

# First Presbyterian Church

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 07, 2025, 11:00 AM

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\* Indicates that those who are able may stand

Bold type is spoken by the people.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Registers & Binder: Please sign, fill out, and pass.*

LIGHTING OF SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

*Katie Ory, Charles Long, and Anne Wilson*

ONE: We light this candle as a symbol of the purity of heart only God can bring.

Lighting of the first candle

ONE: For he shall purify his people like gold and silver, until they shine forth his righteousness.

**ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

## Savior of the Nations, Come

Music by Michael Burkhardt

Readings by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

### A Litany for Advent

ONE: O Lord Jesus, you are WISDOM:

**ALL: Savior of the nations, come**

ONE: Come, and teach us.

ONE: O Lord Jesus, you are RULER:

**ALL: Savior of the nations, come**

ONE: Guide us with your mighty arm.

ONE: O Lord Jesus, you are the BRANCH OF JESSE:

**ALL: Savior of the nations, come**

ONE: Renew our faith in your promises.

ONE: O Lord Jesus, you are the KEY OF HEAVEN:

**ALL: Savior of the nations, come**

ONE: Open our hearts to receive you.

ONE: O Lord Jesus, you are the DAYSPRING:

**ALL: Savior of the nations, come**

ONE: Shine into the darkness of our lives.

ONE: O Lord Jesus, you are the KING:

**ALL: Savior of the nations, come**

ONE: Make us one family in your name.

ONE: O Lord Jesus, you are EMMANUEL:

**ALL: Savior of the nations, come**

ONE: Be with us now and evermore. Amen

Hymn: Lost in the Night

Choir: 1. Lost in the night do the people yet languish  
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,  
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish.  
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?

2. Must we be vainly awaiting the morrow?  
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,  
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?  
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?

3. Sorrowing wand'ers in darkness yet dwelling,  
Dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,  
Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling,  
Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!



Reading: The Turning Around of All Things

Hymn: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Choir: 1. Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

2. Oh, come, our Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

3. Oh, come, oh, come, our Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times gave holy law, in cloud and majesty and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

4. Oh, come, O Rod of Jesse's stem, from ev'ry foe deliver them  
That trust your mighty pow'r to save; bring them in vict'r'y through the grave.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!



All: 5. Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our heav'n - ly  
All: 6. Oh, come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the hearts of hu - man -



home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to mis - er -  
- kind; oh, bid our sad di - vi - sion - cease, and be your - self our King of



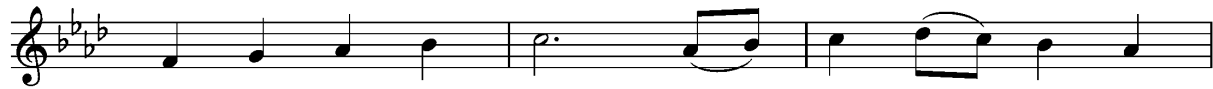
- y. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!  
Peace. Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Reading: A Woman's Passionate Song

Hymn: My Soul Gives Glory to My God



All: 1. My soul gives glo - ry to my God, my  
All: 2. My God has done great things for me: Yes,  
Choir: 3. From age to age, to all who fear, such  
Choir: 4. Love casts the might - y from their thrones, pro -  
All: 5. Praise God, whose lov - ing cov - e - nant sup -



heart pours out its praise. God lift - ed up my  
ho - ly is God's name. All peo - ple will de -  
mer - cy love im - parts, dis - pens - ing just - rice  
- motives the in - se - cure, leaves hun - gry spir - its  
- ports those in dis - tress. Re - mem - ber - ing past



low - li - ness in man - y mar - vel - ous ways.  
- clare me blassed, and bless - ings they shall claim.  
far and near, dis - miss - ing self - ish hearts.  
sat - is - fied, the rich seem sud - den - ly poor.  
prom - is - es with pres - ent faith - ful - ness.

Reading: Celebrating Advent

Hymn: Savior of the Nations, Come

Choir: 1. Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth that the Lord chose such a birth.



All: 2. Not by hu - man flesh and blood; by the Spir - it of our God  
Women: 3. Won - drous birth! O won-drous Child of the vir - gin un - de - filed!  
Men: 4. From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as - cend - ed to the same,  
All: 5. Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to God the Son, our King,



was the Word of God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
Though by all the world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned.  
cap - tive lead - ing death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!  
Praise to God the Spi - rit be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Reading: Prince of Peace

Hymn: Comfort, Comfort Now My People



All: 1. "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
Choir: 2. For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
All: 3. Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain!



To God's peo - ple now pro - claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.  
Call - ing us to true re - pen - tance since the King - dom now is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign!



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!  
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

#### \*GREETINGS

After an exchange of Peace between the Pastor and the Congregation, we encourage you to greet one another. The Greetings will conclude with the first verse of *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*.

ONE: ...The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ONE: ... Lord, in your mercy,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

## INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY:

Andante

*J.S. Bach*

OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

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**ALL: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ONE: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

ONE: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.**

ONE: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

ONE: ...Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy**

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The musical score is written for three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the third line. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

ONE: ...Remembering your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to you with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

THE 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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Reading: Everything Past and Everything Future

# Hymn: He Comes to Us as One Unknown



All: 1. He comes to us\_\_\_ as\_\_\_ one un - known, a breath un - seen, un -  
Choir: 2. He comes when souls in\_\_\_ si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -  
Women: 3. He comes to us\_\_\_ in\_\_\_ sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and  
Men: 4. He comes in love\_\_\_ as\_\_\_ once he came by flesh and blood and  
All: 5. He comes in truth when faith is grown, be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



- heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in  
- part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -  
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the  
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a  
- dored: the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a\_\_\_ pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.  
- cross the\_\_\_ sky of\_\_\_ night with - in\_\_\_ the heart, of night with - in the heart.  
tops of\_\_\_ trees, a\_\_\_ voice to call us\_\_\_ home, a voice to call us home.  
sav - ing Name, for\_\_\_ ev - 'ry child of\_\_\_ earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.  
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.

## \*BENEDICTION

ONE: ...Alleluia!

**ALL: Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE:

Noel

*Louis-Claude Daquin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks to Cookeville First Methodist Church for the gracious loan of today's music scores.

### Reader

Rick Woods

### Chancel Choir

Al Abbott

Beverly Cardinal

Joann Fraser

Diane Glasgow

Michael Gordy

Ted Hayes

Chelsea Holland

Robin Houghton

Riley Keegan

Ron Ledbetter

Grace McGaha

Donna Simpson

Phillip Thompson

Barry Turner

Bill Vanatta

Rachel Young

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