Sunday, November 29th, 2026
First Sunday of Advent: Hope

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Introit ***"Come, Let Us Gather"*** *Traditional*
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Call to Worship **Bill Harvey**

In God's house,
we are free to wear our hearts on our sleeves.
In God's house,
we may come exactly as we are.
In God's house,
we dare to hope. We dream new dreams.
We cry out. We call upon God.
In God's house,
all are welcome and all are heard.
So come and worship.
God is here. God is listening.
Let us worship our with-us God.

Lighting of the First Advent Candle: Hope

Sung Candle Response: ***"We Are a People of Hope"*** *please see insert*
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Prayer for Illumination **Bill Harvey**
Gracious God, for generations, we have cried out to you, and you have listened. So, as we turn to hear your Word read and proclaimed, give us the ability to listen as well as you do. Give us the ears and the heart to hear your words. In hope we pray. Amen.

Anthem ***"An Advent Alleluia"*** *by Douglas Wagner*
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Scripture Isaiah 64:1-9 **Bill Harvey**

Hymn** ***"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *vs 1, 6, 7* *NCH* ***#116***
Text: LM with refrain; 'O' Antiphons, Latin, 9th cent.; Verses 1, 3-6, para. in Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Cologne, 1710; tr. by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866; Verses 2, 7 tr. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; alt. Music: Chant, Mode I; Processionale, French, 15th cent.; arr. by Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890. Public Domain.

Sermon **Rev. Abby Gackenheimer**

God, please restore _____. Shine on _____. Save _____
During the Music of Reflection, you are invited to reflect on the ways you pray for God to draw near. Above is a guiding prayer inviting God to do just that… to draw near.

Music of Reflection

Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response ***"Let Thy Holy Presence"*** *by Pavel Tschesnokoff*

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Call to Generosity
Offertory

Doxology** *Pilgrim Hymnal* ***#515 **[alternative words]*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him [God], all creatures here below
Praise Him [God] above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father [Creator], Son [Christ], and Holy Ghost. Amen

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**
God, we offer you these gifts, and pray that you would take this offering and turn it into ministry. Use these gifts to transform the world we live in to better reflect the home you have envisioned for us—a home of peace, a home built on the foundation of love. Gratefully we pray, amen.

Hymn** ***"Restore Us, God" *please see insert*

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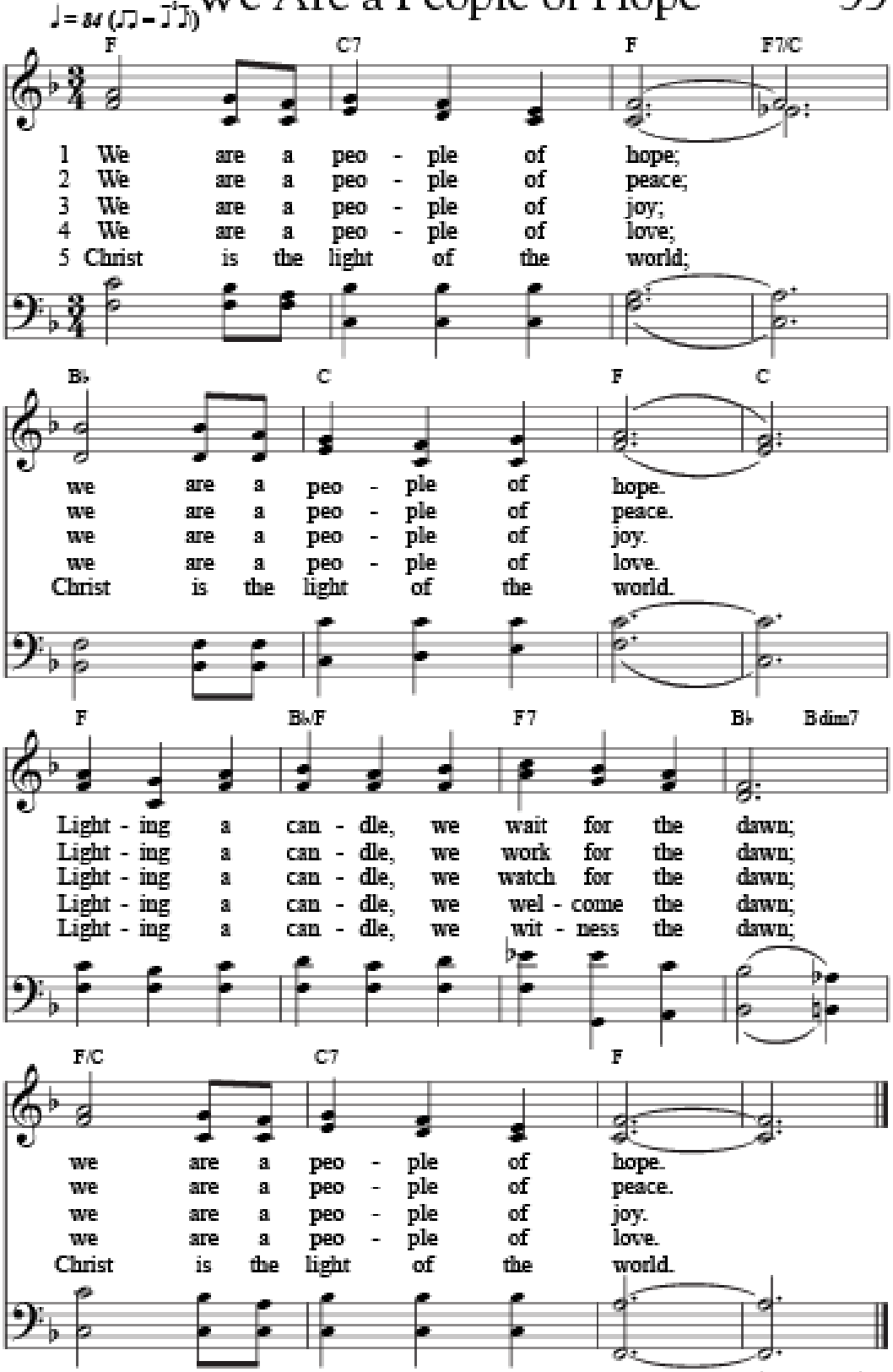
Benediction

Benediction Response ***"Go Now in Peace"*** *by Don Besig and Nancy Price*

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Postlude

We Are a People of Hope 35



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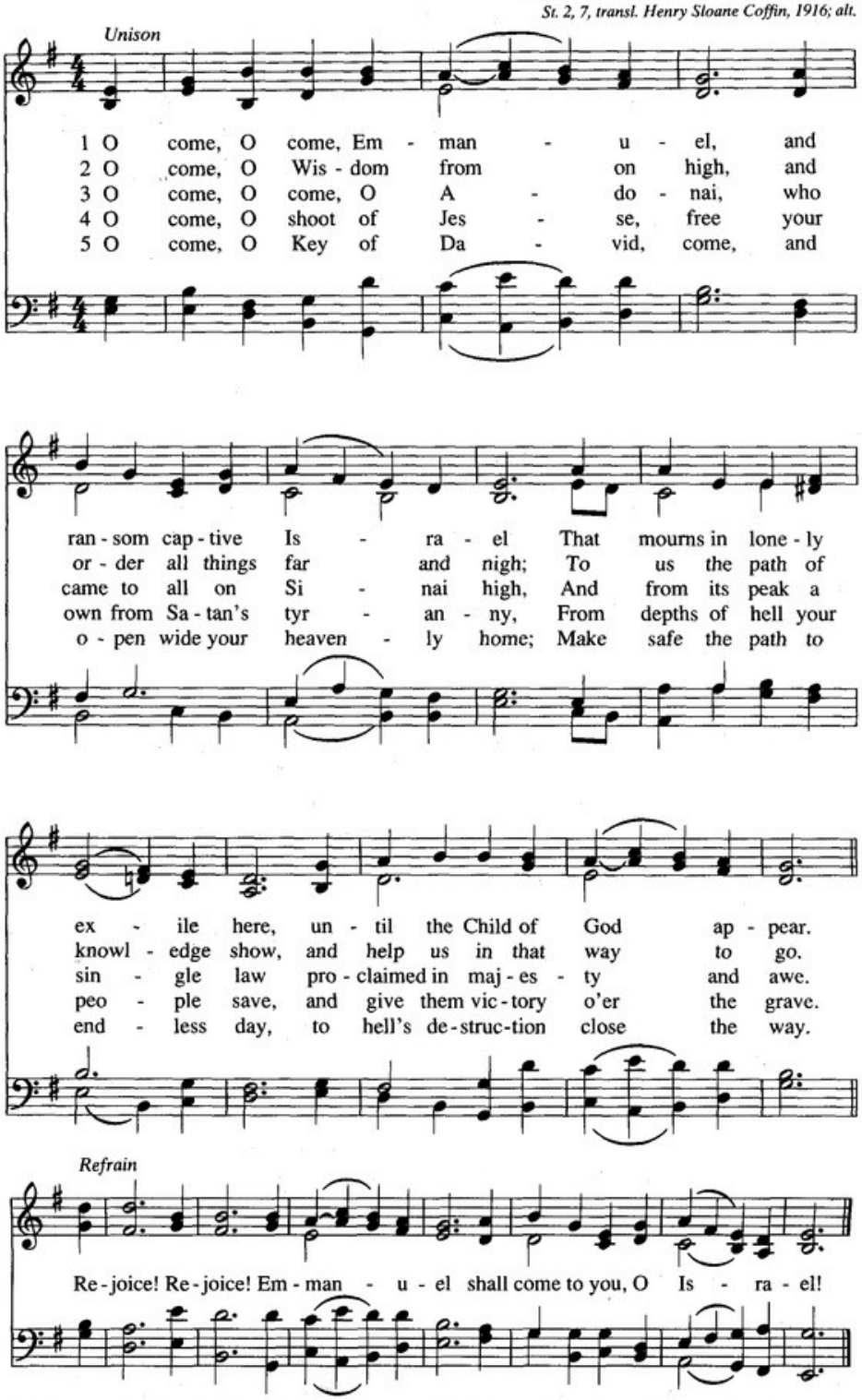
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Isa. 11:1–12; Exod. 19–20:17

Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, *1710*
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Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851, and others; alt.
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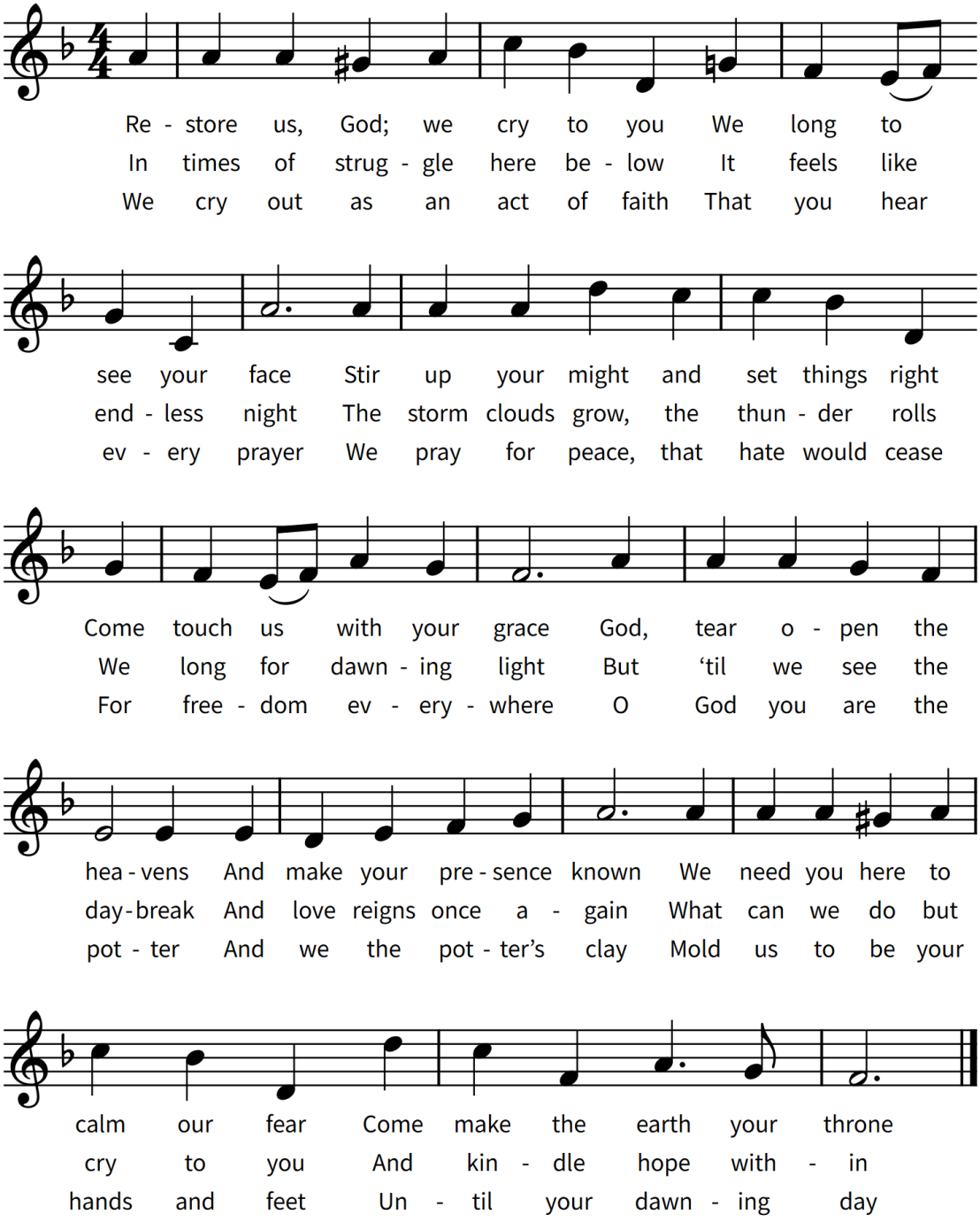
6 O come, O Day-spring, come and cheer
our spir-its by your ad-vent here;
Love stir with-in the womb of night,
and death's own shad-ows put to flight.
(Refrain)

7 O come, De-sire of Na-tions, bind
all peo-ples in one heart and mind;
Make en-vy, strife, and quar-rels cease;
fill the whole world with heav-en's peace.
(Refrain)

Restore Us, God

ST. LOUIS 8.6.8.6 D (“O Little Town of Bethlehem”)

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