# Joy to the World

## Hope

Sunday, November 29, 2026

CUCC

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***November 29, 2026 10:30 a.m. "Advent I- Hope"***

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*"then our mouths were filled with laughter,*
*and our tongues with shouts of joy!"-Psalm 126:2*

Welcome and Greetings/Invocation Pastor Rick

Carrying in the Light of Christ

*Call to Worship/Gathering Songs of Joy

Come Now, Almighty God *#275*
*(verses 1-3 only)*

***Come now, Almighty God. Help us Your name to laud;***
***our songs we raise! Ruler all glorious, o'er all victorious,***
***come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!***

***Come now, Incarnate Word, by heaven and earth adored;***
***our prayer attend. Come, and Your people bless,***
***and give Your word success; grant us your holiness, Savior and Friend!***

***Come, Holy Comforter, Your sacred witness bear, in this glad hour.***
***Your grace to us impart, now rule in every heart,***
***never from us depart, Spirit of power!***

"All the Earth is Waiting" *#121*
*(verses 1-2 only)*

***All the earth is waiting to see the Promised One,***
***and open furrows, the sowing of our God.***
***All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;***
***it cries out for justice, and searches for the truth.***

***Thus says the Prophet, to those of Israel,***
***"A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel;***
***One whose name is "God with us," our Savior shall be,***
***Through whom hope will blossom once more within our hearts.***

"Christians, All, Your Lord is Coming"

***Christians all, your Lord is coming, drawing near in holy birth!***
***Ring the bells and sound the trumpets, let your music fill the earth!***
***Dance and move to show God's glory;***
***kneel and pause to hear God's word.***
***Alleluia! Alleluia! Rise and let your songs be heard!***

***Christians all, your Lord is coming, hope for peace is now at hand!***
***Let there be no hesitation, walk in faith where life demands.***
***Bear the word that God has given; share the birth that stirs your soul.***
***Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ will come and make you whole!***

*Prayer Pastor Rick

*Assurance of Blessing Pastor Rick

*Lighting the Advent Candle "Hope"

*Response "Christians, All Your Lord is Coming"

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*Sharing God's Gift of Peace Pastor Rick

May God's Peace be with you!
**And also with you!**

Children's Time "Like a Child, Jesus Comes"
*(Sung as children return to their seats)*

***Like a child love would send to reveal and to men,***
***Like a child and a friend, Jesus comes!***
***Like a child we may find claiming heart, soul, and mind,***
***Like a child strong and kind, Jesus comes!***

New Testament Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Judi Privitt

*The Apostle Paul speaks of rejoicing always, praying constantly, and giving thanks for everything life throws at you. This joyful attitude he tells us, is indicative of a heart that has been given to Jesus, and is desiring authentic relationship with Jesus.* *Page #949*

Gospel Lesson John 1:1-9 Judi Privitt

*The author of the Gospel attributed to John tells us about the pre-birth understanding of the divinity of Jesus. To do so, he takes his readers all the way back to the beginning of time, reporting that the essence of Jesus was present in the divine chorus that created everything. God is singular, yet plural in this narrative, engendering usage of the pronoun "They."* *Page #807*

Anthem "Hope Has a Name" Celebration Singers
*arr. Nitz*

Sermon "Joy to the World" Pastor Rick

*Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" *#116*

Community Prayer & Silent Prayer Pastor Rick

The LORD'S Prayer

**Creator God in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

*Hymn "Come, O Long Expected Jesus" *(insert)*

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life Pastor Rick

Invitation to the Offering

*To give online text "GIVE" to 573.240.4041*
*You can also give online by visiting our website:*
*www.columbiaucc.com*

Offertory Tim Guillaume

*Prayer of Dedication Judi Privitt

**God, we give thanks for the gift of hope that Christ brings. During this Advent Season we prepare our hearts to receive it. Now take these gifts we offer. May they be used to convey the hope that You offer to all the world. Amen.**

*Benediction Pastor Rick

*Response "Joy to the World (Advent)" *#132*

***Joy to the world, for Christ is near; let earth its praises bring!***
***Let every heart prepare Christ room,***
***And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,***
***And heaven, and heaven and nature sing!***

Postlude Tim Guillaume

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**TODAY IN WORSHIP:**

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| Worship Leader: | Judi Privitt |
| Song Leader: | Killian Boyd |
| Ushers: | Dorothy Williams & Yvonne Williams |
| Greeters: | Kitty Rogers |
| Technology: | Brent Marks & Doug Privitt |
| Council Stewards: | Mary Lorber |

**NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:**

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| Worship Leader: | Confirmation Students |
| Song Leader: | Katie Jones |
| Ushers: | Llona Weiss & Pat Forward |
| Greeters: | Mary Lorber |
| Technology: | Doug Privitt & Judi Privitt |
| Council Stewards: | Jerry Kiesling & Mary Lorber |

**COLUMBIA UCC CHURCH COUNCIL**

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| Outreach & Advocacy: | Mahree Skala |
| Worship & Music: | Kitty Rogers |

Online Giving

**NURSERY CARE** is available for children in kindergarten and younger in the educational wing. If you need help finding it, ask an usher!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM REHEARSALS**

It's your time to shine! Rehearsals for the Sunday School Christmas Program, which will be December 20 during worship, are going on each week! Rehearsals will be every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. during the Sunday School hour.

**LENTEN PSALMS PROJECT**

This year, we will be using Psalms as a focus for our Lenten Devotions- based on reflections we are asking ***YOU*** to write! To select a psalm and sign up, check out the display in the rear of the Sanctuary. If you want to choose a different psalm than the ones suggested, that is okay, too! Questions? Ask Pastor Rick.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED CHRISTMAS PARTY - 12/4**

All Women of the church are invited to attend the Church Women United Christmas Party on 12/5! This is an ecumenical group of women from churches all across Columbia, united to share faith and fun. Come join us here at CUCC for the Christmas joy! Questions? Ask Melba Shaffer or Linda Evans.

**ADVENT BANQUET - 12/13**

This year's Advent Banquet is going to be incredible! We have a new caterer who has worked with Mary to come up with an amazing menu. Join us! To RSVP, sign up on the sheet in the rear of the Sanctuary, or use the link in the Friday email.

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

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| Sun | 11/29 | ***First Sunday of Advent*** | |
| | | Bible Study/Sunday School | 9:00 a.m. |
| | | Fellowship | 10:00 a.m. |
| | | Worship (in person and livestream) | 10:30 a.m. |
| Mon | 11/30 | Scouting America | 7:00 p.m. |
| | | Merry Old Missouri Rehearsal | 7:00 p.m. |
| Tue | 12/1 | Staff Meeting | 10:00 a.m. |
| | | Quilters | 10:00 a.m. |
| | | Finance & Stewardship Meeting | 5:45 p.m. |
| Wed | 12/2 | Chapel Ringers/Celebration Singers | 6:00/7:00 p.m. |
| Fri | 12/4 | Church Women United Christmas | 9:00 a.m. |
| Sat | 12/5 | Young Adults Group @ Pastor Rick's | 5:00 p.m. |
| Sun | 12/6 | Confirmation Sunday | |
| | | Bible Study/Sunday School | 9:00 a.m. |
| | | Fellowship | 10:00 a.m. |
| | | Worship (in person) | 10:30 a.m. |
| | | Outreach & Advocacy Team Meeting | 12:00 p.m. |

# Columbia UCC Prayer List

*Please keep in your prayers this week . . .*

The family of Mark Shaffer…on their loss
The family of Fred Wilke… on their loss (Alethea's father)

Students and staff at Alpha Hart Lewis Elementary... our Partner in Education

All those whose lives are affected by state sanctioned terrorism...

Our US Military... deployed in the Middle East

*In Hospice Care:*
Joyce Andersen (Aimee's mother-in-law),
Julie Roper (Alexandra's mother), Jan Barry

*Health Issues:*
Jeff Kies, Barry Kirchhoff, Glenn Duermeyer, Evie Marcks,
Julia Marsh, Becky Weston, Connie Fairley, Cody Kile, Dr. Ryan Link,
Kenny & Jane Holtgrewe (Marsha Posz's parents), Rev. Dale Parson
Cassandra Gartner (Edie's friend), Rev. Carolyn Held (Edie's niece),
Martha (friend of the Veteto family), Ken (Adam Veteto's cousin),
Mary Jane Johnson (Joe Remeika's sister), Kay Kanger (Edie Diel's friend),
Jan Keithley (Donna Marsh's friend)

*Challenges in Life:*
Sheila, The Koerkenmeier & Malicoat Families, the Trout Family

*Living in Assisted Living Facilities:*
Vernie Blank, Gary Ehrhardt

*Living in Independent Living Facilities:*
Sue Beckman, Linda Evans, Don Privitt, Walter & Patty Schroeder, Dean Barry

*Serving us in the military:*
Aaron Dachroeden, Christopher Tennill, Dane Wilson,
Garrett Holtgrewe… (Marsha Posz's nephew)

*If you are interested in joining our Prayer Team or have a prayer request for our team to lift up, please contact*

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*or Tricia Soncasie (314) 374-7477 tsoncasie@aol.com*

## 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all
circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not
quench the Spirit.
20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast to what is
good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.
23 May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit
and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord
Jesus Christ.
24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

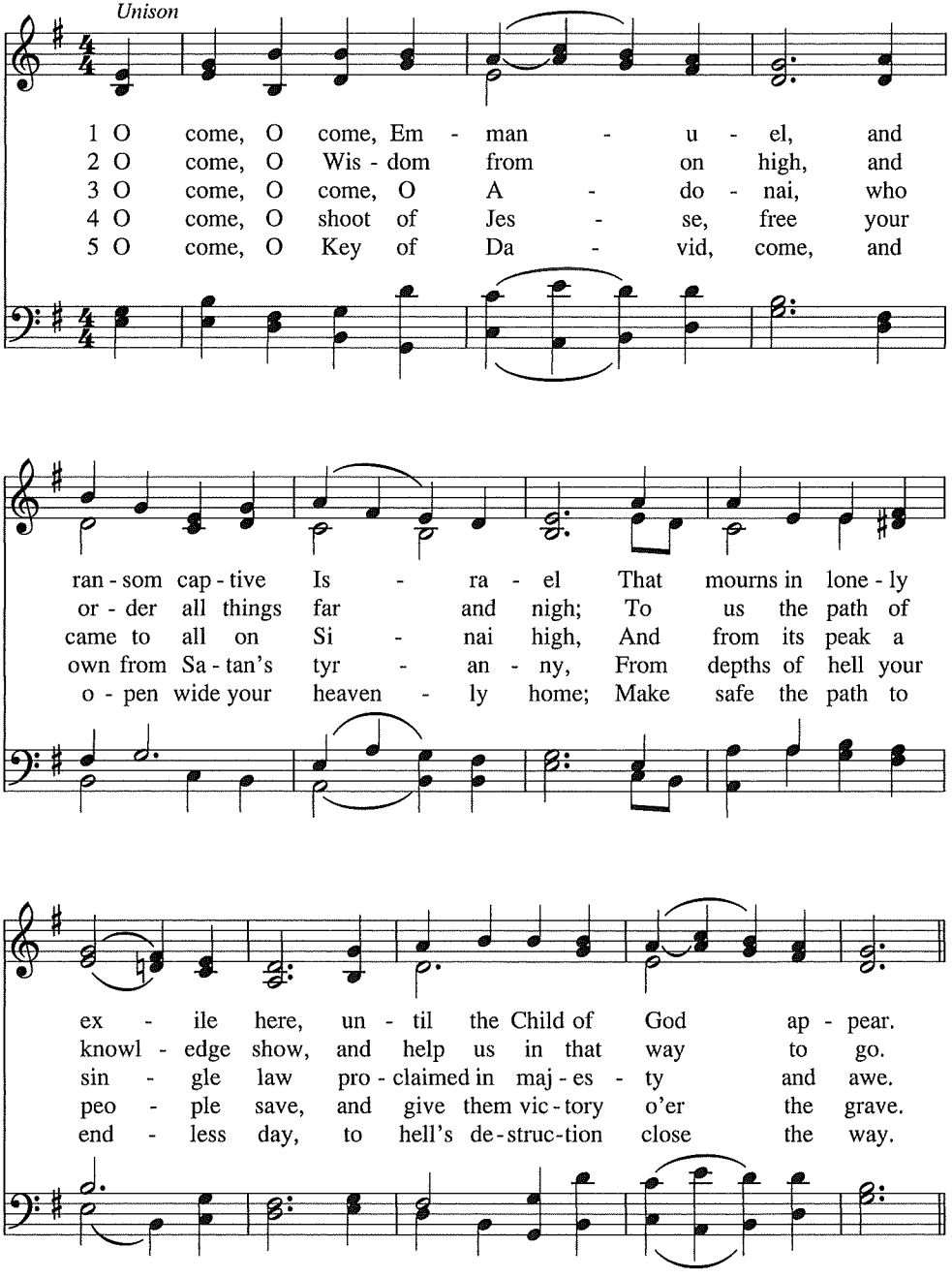
## John 1:1-9

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word
was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.
3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing
came into being. What has come into being
4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines
in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.
6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a
witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.
8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true
light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.,

# 116 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

*Isa. 11:1–12; Exod. 19–20:17*

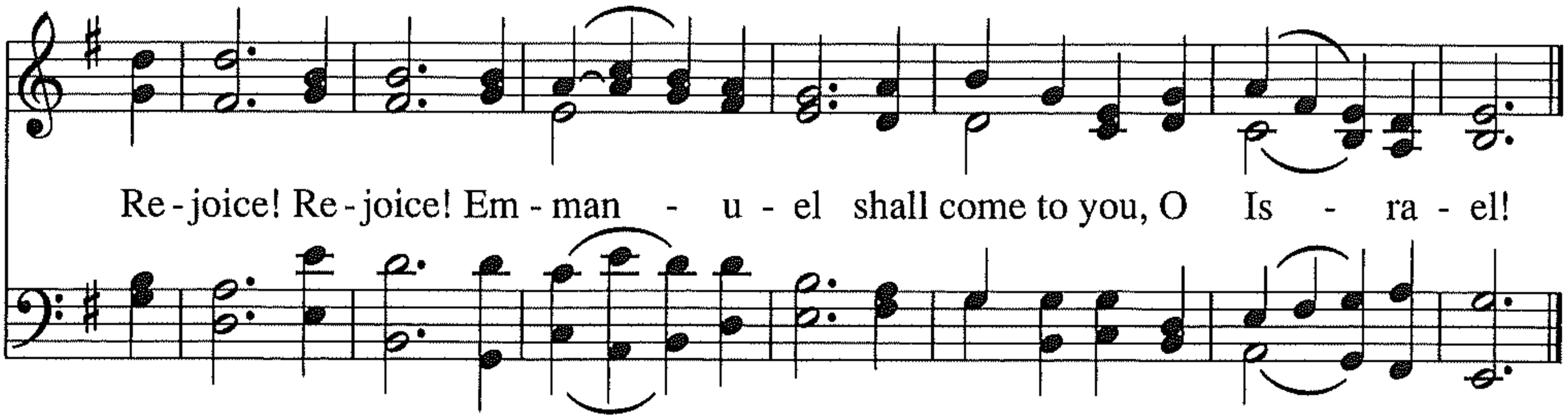
Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, *1710*
*Based on ancient antiphons from Advent Vespers*
*Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851, and others; alt.*
*St. 2, 7, transl. Henry Sloane Coffin, 1916; alt.*




*In the medieval Western church, seven "Great O" antiphons, the basis for this hymn, were sung consecutively on the seven days before Christmas, ending with what appears above as the first stanza.*

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL L.M. with refrain
*Melody from a 15th-century French "Processional"*
*Arr. Thomas Helmore, 1854*

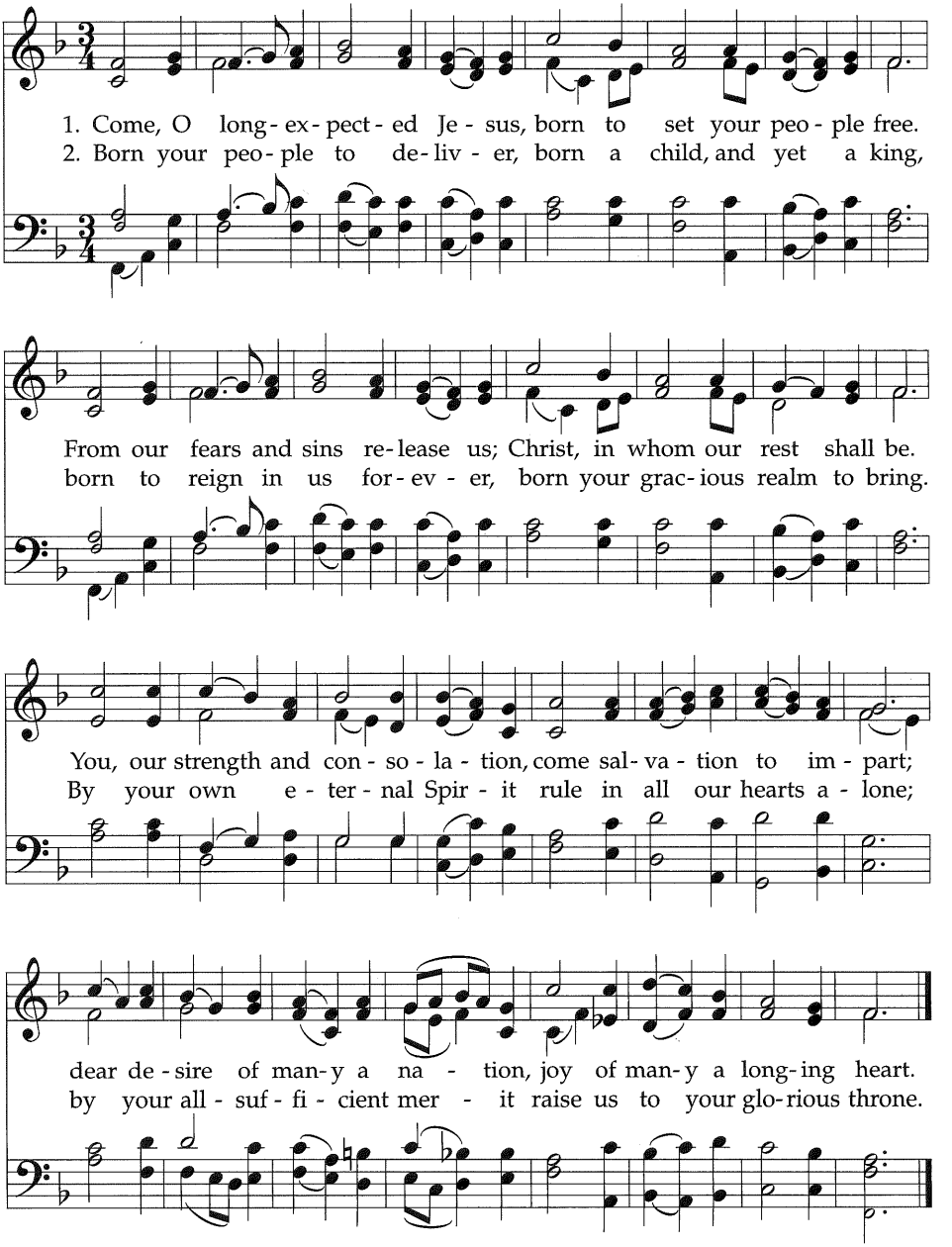
*Refrain*




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)*

# Come, O Long-expected Jesus 125




WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1744
MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1830; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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Join us for festive fellowship fun! This month's Young Adults Group event is a White Elephant gift exchange! This is where you bring a small, silly gift to give. Everyone sits together as the first one is opened and the next person can steal the opened gift or go for a new one! Gifts can only be "stolen" twice. There will also be food, drinks, and a faith activity.

**LOCATION @ PASTOR RICK'S HOUSE**

Columbia UCC Young Adults Group

# Advent 2026

## JOY TO THE WORLD!

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| November 29<br>10:30 a.m. | The Joy of Anticipation<br>Psalm 126<br>Hope for the world |
| December 6<br>10:30 a.m. | "The Joy of Serving God"<br>Psalm 85<br>Confirmation Sunday & Communion |
| December 13<br>10:30 a.m. | "The Joy of Proclaimation"<br>Psalm 100<br>Cookies by the Pound<br>Advent Cantata & Advent Banquet |
| December 20<br>10:30 a.m. | "God's Joy Opens Our Hearts to Love"<br>Psalm 91<br>Sunday School Christmas Program |
| December 24<br>7:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m. | "The Joy of the World"<br>Luke 2:1-20<br>Candlelight Service,<br>Special Music & Communion |
| December 27<br>10:30 a.m. | "Why This Jubilee?"<br>Psalm 148<br>The Shepherds proclaim their joy |
| January 3<br>10:30 a.m. | "Witness to God's Joy"<br>Psalm 63<br>The infant Christ is presented |