



Community Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent
28 November 2021

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

*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!

First Candle of Advent: Hope

(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.

Light of the Hope Candle

(One) God of hope,
out of death you bring life.

Renew us in hope,

so that we may be alert

to the dawning of Christ's advent among us.

(All) God of promise, God of hope, into our darkness come.

*Hymn (154)

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 thee, O Israel!

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 25:1-10

(One) To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

(All) Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

(One) Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be

mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

(All) Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!

(One) Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way..

(All) All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

***Hymn (153)** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

(1) Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear Desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

(2) Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Prayer of Confession

(All) Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world. We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness. We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us. We've

kept the birth of your Son confined to a season. Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return. Help us rejoice in the light so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts. Assure us of our pardon that we may find rest in you. Amen.

Response *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

New Testament Reading *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

Gospel Reading *Luke 21:25-36*

RESPONSE

***Hymn (190)** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

(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. **I believe** 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, died, 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 thence 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.

Offertory

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespases)

SENDING

Communal Benediction

(All) As we depart from this holy place, may the infinite love of the Father, the fellowship of the Son, and communion of the Holy Spirit be with us now and forevermore. Amen.

Postlude

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