



# Community Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
18 December 2022

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Still, Still, Still*

#### \*Call to Worship

(One) This is the season of holy waiting.

**(All) We wait for the One who will return for 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 once again.**

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

## Opening Prayer

### 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 & 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.**

## Responsive Psalm

*Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*

(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. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

**(All) Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved. O LORD God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

(One) You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. 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. But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

(One) Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**\*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*

### **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 7:10-16*

**New Testament Reading**

*Romans 1:1-7*

**Gospel Reading**

*Mathew 1:18-25*

### **Sermon**

**\*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.

## 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** *Silent Night*

**\*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prayers of the People**

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

## SENDING

**Charge**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*O Holy Night*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Intergenerational Study of the Bible for Youth**

Our intergenerational study of the Bible will be looking at the Biblical narratives between the Fall and Abraham's call **tonight Sunday, December 18th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm**. All are welcome (especially those between the ages of 10 to 18 years old).

## **Games Up Here**

Join us for "**Games up here**" on **Monday, December 19th** at the Presbyterian Annex at 7:00pm.

## **Wednesday Bible Study**

Join us this **Wednesday, December 21st at 5:00pm** online and in Darley Hall as we explore the Apocryphal book the *Sirach*.

## **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

No Men's Prayer Breakfast until 2023.

## **Christmas Eve Service**

Join us on **Saturday, 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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# SCRIPTURES

## **Isaiah 7:10-16**

7:10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying,

7:11 Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.

7:12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.

7:13 Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also?"

7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel.

7:15 He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

7:16 For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

## **Romans 1:1-7**

1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

1:2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,

1:3 the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh

1:4 and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

1:5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,

1:6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

1:7 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Matthew 1:18-25**

1:18 Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

1:19 Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

1:20 But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

1:21 She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

1:22 All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

1:23 "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

1:24 When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife,

1:25 but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.