



Greencastle Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service

2nd Sunday of Advent

The Order of Worship for December 10, 2023

* Please stand as able

Centering Thoughts

*Dear Lord, please allow me to embrace
Advent in the way the Church intends:
as a way to prepare for Your arrival.
May everything I do – every gift I send,
every party I attend, every meal I share
– remind me to prepare space in my
heart for You. Amen.*



Welcome & Brief Announcements

The Prelude *How Far Is It To Bethlehem*
Greg Strine, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

*The Call to Worship

Leader: A voice cries out: "*In the wilderness prepare the way
of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our
God.*"

**People: Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of
the LORD has spoken."**

Leader: Speak to us Lord. As you promised through your
prophets Isaiah and John the Baptist, come to us now.

**People: May all the barriers be removed so that we
can receive your Word and worship you, in the name
of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Opening Praise *Speak, O Lord*

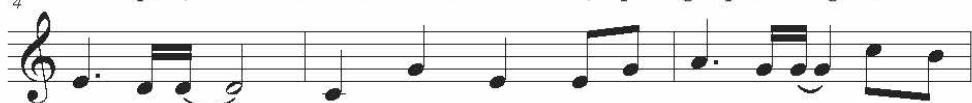
Speak, O Lord

Words & Music by
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Gentle & Prayerful $\text{♩} = 66$



Speak, O Lord, as we come to You, to re-ceive the food of Your
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
Speak, O Lord and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your



Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



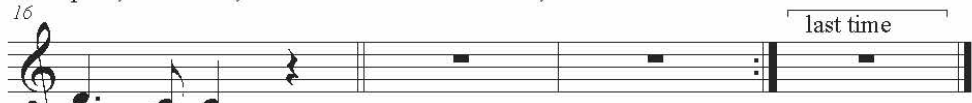
fash - ion us in your like - ness; That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
Speak, O Lord, til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your



glo - ry
un - be - lief.
glo - ry.

last time

*The Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and gracious Father, You have a most scandalous way of rescuing proud people: The One who possesses real authority to assert His rights lays them aside to humbly serve and die for us. We beseech Your forgiveness for our pride which has destroyed our ability to truly love and care for others. We confess that selfish ambition has caused squabbling and discord among us. Pardon us for our status-seeking ways, and consume us with the only status that matters: Proximity to You, our humble Lord. For we pray in the Name of the One to whom every knee will bow and every tongue confess Jesus is Lord. Amen.
(Silent prayer)

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: Friends! Believe the Good News! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri #583 *Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Joanne Lewis and Emily Jones

The Children's Time

The Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

The First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Anthem *Bring Us Hope*

Ruth Elaine Schram

Rhiannon Peterson, *cello* Greg Strine, *piano*

*The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:1-8

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: thanks be to God!

The Message

Response to the Word

Hymn #87 *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

Joys, Cares, and Concerns

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Offerings

*The Closing Hymn #88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel! (vs. 2 & 3)

*The Blessing

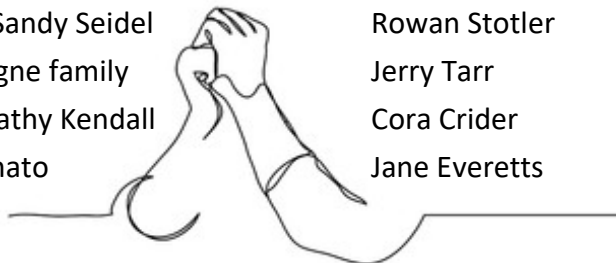
The Postlude *Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow* arr. Jeff Funk
Greg Strine, piano

SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Preaching Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist Racheal Marconi
Musicians Dr. J. Frederick Davison,
Rhiannon Peterson, Greg Strine
Advent Candle Joanne Lewis, Emily Jones
Sunday School Teachers Sue Bell, Beth Taylor
Closer Paul Sauder

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marna Yingling	Aaron Frick
Becky Hess	Ray Spitz
June Marshall	Sue Angle
Nancy McIntyre	Rev. Bill Beck
Herb Layton	Caroline Robinson
Bernice Walck	Dian Bishop
Patti Sechrist	Dan Patton
Alan Shope	Vasilija Milanovic
Tim Walck	Tracey Hammond and family
Mary Lou Riddle	Bethany Yeager
Steven Bishop	Penny Mohler
Mindy Grosh	Dot Wilson
Michael Paylor	Cathy Thomas
Linda Pittman	Dominic Frampton
Rachael, Christopher & Anna Lee Massieu	Bill Horst
Mary Buhl	Bobbi Biesecker
Kim Hay	Sue Lum
Cullen Gaston	Jan Shafer
Bob & Sandy Seidel	Rowan Stotler
The Gagne family	Jerry Tarr
Bill & Kathy Kendall	Cora Crider
Dan Amato	Jane Everetts



Please pray for the family and friends of **Andi Hess Wingert**, who recently passed away. *[May they find peace and comfort in your assurance of salvation, dearest Lord Jesus. Amen.]*

Good and gracious God, we surrender all worries and concerns to You. Knowing that You are in control and that all will work out for the good. Help us to trust You more each day. Amen.

Sunday, December 17th

All Ages Welcome!

Caroling, Cocoa, & Cookies

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Hope to see you there!

Meet in the GPC Social Room at 5:45 pm.

We'll leave at 6:00 pm to go caroling around town.

Join us for hot cocoa & cookies back at the church afterwards. Feel free to bring a dozen of your

favorite cookies and/ or a friend!

RSVP to Keri 845 270 9108 by 12/16.

Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

Greencastle Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 24, 2023

Prelude Music 6:45 pm

Worship 7:00 pm



CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Robert Cook Interim Pastor
Dr. J. Frederick Davison..... Director of Music Ministry
Keri Papa Director of Christian Education
Susan Miller..... Office Manager
Bonnie Speaks..... Finance Manager
Sue Bell Parish Nurse
Barbara Grane Food Pantry Coordinator
Ryan Hock..... Custodian
Debbie Hock..... Custodian
Bryan Larew..... Groundskeeper

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Jim Papa

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Class of 2026

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