



DECEMBER 11-12, 2021  
THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

### **PRAYER AS WE GATHER:**

We praise you, O God, for you come to us in the midst of our everyday lives. You surprise us with your presence in the midst of all the turmoil and craziness around us. Help us to look for you with hope and anticipation every day. Amen.

### **Song of Advent Meditation and Gathering: “If In Your Heart”**

### **PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:**

- ❖ What we do see depends mainly on what we look for. ... In the same field the farmer will notice the crop, the geologists the fossils, botanists the flowers, artists the coloring, sportsmen the cover for the game. Though we may all look at the same things, it does not all follow that we should see them. - *John Lubbock*
- ❖ Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything beautiful, for beauty is God's handwriting. - *Ralph Waldo Emerson*
- ❖ Worship is a way of seeing the world in the light of God. - *Abraham Joshua Heschel*

### **PRAISE SONG: “I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day” (music at end of bulletin)**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Let us bless our God who comes among us.

**People: We praise God who comes to save all creation.**

Leader: The signs of God's coming are all around us, if we see.

**People: We shall look for God's presence this day.**

Leader: God comes to heal us and through us to heal others.

**People: We will open our lives so that we may heal and be healed.**

**ALL: O God who comes among us to save us: Grant us the grace to watch for and see the signs of your coming and to participate in your saving works; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**OUR CONFESSION PRAYER:**

Leader: Let us confess to God and before one another our sins and especially our failure to watch for and see Christ coming among us.

**People: We confess to you, O God, and before one another that we have sinned. We have focused our lives on the things of this world and we have missed the signs of your coming. Whether it is the earth itself or our sisters and brothers, we have been blind to your presence in their needs. Help us to see you in everyone and everything around us so that we may be carriers of your salvation for all creation. Amen.**

Leader: God does come to save us; all of us. Open your eyes and open lives to God's presence and be healed and amazed.

*(Silence is observed.)*

**THE CONFESSION RESPONSE: "No Obvious Angels"**  
*(music at end of bulletin)*

**THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE**

**SONG: "Messiah" (music at end of bulletin)**

**MESSAGE IN WORD AND SONG:**

**"WATCH"**

***Would I Miss the Miracle  
Heaven Everywhere  
Christmas is Coming  
Stranger Standing at My Door***

**THE PRAYERS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

**THE SENDING OUT:**

One: Watch and be people of joy. Let joy live in your heart and share the joy of Christ with all you meet. Share joy by seeing the good in each other. Share joy by remembering good times and hoping for good times to come. Share joy by

praying for our world. In this Advent season, we need to see, feel, and share joy. As you go out into the wonder of God's creations, share joy, peace, and hope with those you meet.

And the blessing of God Almighty, The Source of Our Being, The Light in Our Darkness, The Spirit of Wisdom in Our Seeking, rest upon you and remain within you, always.

**ALL: Amen.**

**THE SENDING SONG: “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”**  
(music at end of bulletin)

**THE DISMISSAL:**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

OUR *Welcome* IS WIDE OPEN

Skeptic. Cynic. Certain. Believer. Confident. Fearful. Doubter. Seeker. Questioner. Latino. Black. Asian. White. Indigenous. Immigrant. Any combination of ethnic or racial identities. Female. Male. Straight. Gay. Bisexual. Transgender. Questioning. Rich. Poor. Middle-class. Barely making it. Able bodied. Specially abled. Disabled. Young. Old. In-between. Married. Single. Divorced. Awaiting trial. Served time. On probation. Tired. Worn. Hopeful. Employed. Unemployed. Workaholic. Slacker. Anxious. Depressed. Confused. Centered. Inked. Pierced. Both. Life long follower of Jesus. Regular attendee. Occasional attendee. Curious onlooker. Don't quite fit the box. Need a prayer right now. **Trinity is a faith community where we believe in God's love, grace and mercy—illustrated most clearly through Jesus Christ. We believe we are all children of God, created in God's image and equal in God's sight. We believe God loves us just as we are and way too much to let us stay this way. We are called to live in God's light and be transformed, not through judgment but through unconditional love. We believe God's love is all-inclusive and is stronger than the pressure to be perfect regardless of whatever labels we carry. Saint. Sinner. Democrat. Republican. Independent. Libertarian. Green. Socialist. Apolitical. Addicted. Recovering. We don't care what religion or denomination you are. We are all Human! We are all Flawed. We are all Beloved. —You are welcome here.**

COME *as you are.*

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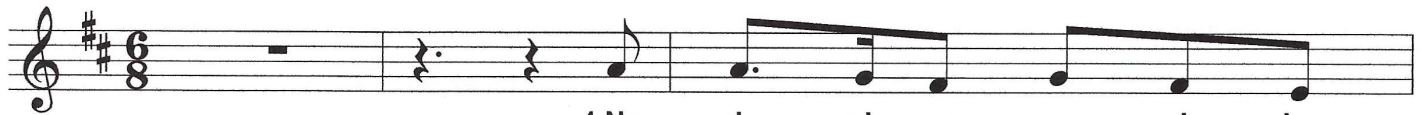
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### *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*

1.I heard the bells on Christ - mas day their  
 2.I thought how, as the day had come, the  
 3.And in de - spair I bowed my head: "There  
 4.Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: "God  
 5.Till, ring - ing, sing - ing on its way, the  
 old fa - mil - iar car - ols play, and wild and sweet the  
 bel - fries of all Chris - ten - dom had rolled a - long th'un -  
 is no peace on earth," I said, "For hate is strong and  
 is not dead, nor doth He sleep. The wrong shall fail, the  
 world re - volved from night to day - a voice, a chime, a  
 words re - peat of peace on earth, good will to men.  
 bro - ken song of peace on earth, good will to men.  
 mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men."  
 right pre - vail, with peace on earth, good will to men."  
 chant sub - lime, of peace on earth, good will to men."

## No Obvious Angels



1.No ob - vi - ous an - gels sing  
 2.Our an - gel po - ten - tial is  
 3.Who - ev - er will take it is



through the night skies, no thun - der - struck shep - herds tell  
 wait - ing to start! The Spir - it will teach us the  
 giv - en the role: the fruit - ful, the faith - ful, the



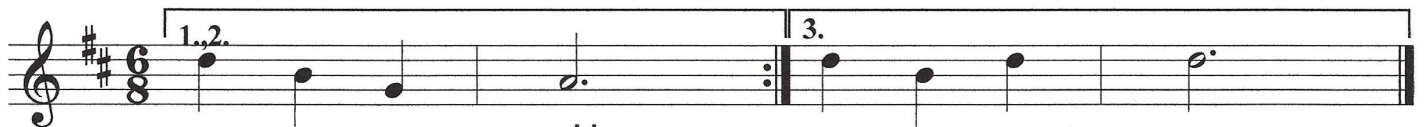
out their sur - prise, foe Christ - mas comes in - to the  
 song of the heart, for Christ - mas comes in - to the  
 joy - ous of soul, for Christ - mas comes in - to the



here and the now through star - sight ed peo - ple, the  
 here and the now through peace - mak - er peo - ple, the  
 here and the now when we are the an - gels who



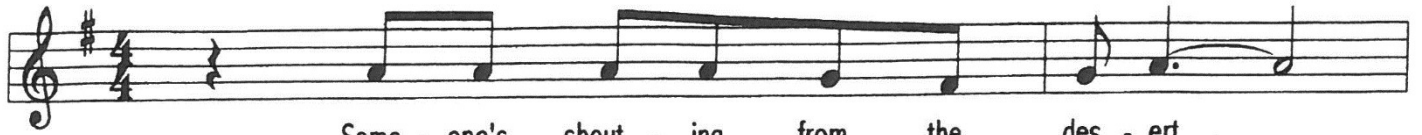
watch - ful and hope - ful, who wake us to  
 just and the gen - tle, the stars who will  
 dream and de - liv - er, who rise and cre



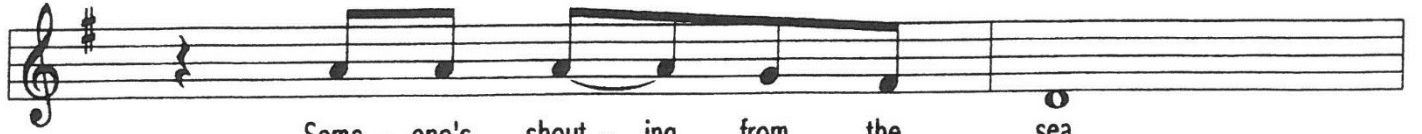
1., 2. see a new world.  
 light the new world.

3. - ate the new world!

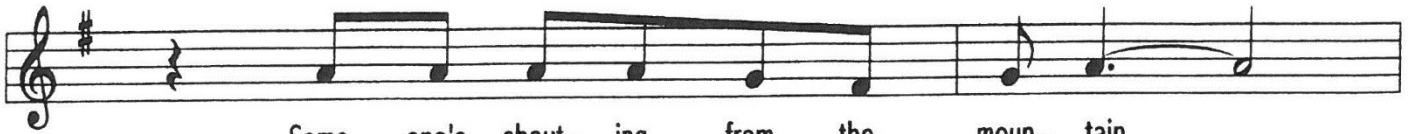
Messiah



Some - one's shout - ing from the des - ert\_.  
Some - one's shout - ing from the ci - ty  
Some - one's shout - ing I am brok - en



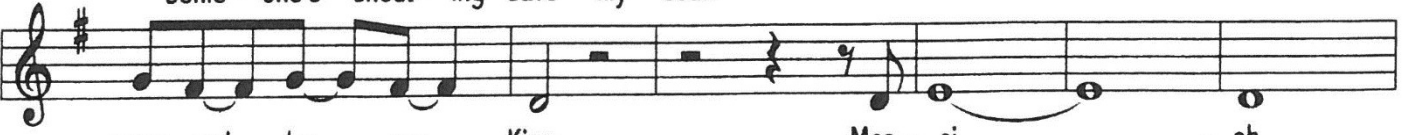
Some - one's shout - ing from the sea  
I am young I am cold  
Some - one's shout - ing make me whole



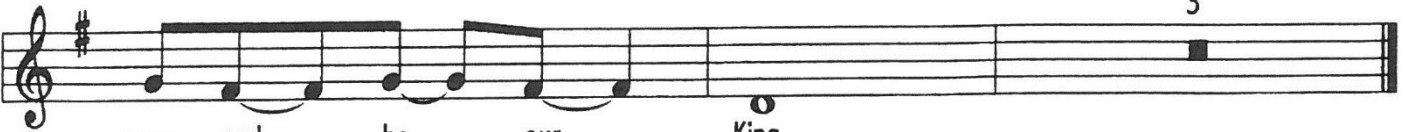
Some - one's shout - ing from the moun - tain  
Some - one's shout - ing from the coun - try  
Some - one's shout - ing come and change me



Some - one's shout - ing from the val - ley Mes - si - ah,  
I am lone - ly I am old  
Some - one's shout - ing save my soul.

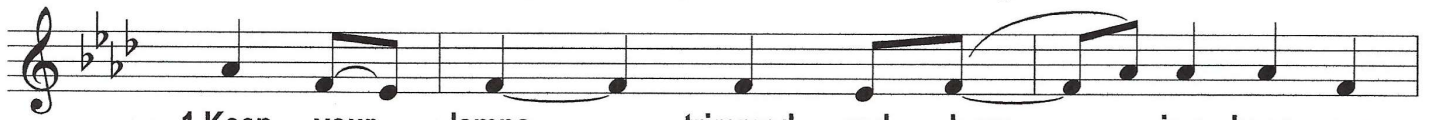


come and be our King. Mes - si - ah,



come and be our King.

*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*



1. Keep your lamps trimmed and burn\_\_\_\_\_ - ing keep your  
 2. Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore\_\_\_\_\_ us, dark - er  
 3. Lo, the morn - ing soon is break\_\_\_\_\_ - ing; lo, the  
 4. Keep your lamps trimmed and burn\_\_\_\_\_ - ing; keep your



lamps trimmed and burn\_\_\_\_\_ - ing, keep your  
 mid - night lies be - fore\_\_\_\_\_ us, dark - er  
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 lamps trimmed and burn\_\_\_\_\_ - ing; keep your



lamps trimmed and burn----- - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
 mid - night lies be - fore----- us, for this work's al - most done.  
 morn - ing soon is break----- - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
 lamps trimmed and burn----- - ing, for this work's al - most done.



Chil - dren, don't grow wear - y; chil - dren, don't grow wear - y; chil - dren,



don't grow wear - y, for this work's al - most done.