



Community Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent
19 December 2021

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*Call to Worship

(One) This is the season of holy waiting.

(All) We wait for the One who breaks through the heavens and comes down to save us.

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

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

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

Fourth Candle of Advent: Love

(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 candles of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

(One) God of love, out of darkness you bring light. Renew your love in us, so that we may be assured of Christ among us.

(All) God of Love, into our world come. May your Spirit comfort us today.

*Hymn (154)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
(See back of Announcements for the lyrics)

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 80:1-7

(One) Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.

(All) Stir up your might, and come to save us! Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

(One) O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

(All) You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure.

(One) You make us the scorn of our neighbors; our enemies laugh among themselves.

(All) Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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

Micah 5:2-5a

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:46b-55

Sermon

RESPONSE

***Hymn (161)**

People Look East

(1) People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the guest, is on the way.

(2) Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the rose, is on the way.

(3) Birds, though you long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging time has chosen.

People, look east and sing today:
Love, the bird, is on the way.

(4) Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love, the star, is on the way.

***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

First Noel

***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespas)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

Wake, Awake for Night is Flying

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Games Up Here

Games are happening this week! 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.

Weekly Bible Study

Join us on Zoom this **Wednesday, December 22nd from 5:00-6:30pm MST** as we explore the book of Colossians. The Zoom link can be found in your weekly email or on our website.

Community Choir Concert

Come experience the Lake City Community Choir at the Christmas Concert, tonight, **Sunday, December 19th** in the LC School Gymnasium at 7:00pm.

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.

Mission Trip Meeting

During our fellowship time after the service, Jason will hold a short meeting to share the details about the 2022 Lake City Churches Mission Trip to the American Indian Christian Mission in Show Low, AZ (February 19-25).

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Organist/Pianist: Celeste Scott

*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*

(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*