

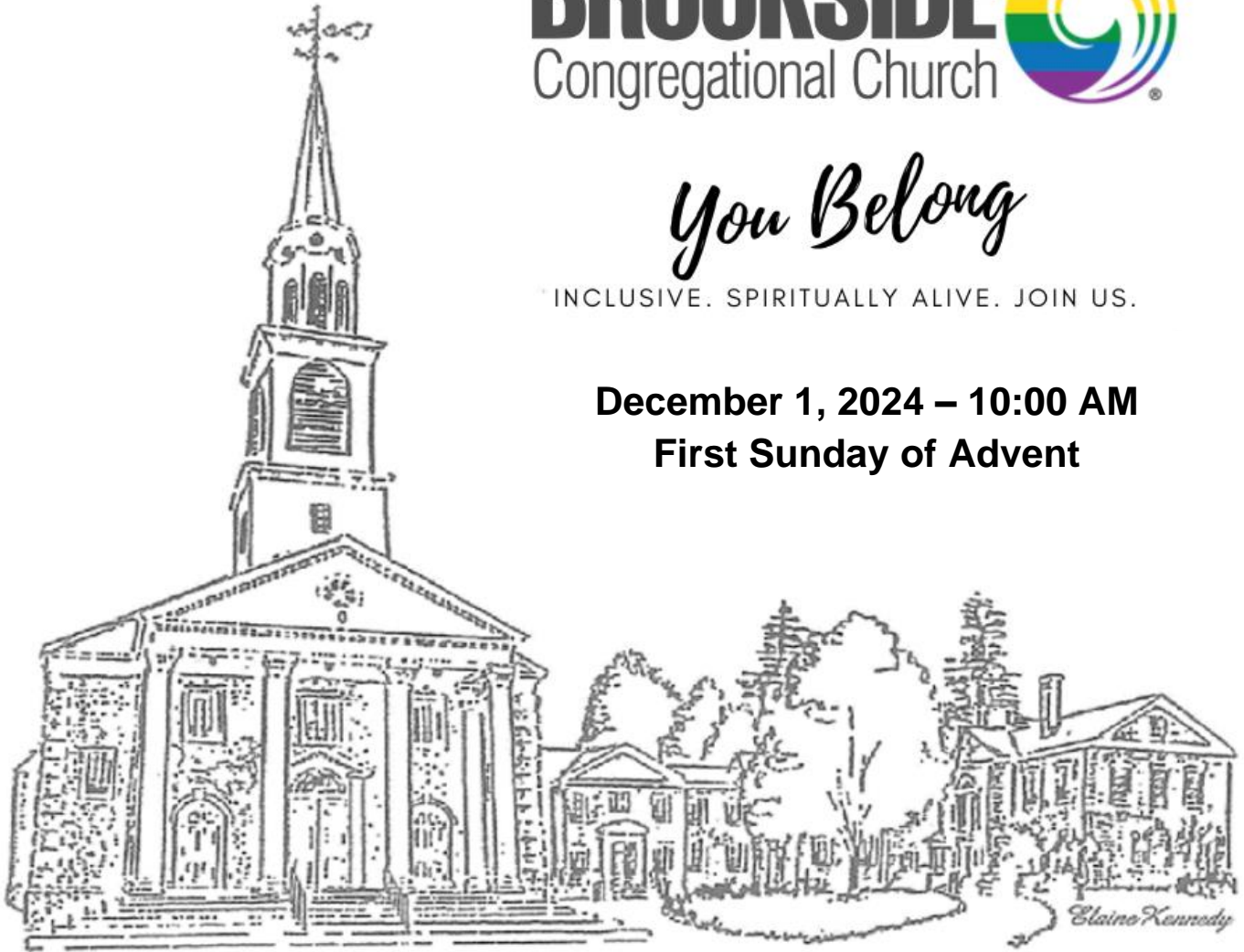
BROOKSIDE
Congregational Church



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INCLUSIVE. SPIRITUALLY ALIVE. JOIN US.

December 1, 2024 – 10:00 AM
First Sunday of Advent



Rev. Laura Biddle, Minister

Jordan Gravel, Music Leader

Christina Alvarez and Amber Nicole Canan, Youth Troupe Leaders

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*Please Stand

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **flowers** this morning are in memory of our mothers, Betty Connors and Zona Bryce by Tim and Marcia Connors.

PRELUDE

Just Breathe

Lee Biddle

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Patiently waiting, we begin our journey to the Stable in Bethlehem.

People: We can see the lights shining before us. We want our souls to shine as brightly as the Christ Light.

Leader: God's promises light in the darkest places, but we struggle to trust in that light when the earth seems so dark.

People: The light of Christ cannot be overcome by shadows and darkness. Together we can illuminate God's presence in our collective Soul Shine.

Leader: Listen to the sounds of Hope in our music and prayers.

FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Julie Worthington

God of deep serenity and hope, we pray that you join us on this first Sunday of Advent while we wait for the birth of your son. We are not accustomed to waiting patiently, especially when we need your light so desperately in our lives. Surround us during this hour with your calming presence. Renew our faith in the power of the Holy Spirit.

*HYMN

O Come Emmanuel

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CHILDRENS MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1: 5-15

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years. Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer

incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

SERMON Hope is Sacred Rev. Laura Biddle

ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine: Loes*

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN *Comfort, Comfort Ye My People* P 104

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Soul Shine* Lee Biddle

Deacon of the Week: Amara VanAmburg
Spirit Squad: Bill Hoysradt and Julie Worthington
Livestream Driver: Dale Trombley
Sound: Peter VanAmburg



Please Remember in Prayer



Cliff and Martha Church
Anne Lachance
Donna Leavell
Bob Nenni

Anna O'Donnell
Rachel
Stacy

Brookside's sponsor children: Eben Gulo and Praise Mupaahlwa
~ Sakubva Church, UCC – the center candle celebrates our
Ukama Partnership since 1996 ~



Scan the code to
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Envelopes for special Mission donations can be found at the church entrances.

Advent Bible Study: Rev Laura will be leading her traditional Advent Bible Study on Thursdays, **December 5, 12, and 19** on Zoom. Our theme this year will be glimmers of light in the darkness. If you are interested in joining, please contact the office. admin@brooksideecc.org



Deadline to Order Poinsettias for Christmas is December 3

The Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias for Worship on:

December 15, 22, and December 24. If you would like to donate a poinsettia, please submit the completed form to the church office by **Tuesday, December 3**. The cost is **\$15.00** each.

I/We _____ wish to donate

_____ poinsettia(s) in memory of _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (made payable to Brookside Congregational Church).

Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve service.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Latin: c. 9th century

Tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, Sts. 1, 2, alt.

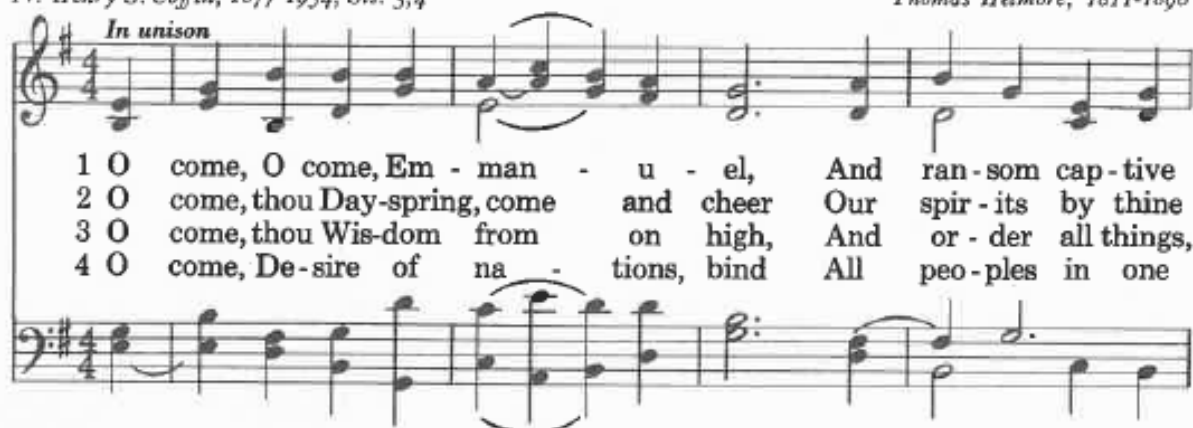
Tr. Henry S. Coffin, 1877-1954, Sts. 3, 4

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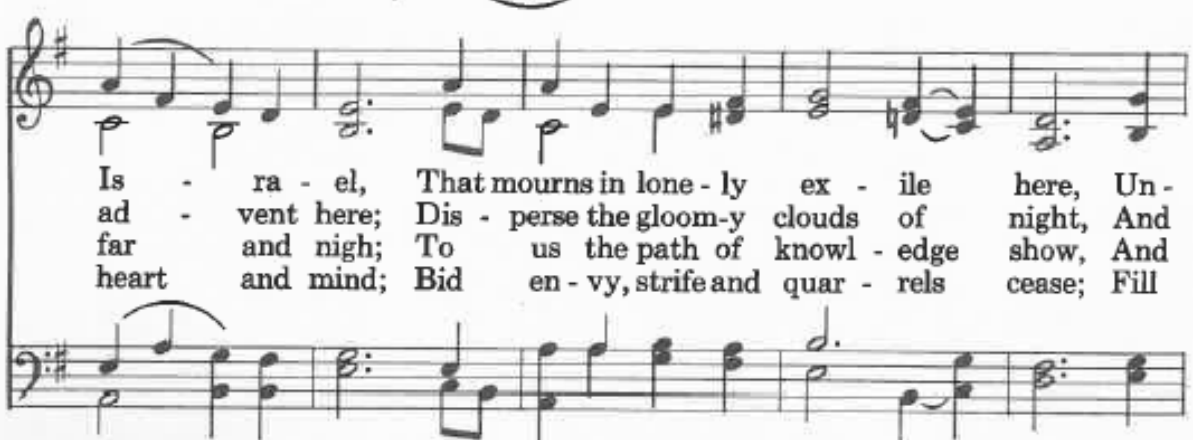
Adapted from Plainsong

Thomas Helmore, 1811-1890

In unison



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spir - its by thine
3 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, And or - der all things,
4 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind All peo - ples in one

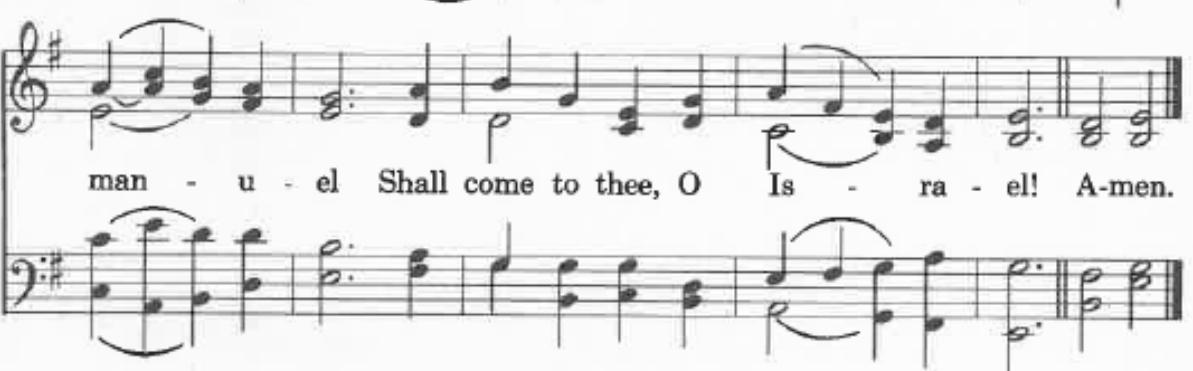


Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, Un -
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night, And
far and nigh; To us the path of knowl - edge show, And
heart and mind; Bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; Fill

REFRAIN



til the Son of God ap - pear.
death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em -
cause us in her ways to go.
the whole world with heav - en's peace.



man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el! A - men.

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Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

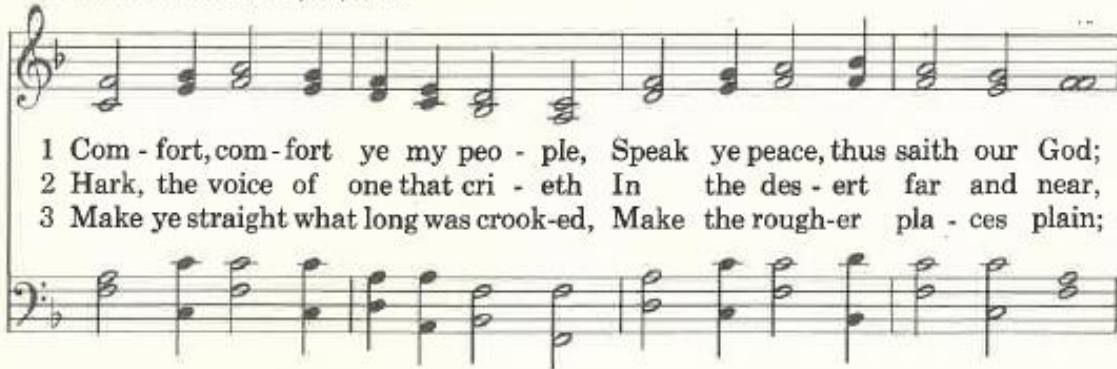
Based on Isaiah 40:1-8

Johann Olearius, 1611-1684

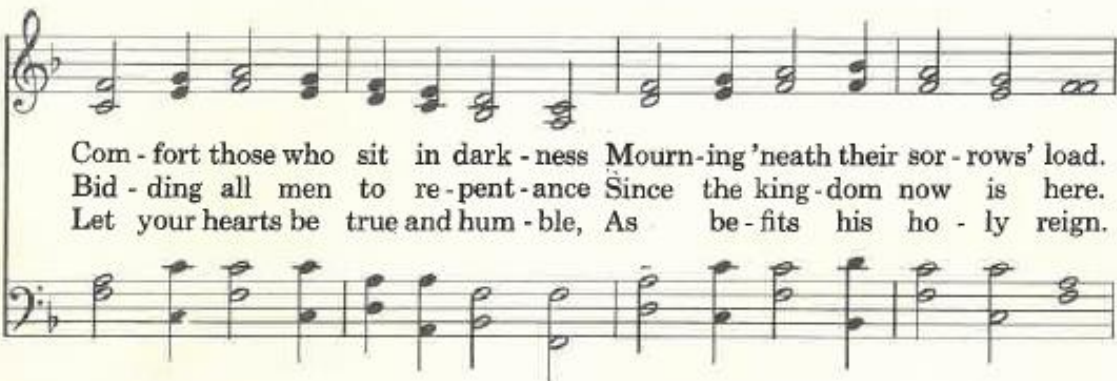
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

PSALM 42 8.7.8.7.7.8.8.

"Genevan Psalter," 1551



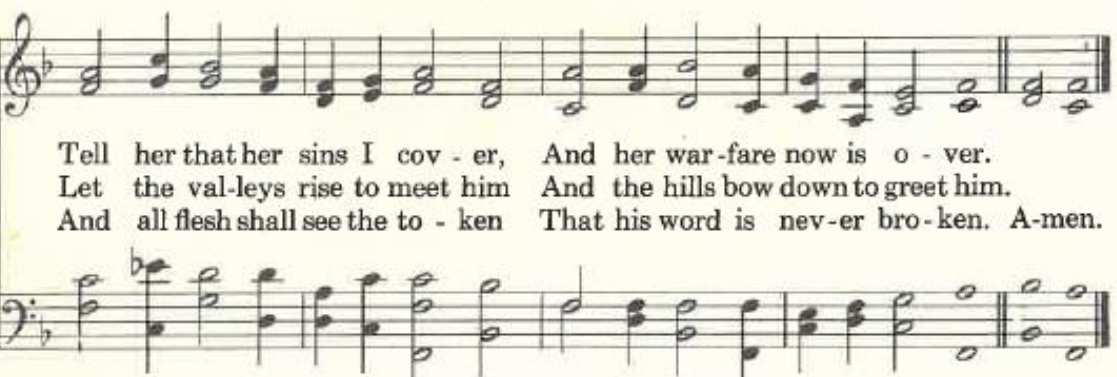
1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth In the des - ert far and near,
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, Make the rough - er pla - ces plain;



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness Mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load.
Bid - ding all men to re - pent - ance Since the king - dom now is here.
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be - fits his ho - ly reign.



Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem Of the peace that waits for them;
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
For the glo - ry of the Lord Now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



Tell her that her sins I cov - er, And her war - fare now is o - ver.
Let the val - leys rise to meet him And the hills bow down to greet him.
And all flesh shall see the to - ken That his word is nev - er bro - ken. A - men.

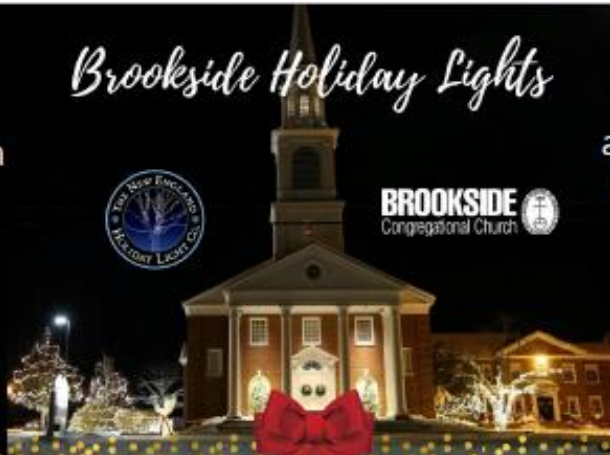
Brookside Holiday Lights

"The light shines in
the darkness..."



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and the darkness can
never extinguish it."
John 1:5



Donate Lights in Honor or Memory At Brookside Church

Brookside Church, partnering with New England Holiday Light Company, invites everyone to participate in our holiday tradition of a community light display. You can donate a strand or strands of lights - or a Christmas Star for a group or family, in honor or memory of loved ones, those we've lost, those we pray for, or adore. Let your lights shine and come and enjoy the warmth and glow of the community display throughout the month of December at Brookside Church located at 2013 Elm St. in Manchester. Names of those honored or remembered will be a part of the display and on our website through December. **The Holiday Light Night is Dec. 7 from 5 - 7 pm.** Gift acknowledgment cards are also available and make great holiday gifts. You can order online at <https://www.brooksideholidaylights.com/>.



1 Christmas Star \$100

Family/Group 4 or More Names

Quantity:



1 Strand of Lights \$25

1 Name Per Strand

Quantity:

Name(s) in Honor/Memory:

Total Amount

Enclosed: _____

Checks payable to:

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CHRISTMAS BROOK

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Local Crafters & Artisans
Saturday, December 7, 10AM - 7PM

BROOKSIDE HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Live Music, Nativity Animals, Food, Family Fun
Saturday, December 7, 5- 7 PM

GRANITE STATE RINGERS CONCERT

Saturday, December 7, 7 PM

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Remembering Loved Ones in Candlelight,
Music & Prayer
Monday, December 23, 7 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Tuesday, December 24, 5 PM

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