

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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DECEMBER 8, 2024

10:00 A.M.

***With doors wide open**, we welcome all to come and discover how  
God's love in Christ connects us more deeply with each other,  
our community, the world and with God.*

***With arms wide open**, we welcome all who are looking for something more,  
who have questions, who want to make a difference as  
they learn, serve and reach out in word and deed.*

***With hearts wide open**, we welcome you.*

**PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRELUDE:

INTROIT: "The Advent of Our King"

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: A voice cries, "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

**People: We are preparing our hearts for the God of love to come into the world.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

\*HYMN #9 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and turned from our neighbors. We have refused to bear the troubles of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.*

*O God, in your great mercy forgive our sin and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE: #579 "Gloria Patri"

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen. Amen.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANTHEM: "Soon and Very Soon"

A TIME TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

*Dilworth*

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT: Malachi 3:1-4 Pew Bible Page 929  
NEW TESTAMENT: Romans 5:12-21 Pew Bible Page 1094  
SERMON: "The Gift of Love" Jeff Prey

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN # 298 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (debts/debtors)

PRAYER RESPONSE: Hymn #43 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray,  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell.  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!*

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES & DEDICATION OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY: "The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow"

\*DOXOLOGY:

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

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## TAKING GOD'S WORD TO THE WORLD

\*HYMN # 309 "Of the Father's Love Begotten"

\*THE BENEDICTION

PASSING THE PEACE: *"May God's peace be with you."*

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

*Worship has ended; let Service begin.*

\* Please stand in body or in spirit.

The Lay Reader this morning is Carol J.

*~ Open Doors - Open Arms - Open Hearts ~*

*Thank you for worshiping with us. Please join us again next Sunday.*

*Christmas Pageant*

*Scripture: Romans 6:1-14*

*Sermon title: "The Gift of Joy"*

**DECEMBER 8, 2024...** *During the musical prelude we ask that you prepare for worship by quiet prayer and reflection. If you are visiting our virtual worship service, we extend a special welcome. We invite you to please sign your name in the Chat room (icon located in Zoom's tool bar at the bottom of the screen) this is a good way to meet the people joining us this morning. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office or visit our website [www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org](http://www.oysterbaypresbyterian.org).*

**OUR SPECIAL MINISTRY OF PRAYER ...** Please keep the following people in your prayers: Jen, Cindy and all those suffering from cancer, special prayers for those suffering from the wars in Ukraine, the Mideast, and other areas where conflict reigns, for the veterans and military personnel returning from service wounded in body, mind or spirit.

**THE CHANCEL ARRANGEMENT ...** *is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy & James Clifford and Fanna & Ted Albers, Maureen and Darrell's Albers parents.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY...**

December	9	Holly R.
	12	Catherine C. Glenn N.
	13	Alex H.
	14	Trilby F.

**CIRCLE OF PRAYER ...** If you have need for special prayers, concerns or thanksgivings, please call the church office 922-5477 or Kristine L. 922-3126.

**This week...**

<b>Today</b>	Confirmation Class	9:00 a.m.
	Worship & Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
	Advent Brunch	11:00 a.m.
	Christmas Pageant Practice	11:30 - 12:15 p.m.
Sat 12/14	Pageant Dress Rehearsal	9:45 - 12:00 p.m.
	Community Dinner	5:00 p.m.
Sun 12/15	Pageant Practice "Final Walk Through"	8:45 a.m.
	Christmas Pageant Sunday Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Mission M.T. Meeting	11:30 a.m.
<b>Coming Up...</b>	What Presbyterians Believe	December 16
	Session	December 17

**SERMON OUTLINE**

**"THE GIFT OF LOVE"**

Introduction: Paul, the preacher

I. Our Need

A. no escaping it

B. (no matter how hard we try ...)

II. God's Gifts

A. overflows, and –

B. opens a door



## Christmas Eve Services



**Family Candlelight Service**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**Evening Candlelight Service**  
**9:30 p.m.**

**FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry donations will continue to be collected and delivered to local food pantries. Please place your food donations at the front of the church.

Blue Bags are available in the vestibule. Your donations are greatly appreciated, Thank you!

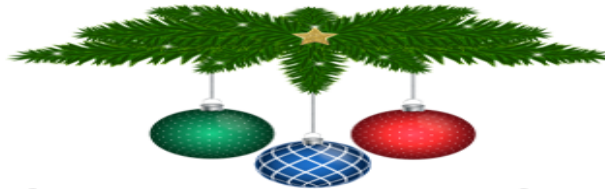


**Rehearsal Schedule:**

Sunday, 12/8	11:30 - 12:15
	<i>Costume Selection</i>
<u>Saturday</u> , 12/14	9:45 - 12:00
	<i>Dress Rehearsal</i>
Sunday, 12/15	8:45
	<i>Final Rehearsal</i>

Please plan to attend all Rehearsals  
Thank you!

## HOLIDAY SHARING PROGRAM



Gifts due date:  
December 15

The Board of Deacons invites the church family to participate in the Holiday Sharing Program by volunteering to provide a gift or money towards a gift to a needy individual or family in the Oyster Bay community.

For those of you who like to consider participating in the Holiday Sharing Program, please go to the sign-up board in Fellowship Hall after the worship service.

Thank you all for your generous support and giving to the community outreach program.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you like to make a donation to the flower fund, we will use your donations to purchase Poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to dedicate your donation in memory, honor or in thanksgiving of loved ones, please fill out this form and kindly place it in the offering plate.



Please Submit your requests and dedications by  
**DECEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2024**



to appear in the Christmas Dedication Insert list.

Thank You!

**Please Print Neatly**

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In thanksgiving for:** \_\_\_\_\_

**by:** \_\_\_\_\_

## O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

VENI EMMANUEL LM with refrain

Latin, c. 12th century

Stanzas 1-2 trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1854

Stanza 3 trans. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916

Adapt. Thomas Helmore, 1854

Accomp. John Weaver, 1988

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2. O come, Thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its  
 3. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples

cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 by Thine ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 in one heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife, and dis - cord

here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 night, And death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 cease; Fill the whole world with heav - en's peace.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody  
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.  
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.





## Of the Father's Love Begotten

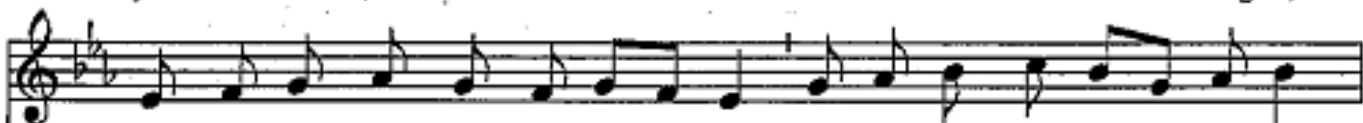
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413)

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1854,  
and Henry Williams Baker, 1859

Plainsong, Mode V

Harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940



1. Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, Ere the worlds be - gan to be,
2. O ye heights of heaven a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His prais - es sing;
3. Christ, to Thee with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly Ghost, to Thee,



He is Al - pha and O - meg - a, He the source, the end - ing He,  
Powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him, And ex - tol our God and King;  
Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing And un - wea - ried prais - es be:



Of the things that are, that have been, And that fu - ture years shall see,  
Let no tongue on earth be si - lent, Ev - ery voice in con - cert ring,  
Hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry,



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!  
Ev - er - more and ev - er - more!                   A - - men.