



# Community Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent  
12 December 2021

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*

#### \*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!

### Third Candle of Advent: Joy

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

**(All) We light candles of hope, peace, and joy, remembering God's promises in prayer.**

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

(One) God of Joy, out of despair you plant seeds of joy. Cultivate those seeds in us, so that we may be reminded of the dawning of Christ's advent among us.

**(All) God of hope, God of peace, God of joy—into our darkness come. May your Spirit comfort us today as we wait.**

#### \*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!

(2) O come, O Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in its ways to go. *Refrain*

(3) O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times did give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe. *Refrain*

(4) O come, O Branch of Jesse's stem,  
unto your own and rescue them!

From depths of hell your people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave. *Refrain*

(5) O come, O Key of David, come  
and open wide our heavenly home.  
Make safe for us the heavenward road  
and bar the way to death's abode. *Refrain*

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

**\*Hymn (176)**            *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates*

(1) Lift up your heads, O mighty gates:  
behold, the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near,  
The Saviour of the world is here.

(2) Fling wide the portals of your heart:  
make it a temple set apart  
from earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

(3) Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to you: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me your inner presence feel:  
your grace and love in me reveal.

(4) So come, my Sovereign, enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin!  
Your Holy Spirit guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won.

### **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. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

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

## **PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 12:2-6*

**New Testament Reading**

*Philippians 4:4-7*

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 3:7-18*

### **Sermon**

**\*Hymn (162)**

*like a child*

(1) like a child love would send to reveal and to mend,  
like a child and a friend, Jesus comes like a child we  
may find claiming heart soul and mind, like a child strong  
and kind, Jesus comes

(2) like a child we will meet, ragged clothes, dirty feet,  
like a child on the street, Jesus comes like a child we  
once knew coming back into view, like a child born  
anew, Jesus comes

(3) like a child born to pray and to show us the way, like  
a child here to stay, Jesus comes like a child we receive  
all that love can conceive, like a child we believe Jesus  
comes

## **EUCCHARIST**

**Welcome to the Table**

## Prayer of Taizé

*Let All Who are Thirsty*

*Come*

Let all who are thirsty come,  
Let all who wish receive the water of life, freely,  
Amen, Come Lord Jesus.  
Amen, Come Lord Jesus.

## Words of Institution

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### \*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

*It Came Upon A Midnight Clear*

#### \*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

#### Prayers of the People

**The Lord's Prayer** (sins/trespass)

## SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Games Up Here

Games are back! Join us Monday night at the Annex at 7:00pm for tabletop games. If you'd like to join us via Zoom, text or email Jason.

### December Session

This **Wednesday, December 15th**, the CPC elders will meet for the final time this year. Starting January, we'll welcome our elders elects.

### Weekly Bible Study

Join us on Zoom this **Wednesday, December 15th from 5:00-6:30pm** as we explore the book of Philippians. The Zoom link can be found in your weekly email.

### Liturgical Scarves

Interested in a purple and pink liturgical scarf, but you missed the open painting times? You can still schedule a paint session by emailing Jason.

### Potluck Sunday.

Join us after the worship service for our monthly potluck brunch. For additional information, contact Lynn Hudgeons.

### Christmas Eve Service

Join us on **Friday, December 24th** for our ecumenical Christmas Eve Service in the yard of CPC. With a liturgy of Scripture and song, we'll usher in Christmas by lifting our voices and candles to welcome in the new born King. Service will begin at 5:30pm and last around 30 minutes.

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