



Community Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent
27 November 2022

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

A Rossetti Christmas

*Call to Worship

(One) This is the season of holy waiting.

(All) We wait for the One who will 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

First Candle of Advent: Hope

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

(All) We light the candle of hope in anticipation of Christ's return. Trusting in God, we wait.

Light of the Hope Candle

(One) God of hope, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, so that we may be aware to the dawning of Christ's advent among us.

(All) 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 122

(One) I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

(All) Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.

(One) For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you."

(All) Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers." For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you."

(One) For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

***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.

Silence

Response

Hear Our Prayer O'Lord

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

New Testament Reading

Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:36-44

Sermon

***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.

RESPONSE

***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 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
***Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespases)

***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.

SENDING

Charge
Benediction
Postlude *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Games Up Here
Join us for "**Games up here**" on **Monday, November 28th** at the Presbyterian Annex at 7:00pm.

Wednesday Bible Study
Join us this **Wednesday, November 30th at 5:00pm** online and in Darley Hall as we explore the Apocryphal book of *Judith*.

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Join the men of Lake City this **Thursday, December 1st at 7:00am** for good food, prayer, and Bible study.

Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth
Our new youth-oriented study of the Bible begins next week, Sunday, December 4th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm. All are welcome (especially those between the ages of 10 to 18 years old).

Jesse Tree Advent Devotional
Starting December 1st, our congregation will be journeying through the Advent season with a daily Jesse Tree Devotional. Each day, Jason will email you the scripture and a short reflection to accompany the provided Jesse Tree ornament. You can pick up your printed ornament pack after the worship service or download them in this week's email.

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SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 2:1-5

2:1 The word that Isaiah son of Amos saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2:2 In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

2:3 Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

2:4 He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

2:5 O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Romans 13:11-14

13:11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers;

13:12 the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

13:13 let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

13:14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 24:36-44

24:36 "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

24:37 For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

24:38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark,

24:39 and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

24:40 Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left.

24:41 Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

24:42 Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

24:43 But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

24:44 Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.