**Gentle reminder: When the lights have been lowered,
Please use this time for silent reflection.
The 5:30 Vigil and 8:15 Masses are livestreamed.**

# Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## November 29, 2026

## Blessing of the Wreath and Lighting of the Advent Candle

- When the lights are lowered, please use this time for silent reflection.
- The lights will be raised for the lector announcements, and then the lights will be lowered again.
- **Remain seated** for the Advent Wreath procession.
- Blessing of the Wreath
- Reflection on the first Sunday of Advent candle
- Lighting of the candle
- Music begins; the lights come up – all stand and sing

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# First Sunday of Advent

## Entrance Antiphon

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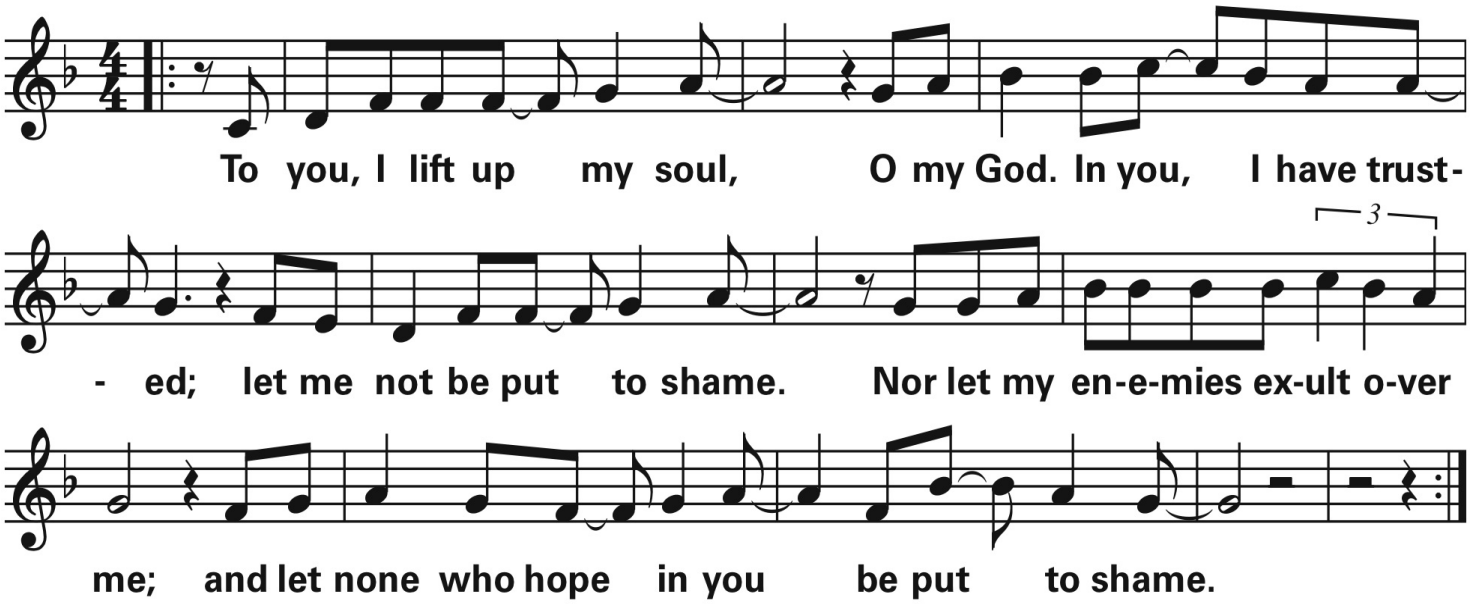


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## Children's Dismissal: Stay Awake, Be Ready

Stay awake, be ready. You do not know the hour when the Lord is coming. Stay awake, be ready. The Lord is coming soon! Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord is coming soon!

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# The Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading *Isaiah 63: 16b - 17b, 19b, 64: 2 – 7*

"We are the clay and you are the potter: we are the work of your hands."

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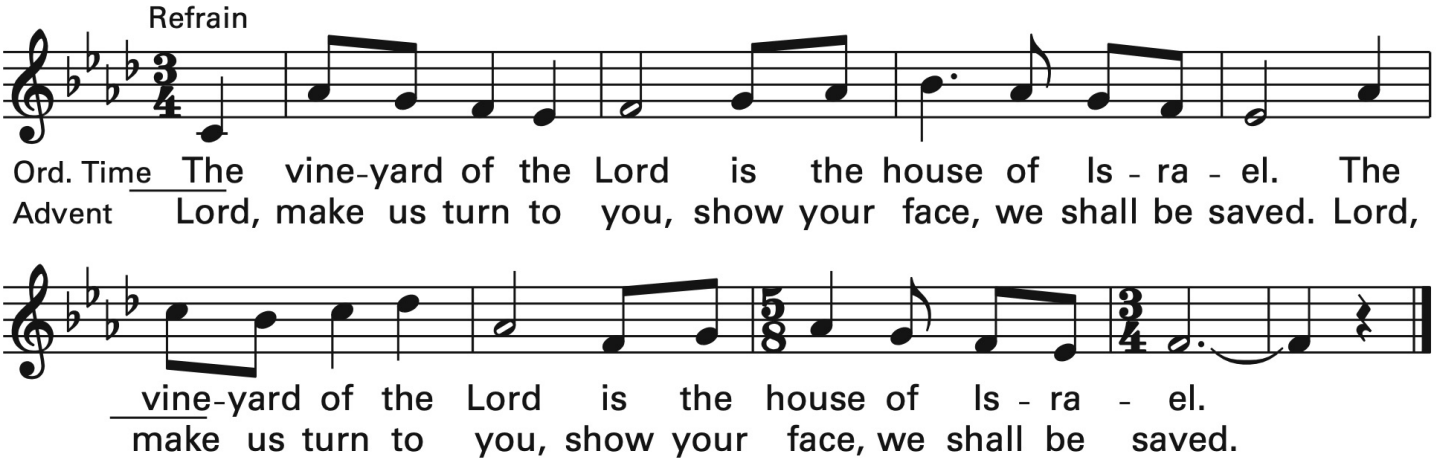
# PSALM 80: THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD / LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU

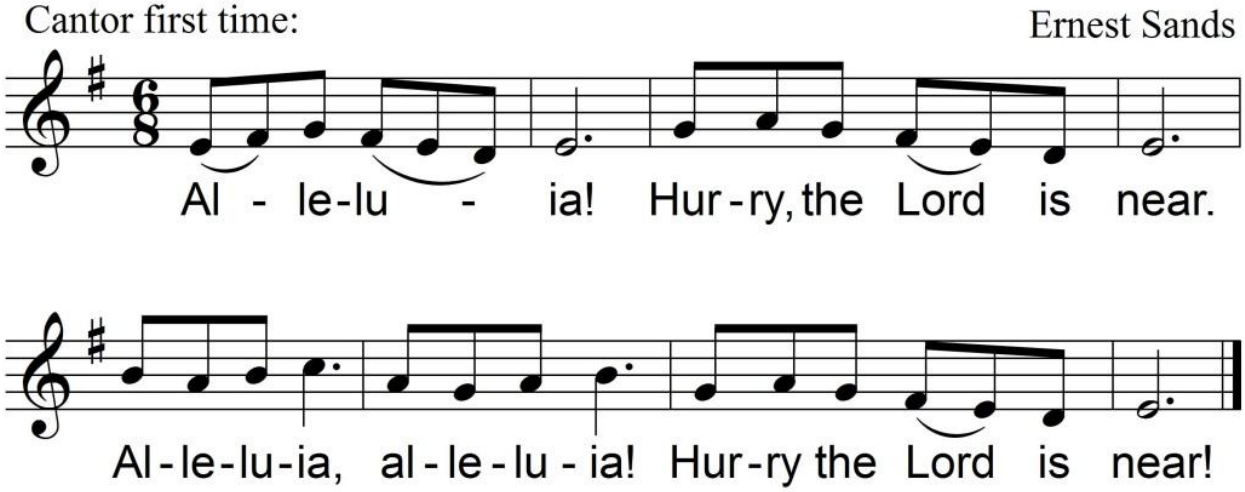
Kevin Keil




## SECOND READING *1 CORINTHIANS 1: 3 – 9*

Paul wrote, "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son."

## Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is Near

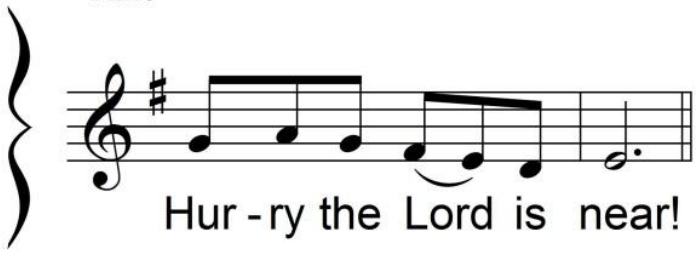



Cantor:

**Show us, Lord the power of your love;**

**Grant us your salvation.**

**All:**

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**GOSPEL** ***MARK 13: 33 – 37***

Jesus said, "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come... Watch, therefore, whether at sunset, midnight, cock crow, or sunrise. Watch!"

**HOMILY**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one LORD Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men
and for our salvation he came down from heaven *(*A SLIGHT BOW*) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (*PLEASE RISE*)*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the LORD, the giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, Who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Abba, Father

**Refrain:** Abba, Abba, Father. You are the potter;
we are the clay, the work of your hands.

1. Mold us, mold us and fashion us into the image of Jesus, your Son, of Jesus your Son.
2. Father, may we be one in you. May we be one in you as he is in you, and you are in him.
3. Glory, glory and praise to you. Glory and praise to you, forever, amen, forever, amen.

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## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*HOLY*
*When We Eat This Bread*
*Great Amen*

## COMMUNION RITE

*The LORD'S Prayer*
*Exchange of Peace*
*Lamb of God*

# First Sunday of Advent

## Communion Antiphon

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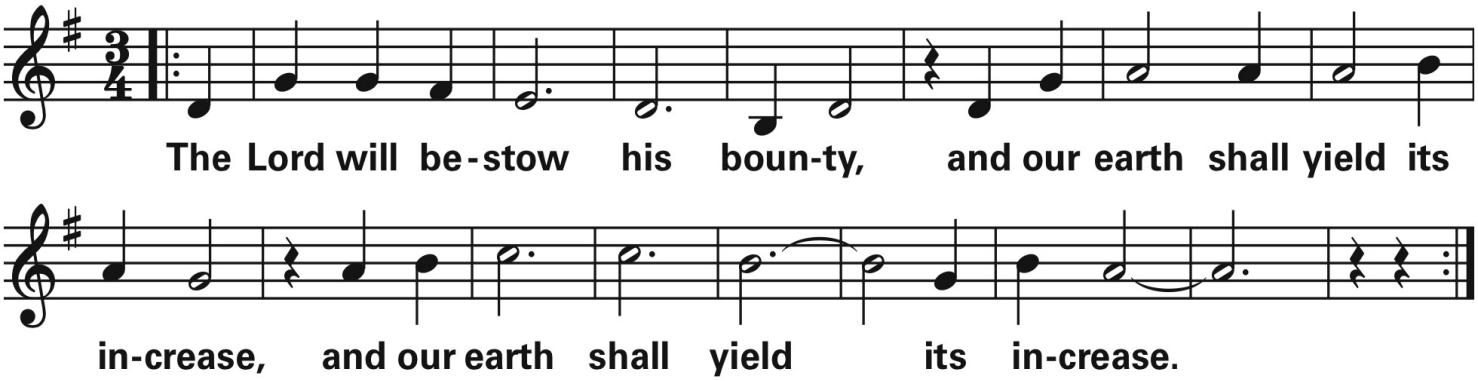


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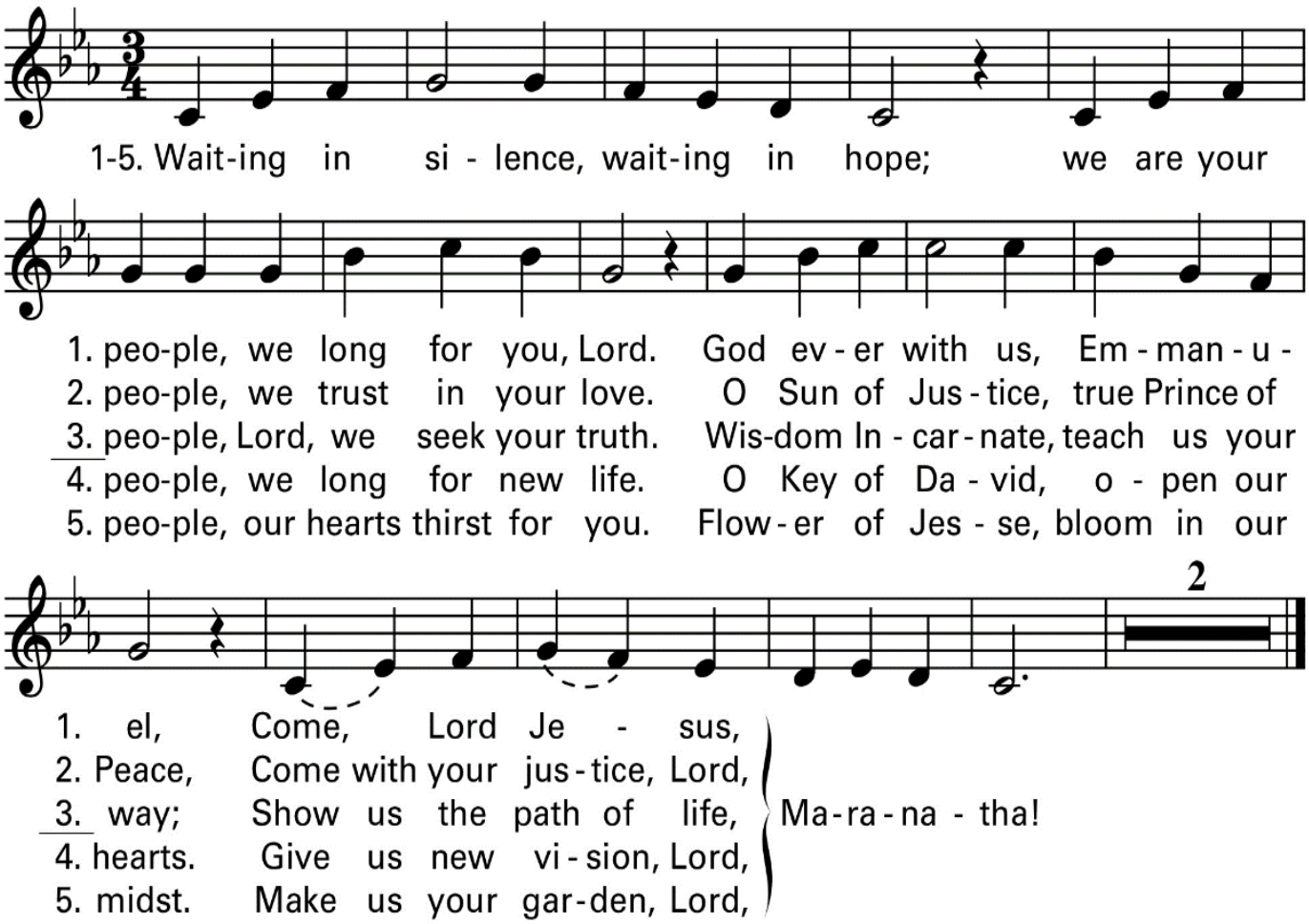
## Communion Song

### Waiting in Silence

Carey Landry

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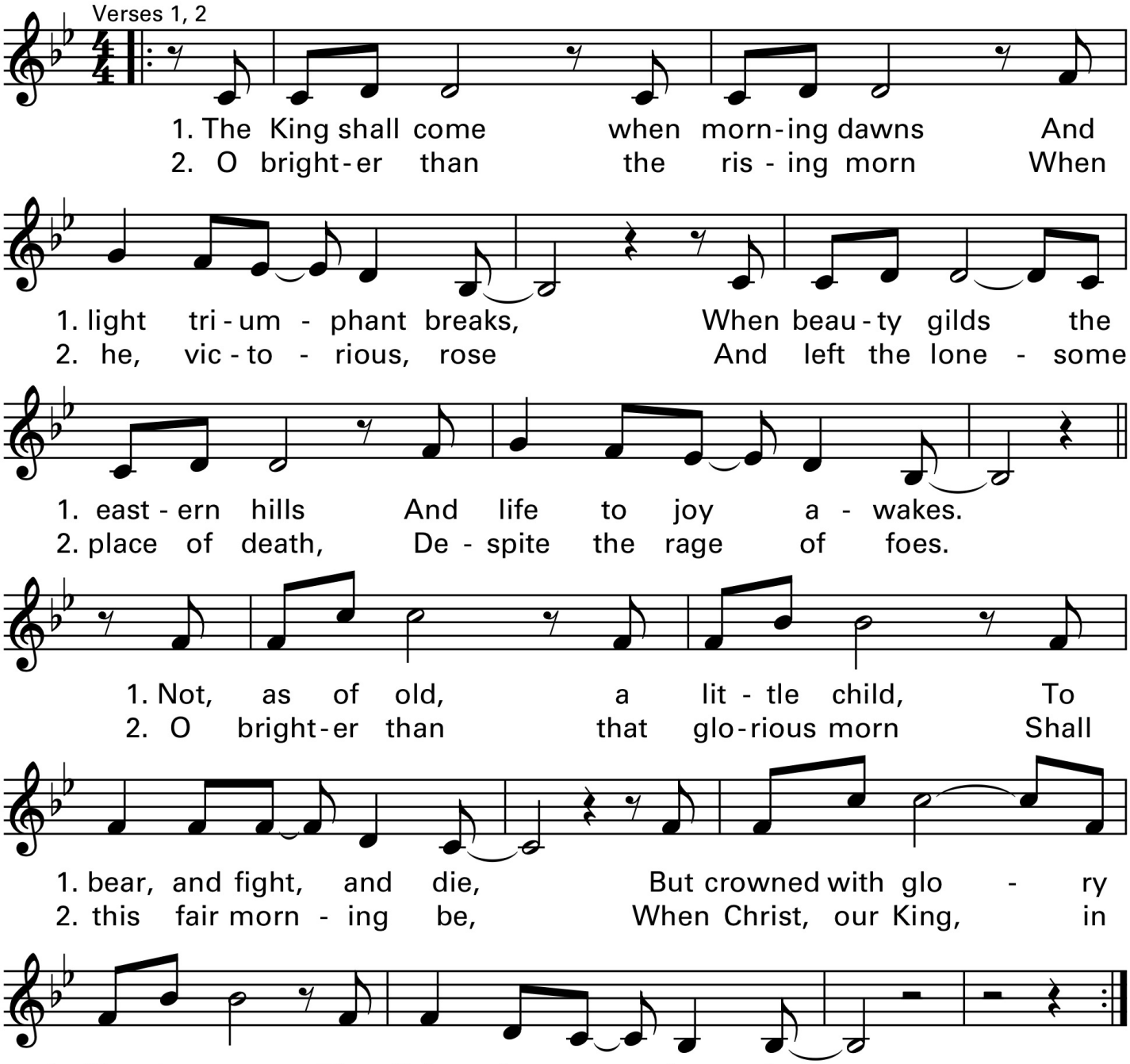
# The King Shall Come

Trevor Thomson

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## Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

### Bread of Angels

Bread of angels, we've received you; with us now abide. Precious Jesus, manna of ages, with us now reside. Though unworthy, we've

received you, sacrament divine. Bread of angels, accept our praises, let your glory shine!

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## SENDING FORTH Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn! Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952, 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Mark your calendars

### Next week, the Second Weekend of Advent, December 6th, is full of music and worship beginning with:

1. ***First Friday***, December 4th at 9:45 AM and *6:30 PM – *Advent Adoration.* Come, let go of your workweek and prepare for the birth of our Savior. Sit before the Blessed Sacrament, *sing, and listen to meditative music.
2. Sunday, December 6th at 3:00 PM - ***Advent/Christmas Concert*** in the Sanctuary followed by Cookies and Fellowship in the ACC. **Gift wrapping too!!**
3. **Monday,** December 7th at 7:00 PM – Parish Reconciliation
4. Tuesday, December 8th: 9:15 AM, 12:10 PM, and 7:00 PM ***The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

This **IS** a Holy Day of Obligation.