



# Community Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent  
4 December 2022

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Prelude

*Bach Prelude in C Major*

#### \*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

#### Second Candle of Advent: Peace

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

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

*Lighting the Hope and Peace Candles*

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

**(All) God of peace, 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!

(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 Psalm

*Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19*

(One) Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

**(All) May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

(One) May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

**(All) In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.**

(One) Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen...

**(All) ... and Amen.**

## \*Hymn (153)

*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

(1) On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh:  
awake and listen for he brings  
glad tidings of the King of kings.

(2) Let every heart be cleansed from sin,  
make straight the way for God within,  
and so prepare to be the home  
where such a mighty guest may come.

(3) For you are our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without your grace we waste away  
like flowers that wither and decay.

(4) To heal the sick, stretch out your hand,  
and make the fallen sinner stand;  
shine out, and let your light restore  
earth's own true loveliness once more.

(5) To you, O Christ, all praises be,  
whose advent set your people free;  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Spirit evermore!

## 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 11:1-10*

**New Testament Reading**

*Romans 15:4-13*

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 3:1-12*

## Sermon

**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

**EUCCHARIST****Welcome to the Table****Words of Institution****Communion****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***O Come All Ye Faithful***\*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.

(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.

**SENDING****Charge****Benediction****Postlude***Gesu Bambino*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Join us tonight **Sunday, December 4th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm** in the Annex for our new youth-oriented study of the Bible. All are welcome.

## **Games Up Here**

Join us for "**Games up here**" on **Monday, December 5th** at the Presbyterian Annex at 7:00pm.

## **Wednesday Bible Study**

Join us this **Wednesday, December 7th at 5:00pm** online and in Darley Hall as we explore the Apocryphal book of *Esther*.

## **Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Join the men of Lake City this **Thursday, December 8th at 7:00am** for good food, prayer, and Bible study.

**Pastor:** Rev. Jason Brian Santos, Ph.D. (206) 962-9886

**Organist/Pianist:** Celeste Scott

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# SCRIPTURES

## **Isaiah 11:1-10**

11:1 A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

11:2 The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

11:3 His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

11:4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

11:5 Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

11:6 The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

11:7 The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

11:8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

11:9 They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

11:10 On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

## **Romans 15:4-13**

15:4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

15:5 May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,

15:6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

15:7 Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

15:8 For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs,

15:9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

15:10 and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

15:11 and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

15:12 and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 3:1-12**

3:1 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,

3:2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

3:3 This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

3:4 Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

3:5 Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan,

3:6 and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

3:7 But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

3:8 Bear fruit worthy of repentance.

3:9 Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.

3:10 Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

3:11 "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

3:12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."