



"Comfort and Joy"

Drive-in Advent Ecumenical Prayer Service
Hosted by the Paducah Ecumenical Church Community

Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m.

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Drive-In Radio Broadcast Station: 90.9 FM

Gathering Music

Invocation

Washington Street Baptist Church

Opening Hymn

"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"
(verses 1 & 2)

**God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
Remember Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray;**

[Refrain]:

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.**

**From God our heav'nly Father,
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The son of God by name.**

[Refrain]

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Washington Street Baptist Church

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5

Grace Episcopal Church

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Responsive Hymn

"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"
(verse 3)

**'Fear not then,' said the angel,
'Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in him
From Satan's power and might.'**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.**

Intercessory Prayer

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

The Lord's Prayer

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

Anthem

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Emily Black, Fowler Black, Natalie Krupansky, Brant Veal, Sam Veal

**Psalm Reading and
Musical Response**

Psalm 146

Broadway United Methodist Church

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

[Musical Response]:

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.**

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

[Musical Response]

who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

[Musical Response]

Responsive Hymn

"God Rest You Merry Gentlemen"

(verse 4)

**Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and kindred bond
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
Doth bring redeeming grace.**

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.**

Invitation and Instruction for Offering

First Presbyterian Church

Benediction

First Presbyterian Church

Sending Forth in Music

**Go with tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
Go with tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy.**



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