



A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent

PEACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Grow in Grace, Live in Peace, Serve the Lord

We Gather as God's People

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE

A Medley of Advent Hymn Tunes

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE PROPHET'S CANDLE

Jim Bryant, 9:00 liturgist

Richard, Janet and Logan Johnson, 11:00 liturgists

One: "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, and the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord." (Isaiah 11: 1-2)

**All: The Advent Wreath reminds us of God's eternal love; without beginning and without end.
The candles of the wreath remind us of the biblical story of God's unconditional love.**

One: We light the first candle of the Advent Wreath, the Prophet's candle, to remind us of the hope the prophets declared for the coming of the Messiah.

*HYMN # 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God-with-us, even during Advent we confess that you seem far away. You seem hidden when we are impatient for you to draw near. In our hurt, our doubt, and our fear, we do not try to draw near to you. Instead we lash out against you, our neighbors, even those we love. We fail to take responsibility for our own actions or lack of actions to nurture our relationship with you and other people. Forgive us, we pray, and turn us around! May your face shine upon us, drying our tears, fading our guilt, and restoring our hope. We belong to you and in your hands we can be made new. Hear us now as we confess our individual sins in the silence of this moment.

(Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, to set us free from our fears and sins. Help us find our rest in you. You are the joy and hope of every longing heart.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S FORGIVENESS Prelude No 9 in E major from Well-Tempered Clavier Bk 1 J.S. Bach

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

SERMON "Waiting on the Lord" Reverend Debbie Osterhoudt

SPECIAL MUSIC The Wexford Carol Traditional English
Peggy Vaughan, Soprano

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN # 88** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night and earth's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

WE GO FORTH AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** May the Love of the Lord SOON TI

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.
May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.
May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

***POSTLUDE** Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light J. Schop, arr J.S. Bach

* You are invited to stand.

Worship Leadership Liturgists: 9:00 - Jim Bryant, 11:00 - Richard, Janet and Logan Johnson

Ushers: 9:00 - Jim Bryant, Jan Skinner, 11:00 – Lisa Jones, Kelly McLean, Dan Smith

Rev. Debbie Osterhoudt, Preacher Ron Skinner, Audio & Video Peggy Vaughan, Music Director and Soloist

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