

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

*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*



Community Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday of Advent
7 December 2025

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 and in us.

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

Responsive Gospel

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

(One) Give the king your justice, O God, and your
righteousness to a king's son.

**(All) May he judge your people with righteousness and
your poor with justice.**

(One) May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.

**(All) 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.

**(All) May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

(One) In his days may righteousness flourish and peace
abound, until the moon is no more.

**(All) 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 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

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 11:1-10

New Testament Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon

RESPONSE

Taizé Chant

Laudate Omnes Gentes

Sing praises all you people, sing praises to the Lord.
Sing praises all you people, sing praises to the Lord.

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

Isaiah 11:1-10

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 for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed 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 will feed 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

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 ancestors

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

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 Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around
the Jordan were going out to him,

3:6

and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan,
confessing their sins.

3:7

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

3:8

Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance,

3:9

and 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; therefore
every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down
and thrown into the fire.

3:11

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who
is coming after me is more powerful than I, and 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."