



# Community Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent  
5 December 2021

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*O Worship The King*

#### \*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!

### Second Candle of Advent: Peace

(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 Candles*

(One) God of peace, out of chaos you bring order. Renew your peace in us, so that we may be assured of the dawning of Christ among us.

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

### \*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*

## **Responsive Gospel**

*Luke 1:68-79*

*(One) Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.*

***(All) He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.***

*(One) Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.*

***(All) And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.***

*(One) By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."*

## **\*Hymn (182)**

*O Come All Ye Faithful*

(1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.

(2) Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, all glory in the highest; [Refrain]

(3) Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; [Refrain]

## **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**

*Malachi 3:1-4*

**New Testament Reading**

*Philippians 1:3-11*

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 3:1-6*

## **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**

*Good King Wenceslas*

**\*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

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

**SENDING**

**Charge**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS!

## **Games Up Here**

No games this week.

## **Weekly Bible Study**

Join us on Zoom this **Wednesday, December 8th from 5:00-6:30pm MST** as we explore the book of Ephesians. The Zoom link can be found in your weekly email or on our website.

## **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.

## **Congregational Meeting**

Don't run off after service today, even if you're joining by Zoom. Directly after worship we'll hold a congregational meeting to vote on the new slate of elders. Your elder nominees are Ken Nall and Celeste Scott for three year terms and P. David Smith for a one year term.

## **Potluck Postponed!**

Given the current state of health, we've decided to postpone our first-Sunday-of-the-month potluck to the second Sunday. Join us next week for a potluck brunch directly after the service.

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