

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Call to Worship

(One) A shoot shall come forth from Jesse's stump,

(All) And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him.

(One) He will judge the poor with righteousness, and the meek with equity; He will be clothed with righteousness and faithfulness.

(All) The wolf and the lamb will live peacefully together, the leopard and the kid will lie down side by side.

(One) The cow and the bear will graze together; the lion will eat straw like the ox and a little child will lead them.

(All) They will neither hurt nor destroy on God's holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters fill the sea.

(One) Come, let us worship the God who makes all things new and who dwells with us today.

Opening Prayer

*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!



Community Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent
30 November 2025

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 our hope, as we wait for Christ's advent
among us and in us.

(All) God of hope, into our darkness come.

*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.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 122

(One) I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"

(All) Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

(One) Jerusalem built as a city that is bound firmly together.

(All) 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.

(All) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.

(One) Peace be within your walls and security within your towers."

(All) 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.

Prayer of Confession

La Ténèbre

Our darkness is never darkness in your sight;
the deepest night is clear as the daylight..

Silence

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 (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.

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

(One) In Your mercy ...

(All) ... Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (sins/trespass)

SENDING

Charge

Benediction

Postlude

Wait for the Lord

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SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz 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

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already 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 throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

13:13

let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex 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

"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 the 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 hour you do not expect.