

Love Has Come 110

Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)
 F Dm7 Gm7 C

1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F

Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is - God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C Bb F

heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 Bb C Dm C7

joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C Bb C F C C7 Fsus F

Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."



Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

December 10, 2017 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.
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CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime* arr. Manz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ebenezer Scrooge has a prescription for humanity at the beginning of the story - the poor have only themselves to blame and would be better off dead. So, when he is visited by the spirit of the present, he is admonished to "look!" He must really see the truth of the suffering world and his own hand in it. Love is the center of the message this week. What if we modeled our Advent and Christmas comings and goings as if we actually believe that God has already blessed everyone, and we are called to make visible and tangible those blessings?

* HYMN 9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* * HYMN 36 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

Holy Living God, Blessed Jesus, Guiding Spirit, we open today to your gift of the present moment, knowing that every heartbeat and breath is your gift of love bestowed upon us. Open us to your miracle just begun and in this season, transform us into those whose giving brings love to a turbulent world. Open us to you, to each other, and to the voices no one hears so that your reign of mercy, justice and love can be made known to all.

ANTHEM *Masters in This Hall* Lani Smith

Silence is kept.

* SUNG RESPONSE 44 vs 4 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 23 refrain *Angels We Have Heard on High*
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray;
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS 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 hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
o come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!**

* HYMN *Love Has Come*

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* BENEDICTION

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

Children are invited forward

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

HYMN 56 refrain *The First Nowell*

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel.

* POSTLUDE *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel* arr. Peterson

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:47-56

MEDITATION *The Life of Christmas Present: Look Upon Me*