


# BAYSHORE GARDENS COMMUNITY CHURCH



**LOVING GOD, LOVING OTHERS**

**To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who are sad and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and want friendship; to all who hunger and thirst for something real and lasting; and to all who come here, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ**



**Please  
Silence  
Cell  
Phones  
At This  
Time**

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O Come, O come  
Emmanuel



**O come, O come Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lowly exile  
here,  
Until the son of God appear.**



**Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Emmanuel shall come to**  
**you,**  
**O Israel.**



**O come, Thou Dayspring, come  
and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of  
night,  
And death's dark shadows put to  
flight.**





**Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Emmanuel shall come to**  
**you,**  
**O Israel.**



**O come, Thou Wisdom from on  
high  
And order all things far and nigh;  
To us the path of knowledge  
show  
and cause us in her ways to go.**



**Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Emmanuel shall come to**  
**you,**  
**O Israel.**



**O come, Desire of nations, bind  
All peoples in one heart and  
mind;  
Bid envy, strife and quarrels  
cease;  
Fill the whole world with  
heaven's peace.**



**Rejoice! Rejoice!**  
**Emmanuel shall come to**  
**you,**  
**O Israel.**



welcome



**Lighting the Advent Candles**

# **Call To Worship**

**Elder Roy Palk, Liturgist**



# Reader:

**Comfort, comfort My people, says your  
God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and  
cry to her that her warfare is ended,  
that her iniquity is pardoned, that she  
has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.**

# People:

**A voice cries: “In the wilderness  
prepare the way of the LORD;  
make straight in the desert a  
highway for our God.**

**Reader:**

**Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill  
be made low;**

# People:

**The uneven ground shall  
become level, and the rough  
places a plain.”**



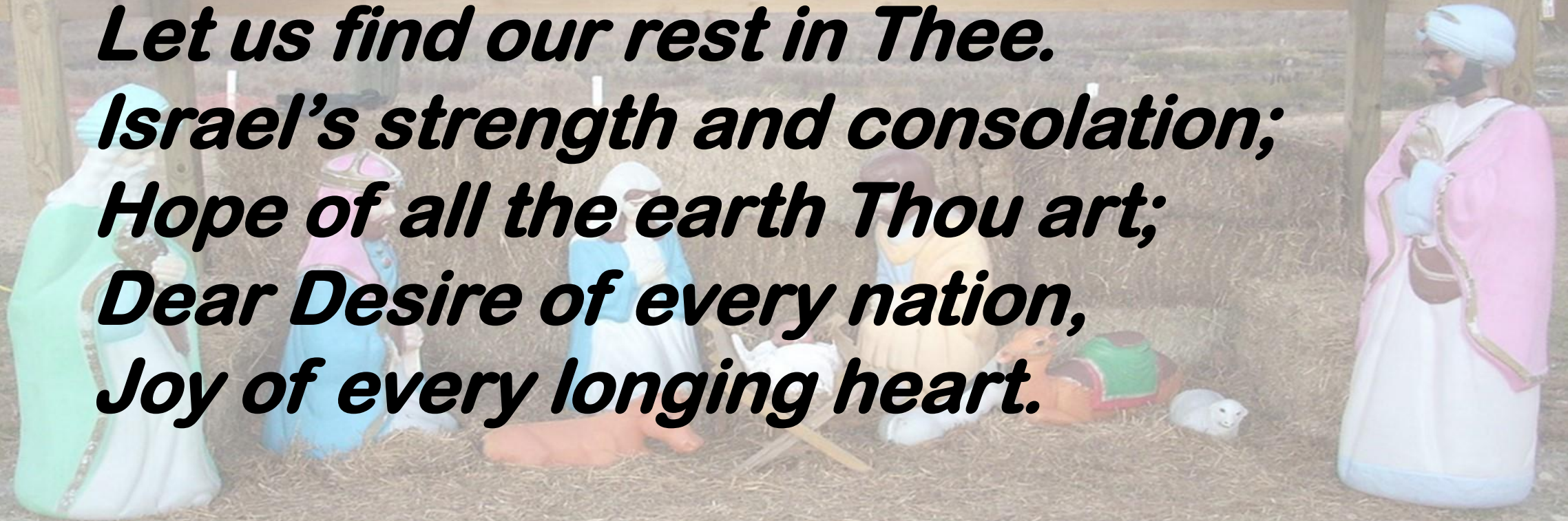
A photograph of a nativity scene set under a wooden stable structure. The scene includes figures of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus in a manger, and three wise men. There are also animals like a cow, a donkey, and a camel. The background shows a field and trees.

***Come, Thou Long  
Expected Jesus***

Hymn 244

***Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us;  
Let us find our rest in Thee.***

***Israel's strength and consolation;  
Hope of all the earth Thou art;  
Dear Desire of every nation,  
Joy of every longing heart.***



***Born Thy people to deliver,  
Born a child and yet a king.  
Born to reign in us forever,  
Now Thy gracious kingdom  
bring.***

***By Thine own eternal Spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit,  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.***





# **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ALL:**

**O Lord Christ,**

**we confess our willingness to  
be loved but also our reluctance  
to love others.**

**ALL:**

**We confess our readiness to accept  
Your forgiving love,  
but also our refusal to forgive others.**

**ALL:**

**We confess our eagerness to grasp  
Your offer of redeeming love,  
but also our resistance to follow  
You without question.**

**ALL:**

**In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to act and live as we should. Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You with joy,**

**ALL:**

**as the shepherds; with gratitude,  
as Simeon; with obedience,  
as Mary; with love,  
as You have loved us.**

**ALL:**

**Even so: come, Lord Jesus.**

**Lord, hear our prayers.**





*A moment for  
meditation and  
silent confession*

**Words of Assurance and Pardon of  
the Gospel**

**(Isaiah 9.2)**

**Jeanie Smith, Liturgist**

## Liturgist:

**The people who walked in  
darkness have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep  
darkness, on them has light  
shone.**



***The Solid  
Rock***

***Hymn # 526***

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**



**His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way  
He then is all my hope and stay.**

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne**

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.**



# Teaching Moment

**“It’s (Almost) Here.”**

**Pastor Dustin**

**Advent Teaching Series, week 1**

# **The 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**

**OFFERTORY**

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# Holy Communion





***'O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL'***

**#249**



**[ All who are able please stand ]**



**(1)**

**O come all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him,  
born the King of angels.  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.**



**(2)**

**Sing, choirs of angels,  
sing in exultation;  
O sing all ye bright hosts of heaven above!  
Glory to God,  
all glory in the highest.  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.**



**(3)**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to You be all glory given;  
Word of the Father  
now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ, the Lord.**





# THE PASTORAL BENEDECTION

God has a plan for you and,  
you are EXACTLY where God  
wants you to be.



# **Blest Be The Tie That Binds**

**Hymn 426**





**Blest be the tie that  
binds our hearts in  
Christian love;**

**The fellowship of  
kindred minds is like to  
that above;**





**Before our Father's  
throne we pour our  
ardent prayers;**

**Our fears, our hopes, our  
aims are one, our  
comforts and our cares**

**When we asunder part, it  
gives us inward pain;**

**But we shall be joined in  
heart, and hope to meet  
again.**

