

101 No Wind at the Window

1 No wind at the win-dow, no knock on the door;
 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face.
 3 "This child must be born that the king-dom might come:
 4 No pay-ment was prom-ised, no prom - is - es made;

no light from the lamp-stand, no foot on the floor;
 Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.
 sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;
 no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.

no dream born of tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear:
 The time for re - deem - ing the world has be - gun,
 both end and be - gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign;
 Yet Mar - y, con - sent - ing to what none could guess,

just an an - gel and a wom-an and a voice in her ear.
 and you are re - quest-ed to moth - er God's Son."
 both vic - tor and vic - tim, both yours and di - vine."
 re - plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell God I say, Yes."

This 20th-century retelling of the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) effectively incorporates characteristic features of the folksong style its Irish tune requires, especially in the lists of "no" and "both." The tune is named for a many-talented Irish saint of the 6th century.

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

December 9, 2018
 2nd Sunday of Advent

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CHIMING THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Lift Up Your Heads

arr. Behnke

WELCOME

WE GATHER

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The McGlennon Family

HYMN 9 verse 2

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**O come, thou Dayspring 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 thee, O Israel.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

In the middle of dark times, God cries out:

"Comfort, comfort my people!"

When it seems as though we cannot see the light
 at the end of the tunnel,

God says to us, "Peace, for your time of difficulty has ended."

God, we await the time of comfort and peace!

God, we are thankful for your never-failing love for us.

* HYMN 3

Comfort, Comfort You My People

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Into the dark depths of our fear and anguish, you, O God, reach out to us. We need your guidance this day, for we have found it far too easy to stray into selfish pathways. We seek first our own comfort; we gather our toys and trinkets and proclaim that all is right with the world, yet our hearts feel strangely discomforted. Guide us and gather us, God.

Teach us again to be people of peace and hope. Help us to cast off the mantle of greed and hatred. Forgive us for the many times when we have ignored the cries of those in need; when we have turned our backs on opportunities to help others. Forgive us, God. Touch our hearts and bring your bright light of salvation to them that we might turn again to you and in your love may be part of ministries of peace and justice. (Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN 602 vs. 1

Song of Zechariah

**Blest be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free;
who visits and redeems us, who grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill that promise and bring the people peace.**

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF
Charles Edward Zeman

Introduction

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presentation

Questions

Act of Baptism

Prayer and blessing after Baptism

HYMN 304 vs 1

Jesus Loves Me!

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.**

* PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 3:3-6

MEDITATION

* HYMN 41

O Come All Ye Faithful

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Carol of the Birds

Courtney

* HYMN 23 Refrain

Angels We Have Heard on High

Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE & 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.**

WE DEPART

* HYMN (back of bulletin)

No Wind at the Window

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Wake, Awake, For Night is Flying

arr. Manz

* You are invited to stand if able.