North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

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northraleighpc.org
a congregation of the PC(USA)

Those who dream stay awake

The mission of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church is to be a welcoming community serving Jesus Christ through engaged discipleship.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Prepare the Way, O Zion*
Bells of Praise

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are people who dream
One: We dream of the day when all of creation will know God's restoration.
One: In that day, justice will roll down like mighty waters.
One: In that day, righteousness will flow like an everlasting stream.
One: We dream for the coming kingdom of God.
One: We light the first candle of Advent because we will stay awake.
One: The heavens are being torn open!
All: The mountains quake at God's presence.
One: The face of God is soon to shine among us.
All: Even the stars cannot hold God's glory!
One: Let us worship God!

HYMN 357 *The Days Are Surely Coming*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Restore us, O God of hosts. Let your face shine, that we may be saved. Save us, O Lord, from

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traps of our own creating: from fear that blocks the way of love, from worry that blocks the way of joy, from isolation that blocks the way of relationship, from structural injustices that keep the world bound.

Forgive us, O God of hosts, until the stars fall from heaven and we live as people transformed. Amen.

DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS

One: Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are loved and accepted,
forgiven and freed!

All: Thanks be to God.

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64:1-9

ANTHEM *People, Look East* arr. Linda R. Lamb

Bells of Praise

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24-37

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SERMON

RESPONDING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Confession of 1967,* 9.19

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP &
DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

HYMN 105 *People, Look East*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Processional on Helmsley*

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Preacher: Lisa Hebacker
Liturgist: Brandon Melton, George Spransy
Music Leadership: Terri Nicotera
Pianist/Organist: Ju Hyun Kim

Tithes and offerings may be presented by mail
or by way of online giving
(click 'Give online' at northraleighpc.org).

Liturgy adapted from *Call to Worship*

NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS
DIGITAL CHURCH EDITION

Anniversaries: David & Sherry Heuser, 12/5

Birthdays: Stephanie Adams, 11/29; Jack Trollman, 12/1; Julie Miles, 12/3; Daniel King, 12/5

Stewardship Update We are grateful for all the families within our church who have presented 2021 commitment cards. To date we have received 74 pledges, totaling $274,822. If you have not returned your pledge card you may do so online as well as by dropping off your cards at the church office blue mailbox. There are a few pledge cards without names. Please Contact Caroline in the church office if one might belong to you.

Angel Tree Sign Up Thank you to those that have signed up. All slots have been filled. Drop off times/details are available in the Friday News. Contact Margaret Albert margaretcalbert@gmail.com with questions.

Presbyterian Coffee Project NRPC will once again participate in a special holiday purchase through the Presbyterian Coffee Project and Equal Exchange. Deadline for orders is **noon on November 30th.** Contact Stormy Ingold with questions stormydoug@mac.com.

NRPC Drive In will be Sunday, December 6th between 9 and 11am to collect communion elements and exchange a quick sign of peace. Use the pre-packaged communion elements when you celebrate the Lord's Supper with us via digital worship. Masks, gloves and distance will ensure safety during this drive-in. You may drop off your 2021 pledge card and Pennies for Hunger will also be collected at this time.

NRPC Christmas Pageant will be held outdoors at NRPC on Sunday, December 13th at 4:30pm. You must sign up for a timeslot available in the Friday news and NRPC website.

NRPC Men's Dinner The NRPC Advent Dinner will be offered free of charge as a pick up and take out this year. An adult and a child box will be offered. Reservations are required. Please specify the number of adult and child boxes and email Caroline at office@nraleighpc.org or call 919-848-9529 to reserve your meal by Wednesday, December 9 at noon.

Christmas Eve Services will be held outdoors on December 24th. Times for each Outdoor service will be 3:30pm; 5:00pm and 6:30PM. You must sign up for the service you plan to attend and each family member must sign up for a slot. Please look for the sign up genius link in enews and on the NRPC website.

Poinsettias NRPC Worship Team is sponsoring Christmas dedications for loved ones during Advent. You may purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a family member or a friend for the cost of $10 per plant. Details to order are found in Friday news or call the church office at 919-848-9529.

College & Young Adult Brunch NRPC Christian Education committee is hosting a brunch for our college age and young adults on Sunday, December 6 at 11:00am at NRPC. Please email Brandon to let him know you can attend, BrandonMelton@NRaleighPC.org.

Hymn Sing Join Terri and Ju on Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00pm on Facebook Live. We will be singing Advent hymns.

Prayer Ministry e-mails are distributed on Wednesdays. Send requests to BrandonMelton@NRaleighPC.org.

THIS WEEK AT NRPC
DIGITAL CHURCH EDITION

Sunday 11/29	6:00 AM	Worship Video delivery (V link via C)
	9:00 AM	Cornerstone Sunday School (Z)
	9:30 AM	CSI Sunday School (S)
	1:00 PM	Angel Tree Drop Off
Monday 11/30	8:00 AM	Sharing God's Story (C)
Tuesday 12/1	4:00 PM	Angel Tree Drop Off
	4:15 PM	Staff Meeting (Z)
	5:00 PM	Pioneer Sunday School(O)
Wednesday 12/2		Prayer Ministry (C)
Thursday 12/3		
Friday 12/4	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Z)
	12:00 PM	Friday E-News distribution (C)
Saturday 12/5		
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Legend:

V=Vimeo. All videos available at vimeo.com/user109687503

C=Constant Contact. E-mails delivered to your inbox. Subscribe on the homepage of our website at www.northraleighpc.org
Please note: you do not have to sign up again if you already receive the Friday news.

Z=ZOOM. Visit zoom.us for information or the app.

O= Outdoors

S=Skype

Ministers: All the Congregation

Pastor: Lisa Hebacker LisaHebacker@nraleighpc.org
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The Confession of 1967

9.19 Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

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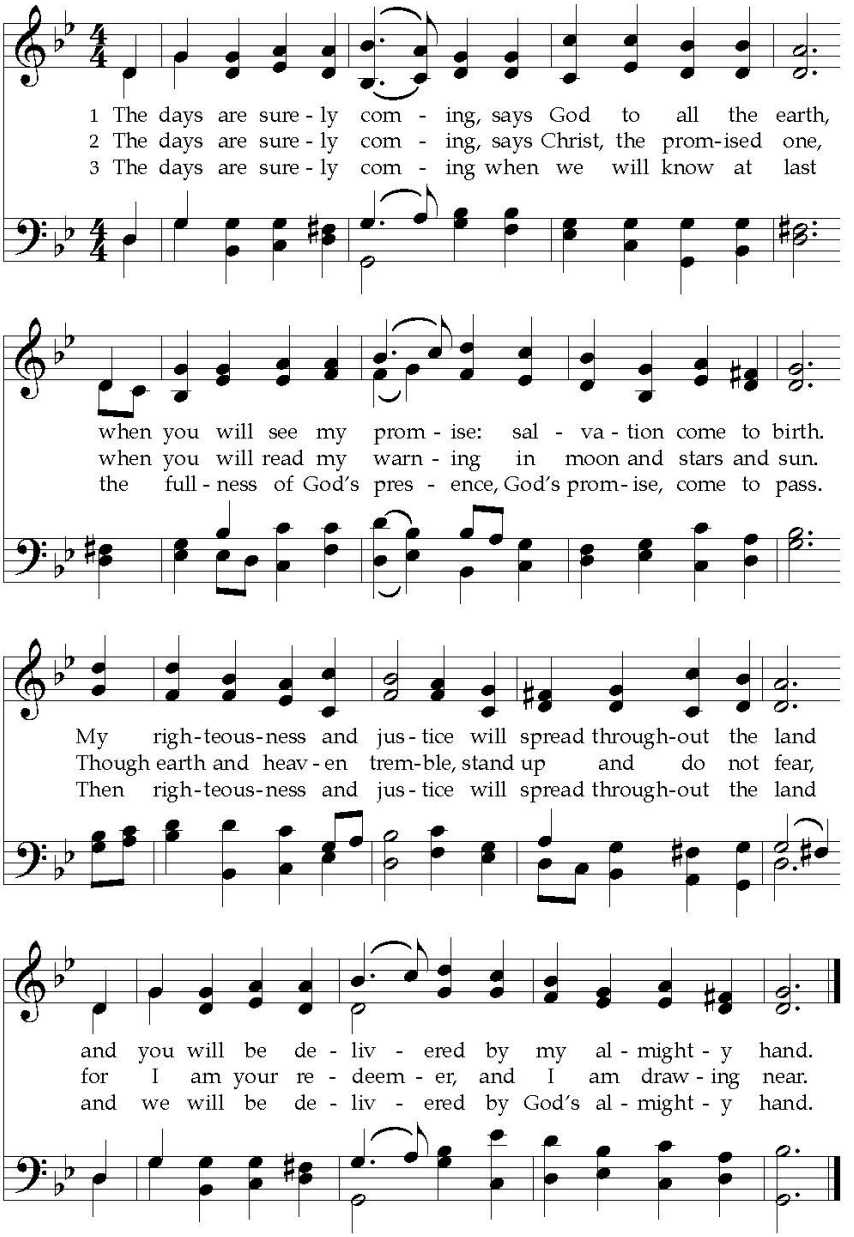
This text uses imagery from Jeremiah 33:14–16 and Matthew 24:29–36/ Mark 13:24–32/ Luke 21:25–36. These passages are especially associated with the beginning of Advent, a season that looks forward to Christ's second coming while also preparing us to remember his first coming.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; *Llwybrau Moliant*, 1872; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906
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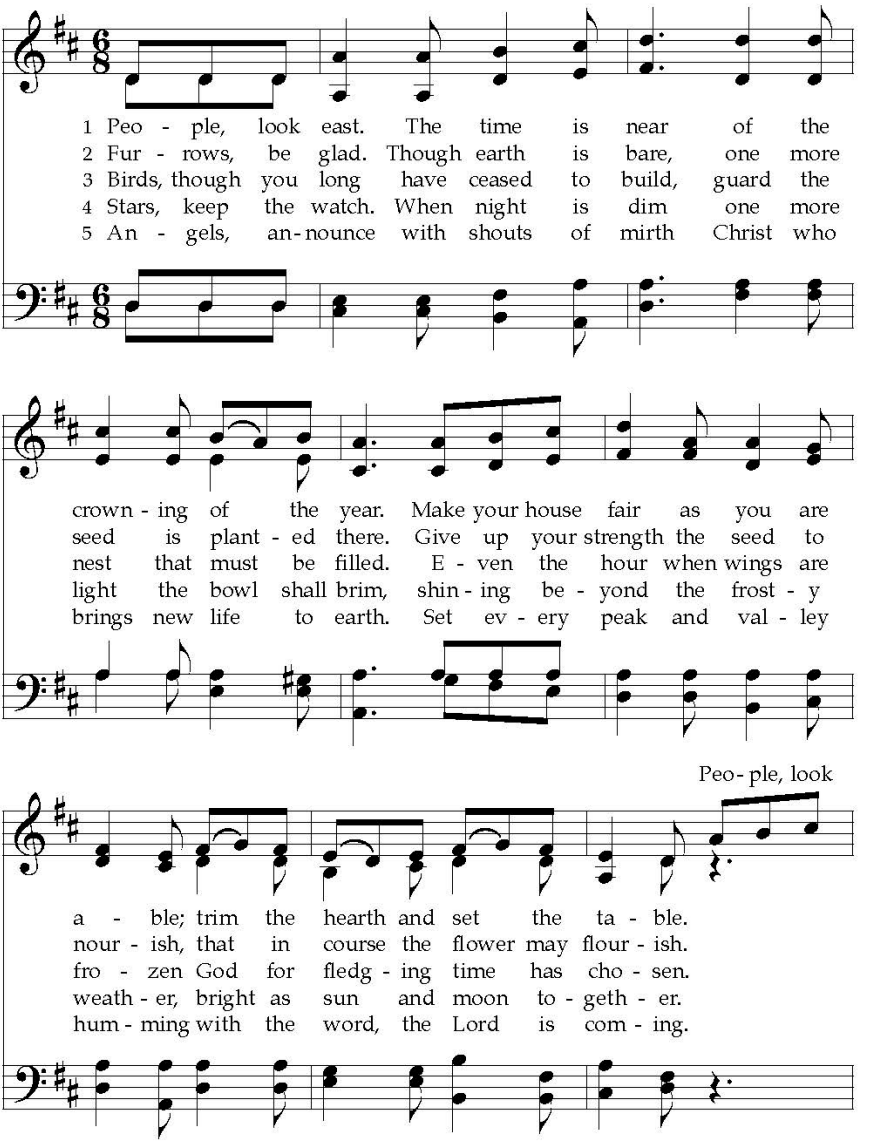
This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928, alt.
MUSIC: French folk melody; harm. Martin Shaw, 1928
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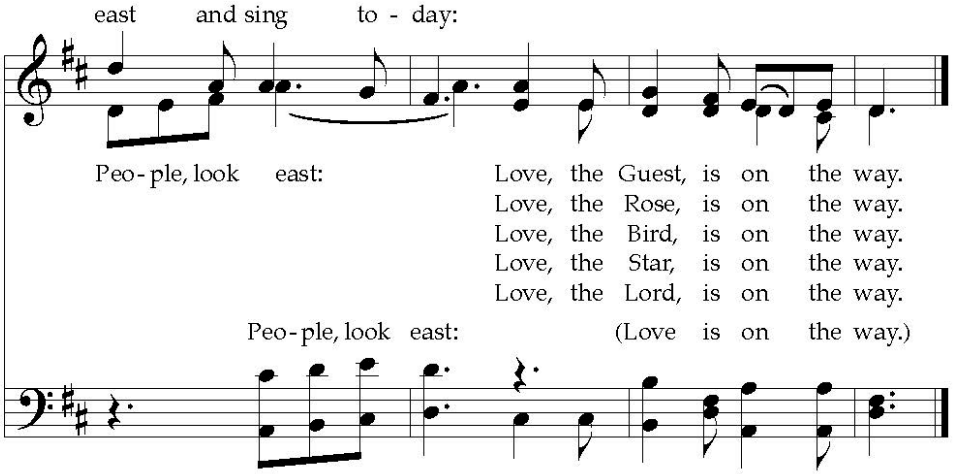
east and sing to - day:
Peo - ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
Love, the Rose, is on the way.
Love, the Bird, is on the way.
Love, the Star, is on the way.
Love, the Lord, is on the way.
Peo - ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)