



Lexington Presbyterian Church
120 South Main Street
Lexington, VA 24450
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29 November 2020
11:00AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

SIGN IN AND FELLOWSHIP

MUSIC OF PREPARATION

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Groome and Michael Ann Lynn

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Light of hope, grant us hope.

We wait in hope for the One who is to come.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Coffey Family

OPENING HYMN 104

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession:

Prayer of Confession

Awesome God, we confess the sin of our separation from you. We have blamed you for hiding from us, rather than admitting we have failed to see you in the thousand ways you are revealing yourself every day. Without you, we have become tiny islands of self-concern. Our links with the rest of your children are stretched and broken. O God, we long for that loving community in which your reign is acknowledged and your purposes are served. Move us to that place, we pray . . .

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn (tune: *Lauda Anima*)

Jesus Came, Adored by Angels, v. 2

Jesus comes again in mercy, when our hearts are bowed with care:

Jesus comes again in answer to our earnest heartfelt prayer;

Alleluia, alleluia, comes to save us from despair.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The Peace (responsive)

Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

and also with you...

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Stewardship Campaign Report

David Hawkins

THE BLESSING OF OUR OFFERINGS

Prayer of Dedication
Hymn 606

The Doxology

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

James Baker

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64:1-9

James Baker

TIME WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE

HYMN 695

Change My Heart, O God

***Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
You are the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me; this is what I pray
Change my heart....***

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 13:24-37

SERMON *Gifts Before Christmas*

Rev. Tom Groome

HYMN OF REFLECTION 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostle's Creed*

James Baker

AFFIRMATION IN SONG - Hymn 583 (sung twice)

Gloria Gloria

***Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

HYMN 93

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

BLESSING IN WORD

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE: Hymn 384, v. 1

Soon and Very Soon

***Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Soon and very soon we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King.***

FELLOWSHIP/BREAKOUT ROOM

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dr. Ron Downey by Rev. Nancy Whiteley.

Thank you to Michael Anne Lynn for providing the announcement for the Jesse Tree. **Thank you** to David Hawkins for providing a Life of the Church on the final results of the Stewardship Campaign. **Thank you** to James Baker for assisting in worship.

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Hymn 104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Hymn Jesus Came, Adored by Angels

Hymn 606 Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 144 In the Bleak Midwinter

Hymn 93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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Hymn 695 Change My Heart, O God

Text and Music: Eddie Espinosa, 1982

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Hymn 583 Gloria, Gloria

Text: Traditional liturgical text Music: Jacques Berthier, 1979

Music © 1979, 1981 Les Presses de Taizé(admin. GIA Publications, Inc.)

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Hymn 384 Soon and Very Soon

Text and Music: Andrae Crouch, 1976

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Numbered hymns from *Glory to God* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2013).

Text of Hymn: "Jesus Came, Adored by Angels" from *The Hymnal 1982*

(The Church Hymnal Corporation, 1985)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

In the Bleak Midwinter

144

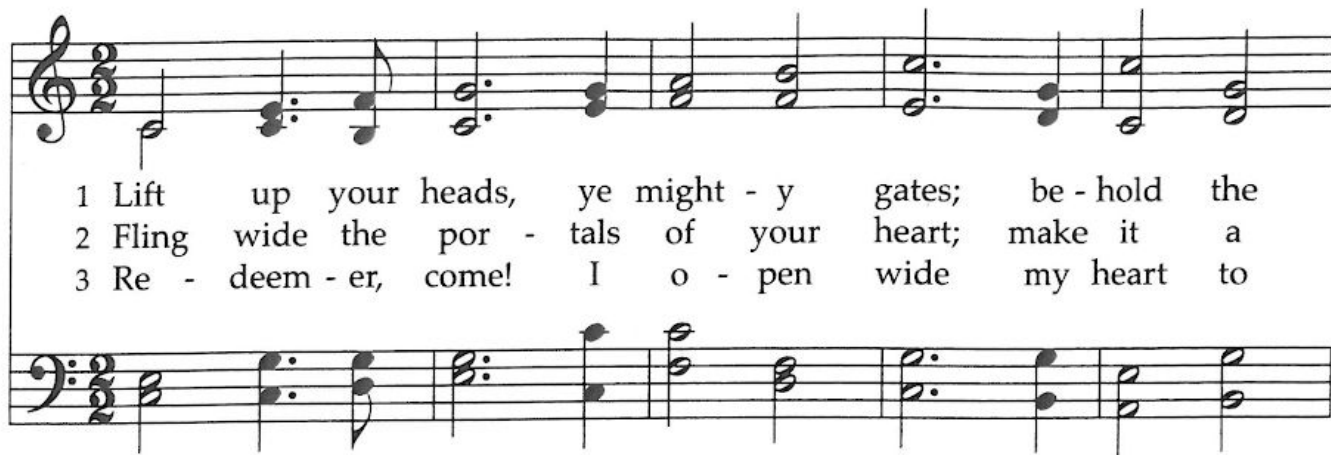
1 In the bleak mid-winter, frost-y wind made moan;
 2 Our God, heaven can-not hold him, nor earth sus-tain;
 3 An-gels and arch-an-gels may have gath-ered there;
 4 What can I give him, poor as I am?

earth stood hard as i-ron, wa-ter like a stone;
 heaven and earth shall flee a-way when he comes to reign:
 cher-u-bim and ser-a-phem thronged the air;
 If I were a shep-herd, I would bring a lamb;

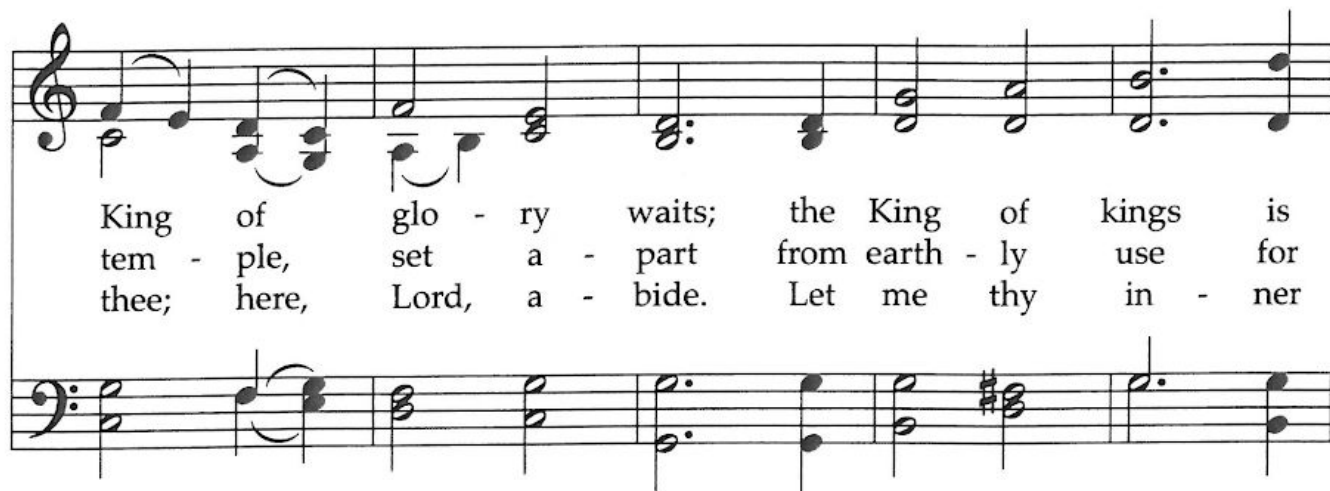
snow had fall-en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
 in the bleak mid-win-ter a sta-ble place suf-ficed
 but his moth-er on-ly, in her maid-en bliss,
 if I were a wise man, I would do my part;

in the bleak mid-win-ter, long a-go.
 the Lord God in-car-nate, Je-sus Christ.
 wor-shipped the be-lov-ed with a kiss.
 yet what I can I give him: give my heart.

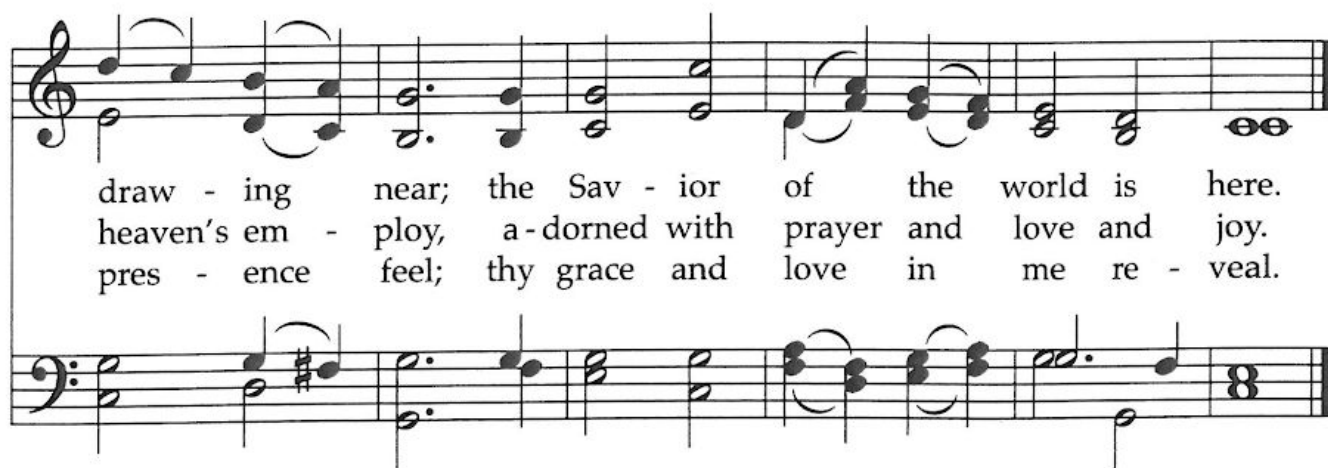
Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93



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.