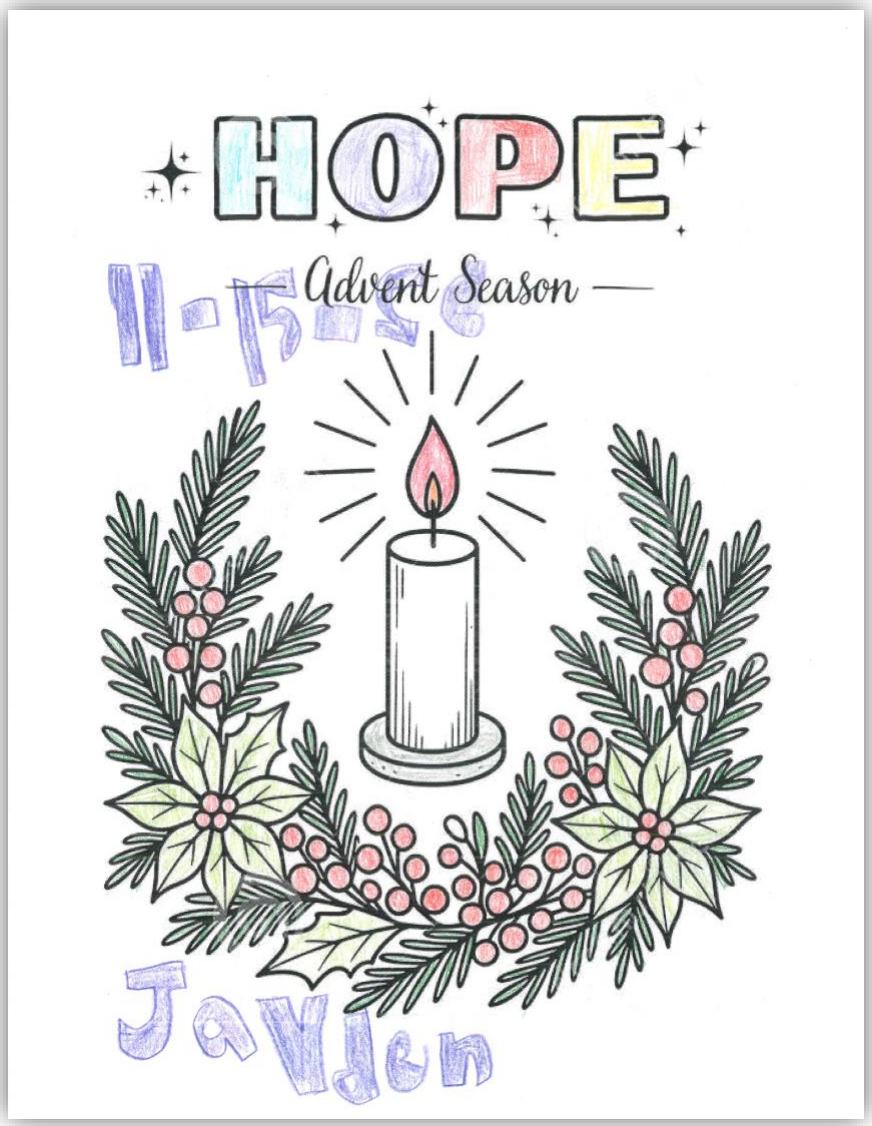
MANAHAWKIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2026 – THE YEAR OF … FILL MY HOUSE



Celebrating 223+ Years of Ministry

Pastor: Rev. Kyewoon Choi Music Director: Dennis Linde

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026
8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Worship Bulletin

Please set all cell phones to airplane mode.
During the first hymn, the ushers will collect Prayer Concern Cards.
Please sign the Attendance Pad & pass it down the pew (Guests please include your address).
***** = The congregation is invited to stand***

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* arr. C Hamlin

Announcements

Mission Minutes – Bible Study

Passing of the Peace

Lighting of the Advent Candle: (Light A Candle, verse 1. See insert)

(8:30) Lee Slater and Kathy Cavanagh
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***Call to Worship:**
L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
C: And, also with you.
L: The risen Christ is with us.
C: Praise the Lord!

***** **Hymn #196:** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Children's Time

Prayer of Confession (adopted from Hymnal #890)
L: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,
C: by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
L: We have not loved You with our whole heart;
C: We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
L: We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
C: For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
L: that we may delight in Your will,

C: and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Assurance of Pardon
L: Almighty God has mercy on you, forgives all your sins through Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life.
C: Amen.

Joys, Concerns and Praises, Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Lesson: Luke 1:5-25 Pastor Choi

5 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of
Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. 6 They
were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and
requirements of the Lord. 7 But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they
were both advanced in years.

8 Now it happened that while he was performing his priestly service before God in the
appointed order of his division, 9 according to the custom of the priestly office, he was
chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And the whole multitude of
the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering. 11 And an angel of the
Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense. 12 Zacharias was troubled
when he saw the angel, and fear gripped him. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid,
Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and
you will give him the name John. 14 You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his
birth. 15 For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he
will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of
the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. 17 It is he who will go as a forerunner before Him
in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and the
disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the
Lord."

18 Zacharias said to the angel, "How will I know this for certain? For I am an old man and my
wife is advanced in years." 19 The angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands
in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good
news. 20 And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things
take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper
time."

21 The people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple. 22
But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a

vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute. [23] When the days of his priestly service were ended, he went back home.

[24] After these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant, and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying, [25] "This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked with favor upon me, to take away my disgrace among men."

L: The word of God for the people of God. **C: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Special Music: *Hope From Heaven* J. Chisum, G. Godwin/Kathy Cavanagh, Lee Slater

Sermon *God's Time Our Time* Pastor Choi

*** Hymn #202 (v. 1-2):** *People, Look East*

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: *Jesus, Remember Me* J. Berthier

***Doxology (#95)**

Prayer of Dedication:
L: O Lord, as we present this offering upon your altar,
C: We offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.
L: Use our words and actions of love and kindness to spread the love of Christ.
C: May all of our gifts and services be acceptable in your sight.
L: In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, we pray. **C: Amen.**

*** Hymn #202 (v. 3-4):** *People, Look East*

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

Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of ev'ry day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Postlude *Panis Angelicus* F. Mendelssohn

Worship Leaders:	(8:30) Pastor Choi	(11:00) Pastor Choi
Greeters:	(8:30) Mary Ellen & George McCarthy	(11:00) Millie Plant
Ushers:	(8:30) Bob Havekost & Bruce Nelson	(11:00) Pauline McShea
Acolyte:	(8:30) Volunteer	(11:00) Gannon Welsh



ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Sun.	Nov.	29	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday Services/Coffee Hour between services
			9:45 a.m.	Sunday School

THIS WEEK

Wed.	Dec.	2	9:30 a.m.	Men's Bible study
			1 p.m.	Women's Bible study at Eileen Mahan's house
			3:30 p.m.	Residence/Terraces Bible Study

UPCOMING

Sun.	Dec.	6	8:30 & 11 a.m.	Sunday Services/Coffee Hour between services
			9:45 a.m.	Sunday School

ADVENT MEDITATION BOOKLETS: Prepare your hearts for Christ! Advent is a season of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love! The booklets are available in the narthex **TODAY, November 29th.** Please take one per family.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ORDERS: All monies and order forms are due NEXT SUNDAY, December 6th the latest so the florist can have a count. Please indicate which type of poinsettias you would like. Donations, without flowers, are also being accepted.

MEN'S GROUP MEETING: – SATURDAY DECEMBER 12 @ 8:30 am in Fellowship Hall. All men of the church are welcome. Breakfast provided. We will be discussing activities for 2027.

HOLIDAY PASTA NIGHT: sponsored by the Youth Group. Fundraiser will be Saturday, December 5, 4-7 p.m. in fellowship hall. Please see insert for prices and giveaways! All are invited. Contact Marissa Barry for more information.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PROOF-READ: Today is the last day. Please proofread your info for the upcoming church directory. It is in the narthex.

FOOD BANK ITEMS: for December are hearty soups and saltines. Please put your donations in the labeled bin located in the narthex. Thank you.

PRAYER REQUESTS will be kept for 4 weeks.
If you want longer, please call the office 609-597-7666.

For our President, Congress, World Leaders, and all those called to Active Duty.
For the Christians and churches who are under attack. For the peace in the Middle East.
For the end of Ukraine War. For the peace in Sudan and Haiti.

For Healing, Surgeries, Illnesses, Needs, etc.:

The Smith family, Pauline McShea and family, Betty Davenport, Bob Wright, Toni, Lori Nielson, David Schenck, Pauline McShea, the Diener family, Amanda, Sandra Brocklebank, Joan Dwyer, Meghan Yarnevich, Pedro Lopez, Kyle Johnson, Phyllis Bromiley, Bruce, Shawn, Kristin Thatcher, Jill Frey, Ken Schorr Sr., Judy Schorr, Anthony, the Mackiewicz family, the Joe DeRario Family, Stephanie Trapp and family, Giselle Lucariello, Tim Parker, Alice Cranmer, Beth Mathis, Laraine Harris, Relda Lockwood, Deb Houghton, Shirley Elliot, John and Susan Hauge, Dorothy Hadden, Joy Houghton, Jeanne Swenson, Violeta Lucariello, Ron and Bobbie Warmbier, Ann Scaturo, Lee and Marlene Kalsch, Carlos Lopez, Bill Logan, Anthony Vitelli.

…fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought
to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
1 Peter 1:13

ATTENDANCE FOR IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL SERVICES

Sunday, November 22, 2026
In Person: 95
Phone In: 4
Online: 120
Total: 219

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P.O. Box 487, Manahawkin, NJ 08050

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM – 2026

Colors (please state how many of each) : RED _____ Marble_____ - $9.00 Each

**** You must take the color you choose****

LAST DAY TO ORDER: Sunday, December 6, 2026 (Please order ASAP)

In "Honor" of: _____

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In "Memory" of: _____

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Please Check here: _____ **If you will be writing any additional name/s on the back of this sheet. Thank you.**

Presented by: _____

_____

***Telephone Number/s: _____**
***You must include a phone number for our secretary, who may have question/s.**

Please place your Order Form along with your Payment or Check made out to "Manahawkin UMC", with the memo "Poinsettias", and place this form with payment, in the Offering Plate or in the Poinsettia Basket in the Narthex. Thank you.
If mailing back to our P.O Box 487, please mail by Dec. 6th the latest.

HOW MANY ORDERED: _____ AMOUNT PAID _____

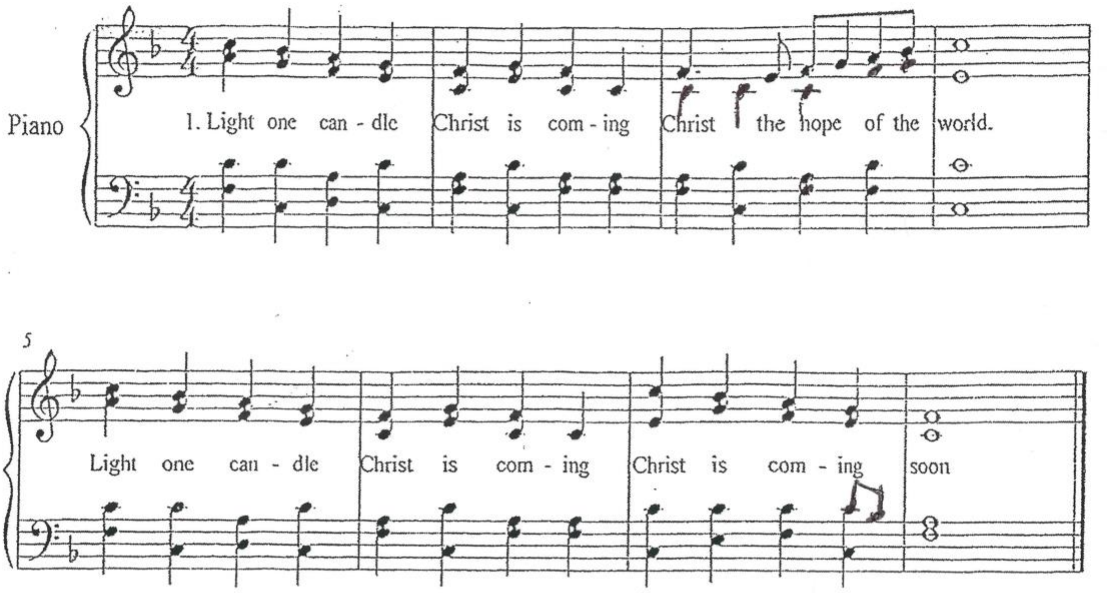
Poinsettia Plant/s can be picked up: after either of our Christmas Eve Services, or you may leave your plant/s at the church, and they will be given to Shut-ins of our church. Please indicate below:

_____ I will take home Poinsettia/s

_____ Please give Poinsettia Plant/s to a Shut-in.

_____ Donation in lieu of purchasing flowers

Light a Candle



2. Light two candles, Christ is coming
Christ, the love of the world!
Light two candles, Christ is coming
Christ is coming soon!

3. Light three candles, Christ is coming
Christ, the joy of the world!
Light three candles, Christ is coming
Christ is coming soon!

4. Light four candles, Christ is coming
Christ, the peace of the world!
Light four candles, Christ is coming
Christ is coming soon!

5. Light the white one, Christ is born
Christ, the light of the world!
Light the white one, Christ is born
Christ is born tonight!

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS



A Cantata Sing-along
Manahawkin UMC Choir
December 20th, 2026
2 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

Free Will Offering

Everyone is Invited! ♡

GOOD FOOD • GREAT PEOPLE
BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

Holiday Pasta Night

Youth Group Fundraiser



Good Food Stronger Youth Brighter Futures ♡

Saturday, December 5

4:00 – 7:00 PM

MUMC FELLOWSHIP HALL

TICKETS

Adults **$10**

Kids **$5**

Ages 2 & Under **Free**

Dinner Menu

Includes spaghetti & meatballs, bread, drink, side salad, and dessert.

Coffee and tea available.

Tickets Sold at the Door

Dine-In or Takeout Available

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE EVENTS OF THE YOUTH GROUP

Questions? Please call or text Marissa at 732-720-9779 ♡

Accept cash and check

Come Join In AND WIN BIG!

Basket RAFFLE

WILL BE HELD DURING THE SPAGHETTI DINNER



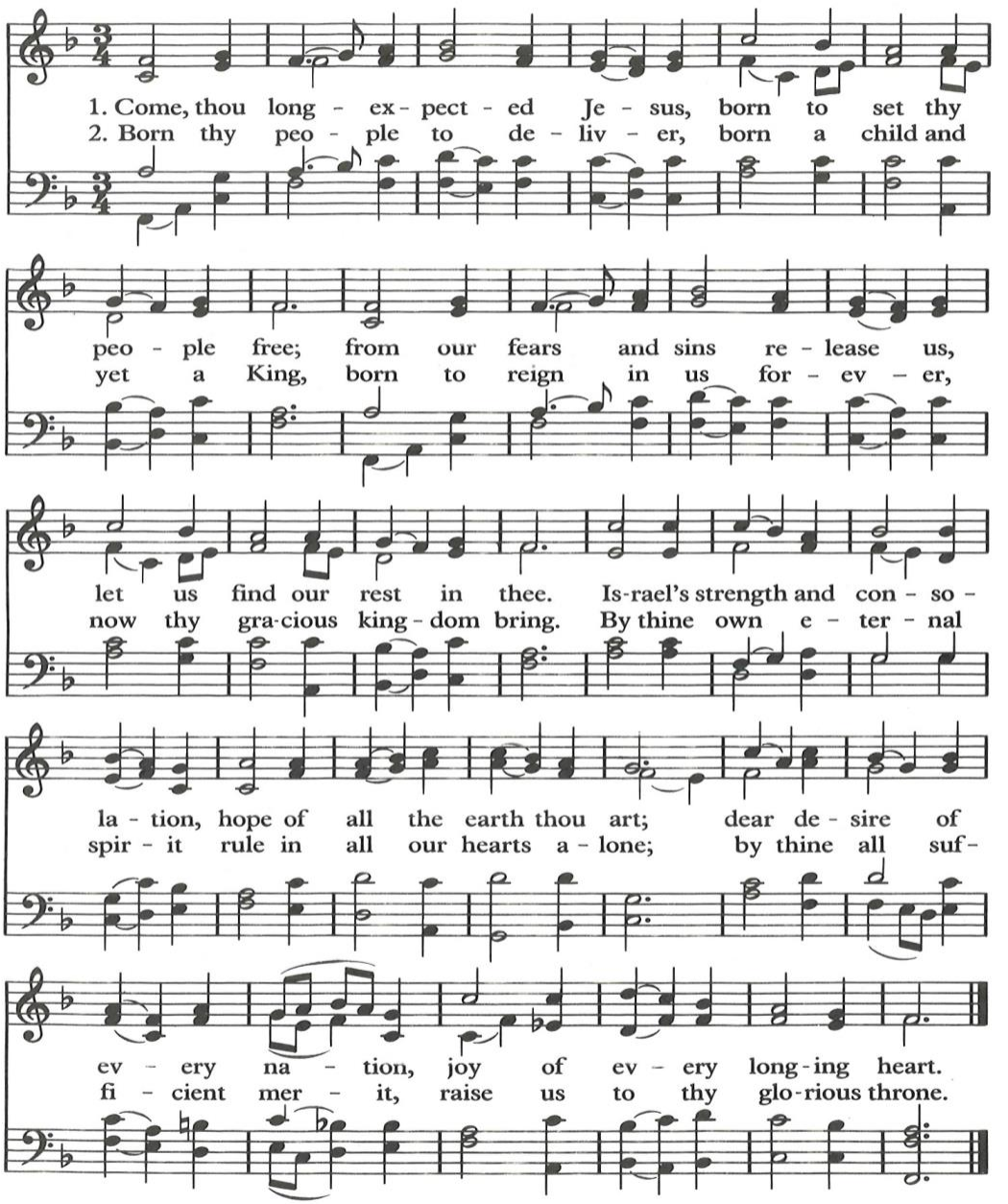
MAKE A DONATION TO THE YOUTH GROUP AND RECEIVE TICKETS TO WIN A BASKET!

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WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED AFTER THE EVENT.

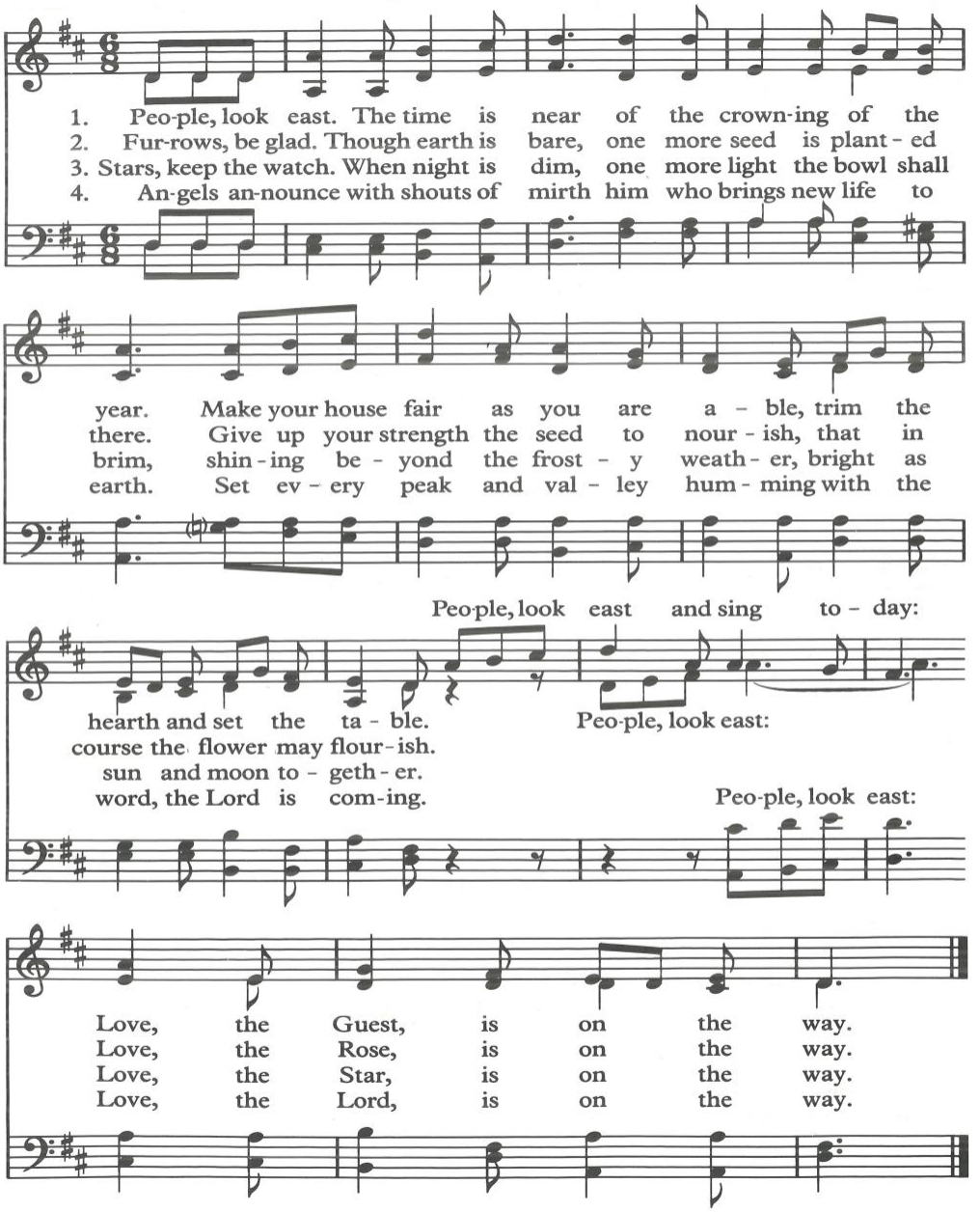
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