



# Community Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent  
8 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

### 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 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 child 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 in his presence 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 his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.**

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

**\*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**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

## **PROCLAMATION**

**Old Testament Reading**

*Malachi 3:1-4*

**New Testament Reading**

*Philippians 1:3-11*

**Gospel Reading**

*Luke 3:1-6*

**Sermon**

## **RESPONSE**

**\*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.

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Words of Institution**

### **Communion**

*Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread, Drink this cup.  
Come to him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, Drink this cup.  
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

### **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**

### **\*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**

### **Malachi 3:1-4**

3:1

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

3:2

But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like washers' soap;

3:3

he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

3:4

Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years.

### **Philippians 1:3-11**

1:3

I thank my God for every remembrance of you,

1:4

always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy

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for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

1:6

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.

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It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

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For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus.

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And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight

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to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,

1:11

having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

### **Luke 3:1-6**

3:1

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,

3:2

during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

3:3

He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

3:4

as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.

3:5

Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,

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and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

### **Luke 1:68-79**

God's tender compassion

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