Peacham Congregational Church
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We are an Open and Affirming Church

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.

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Order of Worship
November 29, 2026

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lighting of the Candles

Mediation

"Hope is a gritty muscle, not magic. It takes courage to keep going, even when the path is dark and challenging." -Kate Bowler

Responsive Call to Worship

This is the season of holy waiting.

We wait for the One who will tear open the heavens and come down to save us.

We watch for the day when God's name will be made known among the nations.

We wait in the shadows for the Light of the World to appear.

Come let us walk in the light of God!

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Leader: As we begin our Advent pilgrimage,
grant us the courage to hope.

Congregation: **Hope for your presence,**
Hope for your peace,
Hope for your promise. Amen.

(Sing to the tune of "What Child is This" Hymn #153)

We light these candles, burning bright, to wait for One who brings the light.

We trust that love, joy, hope and peace will fill the world and never cease!

Opening Hymn #114: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As Christ welcomed everyone, no matter what their background, no matter what their social status; as Christ welcomed enemies and friends, outcasts and leaders, foreigners and neighbors, let us open our hearts and homes and lives. Let us be Christ to everyone we meet. Peace be with you.

Congregation: **And also, with you.**

Leader: Now share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Choral Anthem: "Waiting for a King" – Joseph M. Martin

Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Response

Hear our prayer O God. Hear our prayer O God.
Incline Your ear to us and grant us Your peace. Amen.

Offering & Mission

Doxology #45

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. Amen.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Righteous One, receive these gifts that we gladly gathered and offered to you. May they be sent forth for the transforming of the conditions in which we live and love. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 64: 1-9
Mark 13: 24-37

Sermon: Waiting with Hope

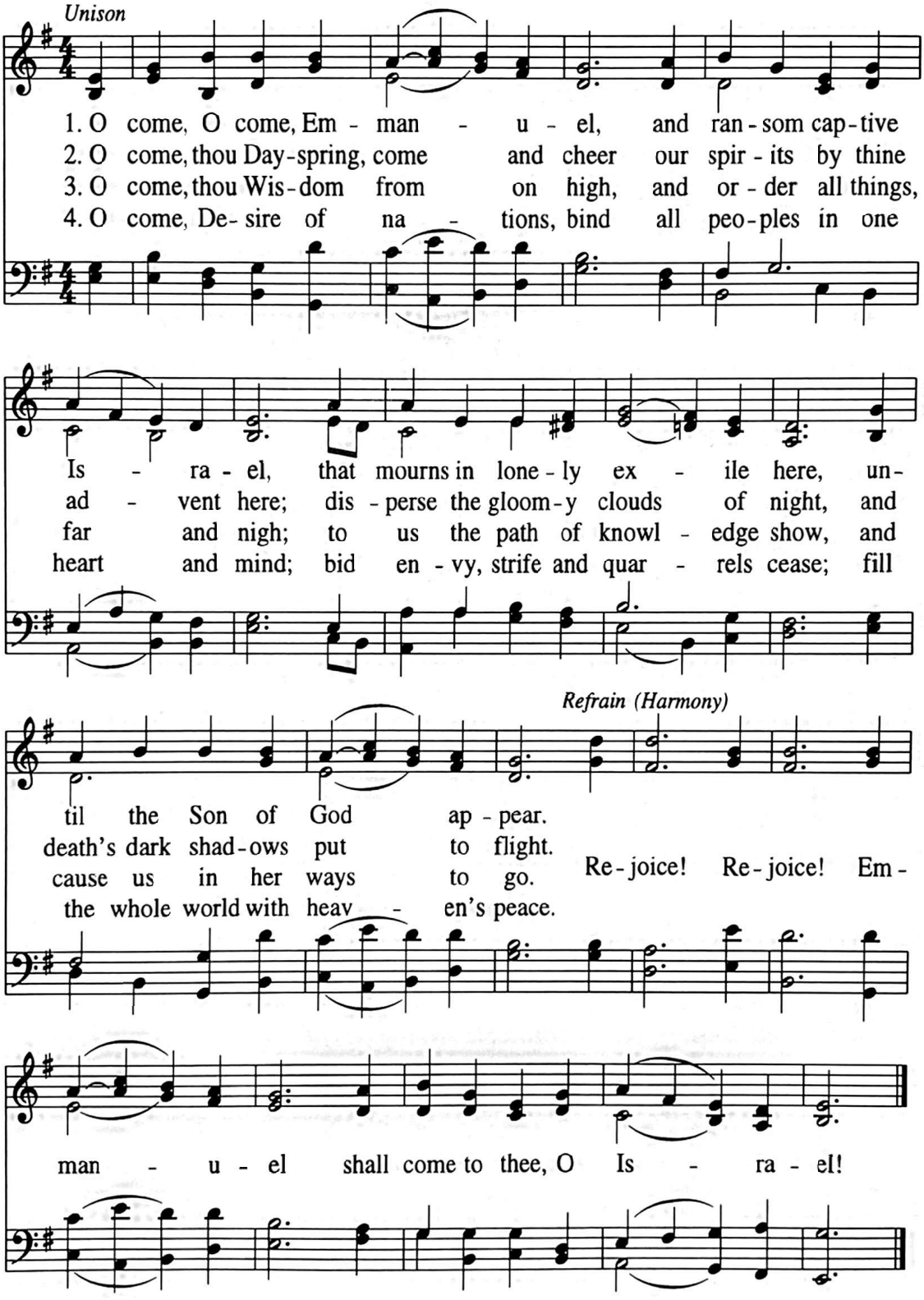
Closing Hymn #115: "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Benediction

Choral Response: "May the Road Rise to Meet You" – Traditional

Postlude

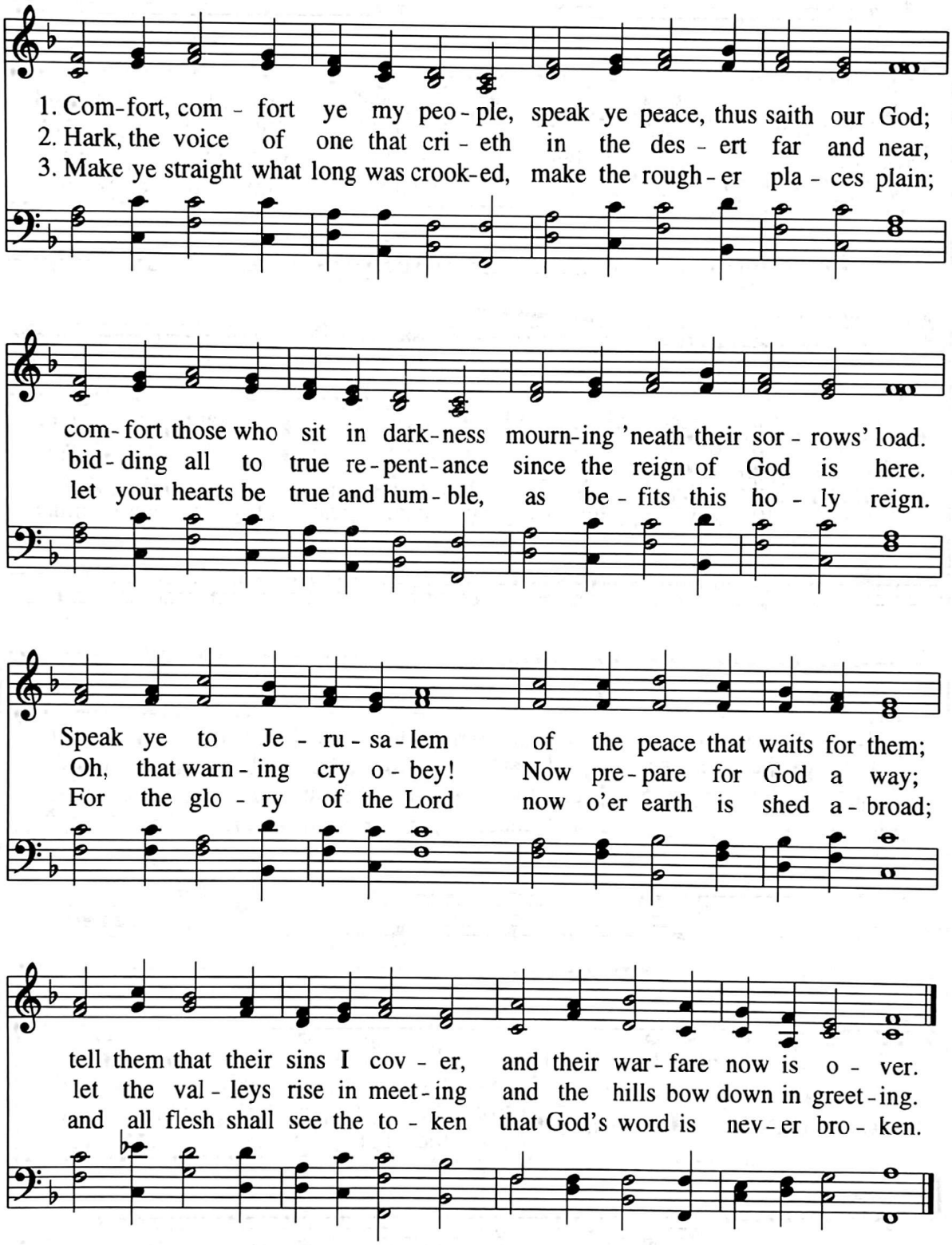
114 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



WORDS: Latin: c. 9th century; sts. 1,2, tr. John M. Neale, 1851; sts. 3,4, tr. Henry S. Coffin, 1916 VENI EMMANUEL
MUSIC: French melody, 15th century, arr., harm. Thomas Helmore, 1854 LM w. refrain

Anglican Oxford Movement Neale translated this hymn which originated in the seven Great 'O' antiphons that were traditional for vespers during Advent. The refrain was added in the 13th century.

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People 115



WORDS: Johann Olearius, 1671; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.
MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois, *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David,* Geneva, 1551

PSALM 42
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Based on Isaiah 40, this hymn was written for St. John the Baptist's Day (June 24).
The tune is a heritage from the earliest Reformed psalters in Geneva.

PEACHAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
& MEETINGHOUSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFORMATION

November 29, 2026

Weekly Worship – Sunday @ 9:30 a.m.

Join us online at peachamchurch.org/watch-us-live-on-sunday

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Church Admin.....Patty Gardner
Collector.....Ann Goss
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Administrative Staff.....Meghan Hovey, Emma Kaplan

Deacons: Susan Chandler, Chris Danielson, Carolyn Deasy,
Patty Gardner, Anita Vann, Rick Witt, Bruce Maclean, Deacon Emeritus

Peacham Congregational Church is an open and affirming congregation, welcoming all who earnestly seek faith and fellowship in Christ to share in the life, leadership, ministry, membership, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, blessings and joys of our church. We invite and welcome into our community persons of every age, race, ability, economic and social status, nationality, faith background, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital standing and family structure

How God is calling us to reach out to address the emerging challenges and opportunities of our community and congregation.
We believe that we must walk with all in our community, helping to bring it together at a time when divisiveness as well as economic, cultural and climate-related challenges are pulling us apart. Peacham is an exceptionally tight community, as the response to the July 2024 flood event showed, but many are lonely or shut-in, suffer from health conditions or feel excluded. We believe our Church has historically been and must continue to be a resource to promote community and reach out to those individuals in need of community support.

TODAY: Sunday, November 29, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. worship time, with Coffee Hour hosted by Susan Chandler immediately following the service.

This morning we are happy to welcome Nancy Fowler as our worship leader.

MISSIONS

Our 4th quarter mission is **Church World Service.**

Following a natural disaster, CWS distributes kits with supplies like versatile blankets, cleaning agents, articles for hygiene, and other items immediately useful after a disaster

CWS helps refugees navigate the often unfriendly and confusing government “system” to help them settle and rebuild their lives in their new and unfamiliar country.

They teach farmers planting techniques that will make their crops less vulnerable to drought and floods.

FOOD COLLECTIONS

The Peacham Congregational Church collects food for the Danville Food Shelf every Sunday morning from 9-11 a.m. Food is collected in a basket at the back of the Sanctuary. During the week, donations of non-perishable food can be placed in the green bins on the covered walkway outside the kitchen door. Please note that the Food Shelf cannot use food that is beyond the expiration date or that has been opened.

The Danville Open Door Food Shelf is asking for the following weekly rotation of donations:

1st Sunday - Bread
2nd Sunday - Butter
3rd Sunday - Cheese (8oz. blocks)
4th Sunday - Eggs
[5th Sunday - Cheese]

Upcoming Worship Schedule of Leaders & Speakers for November:

December 6, 2026 – Rev. Steve Winkler (2nd Sunday of Advent)
December 13, 2026 – John Morris (3rd Sunday of Advent)
December 20, 2026 – Ed Nilson (4th Sunday of Advent)

Please Pray For:

Bill Blachly	Kiera	Cindy Young
Brady Nally	Paul Clemons & Family	"Q"
Jenna Goguen	Anthony	Asylum Seekers
Robin	Larry	Susan Chandler

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please reach out to Patty at peachamchurchinformation@gmail.com.

Attendance at Previous Church Services	
November 1, 2026:	29
November 8, 2026:	20
November 15, 2026:	18
November 22, 2026:	21



Coffee Hour Hosts:
November 29: Susan Chandler
December 6: Nancy Toney
December 13: Melissa Hough

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
23rd – Julie Ann Morrison

North Country Chorus' Annual Holiday Concert
Saturday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 6, 3:00 p.m.
Featuring the North Country Youth Chorus
United Community Church
'Main St., St. Johnsbury, VT
Admission by Donation

"Uncomfortable Convictions: How Faith Moves the Work of Vermont Activism."

On three separate Thursday evenings, we will gather in our sanctuary to explore a central guiding question: *"How does your faith give you the courage to challenge systems of power and bring a divided community together?"*

Series Schedule (Thursdays at 7:00 PM):

- **December 10:** *Agencies for Social Change Panel* — Featuring representatives from Umbrella, Northeast Kingdom Asylum Seekers Network (NEKASAN), Indivisible St. Johnsbury, and The Open Door sharing how deep-seated values fuel community advocacy and care.
- **January 14:** *Keynote Address by Bill McKibben* — Author, environmental scholar, and founder of Third Act, speaking on solar energy, climate solutions, and intergenerational mobilization.
- All events are free and open to the public at 87 Hill Street in Danville, VT.