



Community Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent
1 December 2024

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*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 25:1-10

(One) To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

(All) O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

(One) Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

(All) Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

(One) Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

(All) Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

(One) Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

(All) Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

(One) He leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble his way.

(All) All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

***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.

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

Assurance of Pardon

PROCLAMATION

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

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

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Passing of the Peace

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespases)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

Wait for the Lord

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SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 33:14-16

33:14

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will
fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the
house of Judah.

33:15

In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous
Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice
and righteousness in the land.

33:16

In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live
in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called:
"The LORD is our righteousness."

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

3:9

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the
joy that we feel before our God because of you?

3:10

Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see
you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your
faith.

3:11

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus
direct our way to you.

3:12

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you.

3:13

And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21:25-36

21:25

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

21:26

People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

21:27

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory.

21:28

Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

21:29

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees;

21:30

as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.

21:31

So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

21:32

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place.

21:33

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

21:34

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly,

21:35

like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

21:36

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."