



# Community Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent  
13 December 2020

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

*The First Noel*

### Call to Worship

(One) This is the season of holy waiting.

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

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

**(All) We wait in the shadows for the Light of the World to appear.**

(One) Come let us walk in the light of God!

### Opening Prayer

### Psalm

*Psalm 126*

### Second Candle of Advent: Joy

(One) Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

**(All) We light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.**

*Lighting of the Hope, Peace, & Joy Candles*

(One) God of Joy, out of despair you plant seeds of joy. Cultivate those seeds in us, so that we may be filled of the dawning of Christ's advent among us. God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come. May your Spirit comfort us today.

### Hymn

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

(1) O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

(6) O come, O Bright and Morning Star,  
and bring us comfort from afar!  
Dispel the shadows of the night

and turn our darkness into light. *Refrain*

(7) O come, O King of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of all mankind.  
Bid all our sad divisions cease  
and be yourself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

### **Prayer of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Response**                    *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

## **PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Reading**                    *Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11*  
**New Testament Reading**                *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*  
**Gospel Reading**                                *Luke 1:46b-55*

**Sermon**                                         *A God Bearing Life*

**Hymn**                                         *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

(1) 1 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming  
As men of old have sung.  
It came, a flower bright,  
Amid the cold of winter  
When half-gone was the night.

(2) Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind:  
With Mary we behold it,  
The virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright

She bore to men a Savior  
When half-gone was the night.

(3) This Flower, whose fragrance tender  
With sweetness fills the air,  
Dispels with glorious splendor  
The darkness everywhere.  
True man, yet very God,  
From sin and death He saves us  
And lightens every load

**Affirmation of Faith**                         *The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven  
and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin  
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,  
and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he  
rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is  
seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the  
communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

### **Prayers of the People**

## **SENDING**

### **Charge**

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*The First Noel*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## Games Up Here

Join us ONLINE tomorrow night, **Monday, November 7th from 7:00-8:30pm MST** to play a mystery game. ;) Get more information on our website (<https://lakecitypresbyterian.org/games-up-here/>).

## Weekly Bible Study

We're still online only for our weekly Bible study. Join us this **Wednesday, December 16th from 5:00-6:30pm MST** for our LAST study of the year. This week we'll explore the book of Ruth, one of the shortest books in the Bible, which contains an important glimpse into God's broader redemptive plan for creation.

## Joys and Concerns for Prayer

All joys and concerns are located and updated on [www.lakecitypresbyterian.org](http://www.lakecitypresbyterian.org). The password is: **CPC1876** Please place your prayer requests in the comments. If you'd like offer a confidential prayer request please email Jason at [lakecityjason@gmail.com](mailto:lakecityjason@gmail.com).

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# Second Sunday of Advent: **Joy**

