no pizza dinner at this time and masks are required.

SATURDAY | DECEMBER 4

Nehemiah 9:26-31; Luke 21:20-24

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Save the Dates!

Joy Gift

Sunday | December 5

Sanctuary | 5:30 p.m.

A WMPC Family Worship Tradition

Advent/Christmas Memorials

We hope you will consider making a contribution to provide greenery and arrangements for Advent/Christmas. [Forms can be found online; deadline is Monday, November 29.](#)

Christmas Share

An alternative giving program that has put over one million dollars in our community and international partnerships in the 30 years since it was founded by Presbyterian Women. To purchase cards and designate your donation, stop by Gloria Johnson's office (W301), M-F, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Youth Fundraiser

Commemorative ornament and note cards are available for you and everyone on your gift list! \$20 each. [Purchase online](#) or in-person on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

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REGISTRATION FOR MOST EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE: [WHITEMEMORIAL.ORG/REGISTER](https://whitememorial.org/register)

We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

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.

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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- 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.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

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.