#### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent December 5, 2021 11:00 am

# WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PRELUDE** 

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming" Praetorius

Edited by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord.

People: Those were the words of John the Baptist.

Leader: We start by looking honestly at ourselves.

**People:** We are called to repent. Leader: As we repent, we are forgiven,

People: and we are able to see the salvation of God

in Jesus Christ.

\*HYMN "O come O come Emmanuel" No. 88

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We all need a Savior. We do need Jesus Christ, the Lord, as our Savior. Yet too often, we want to go our own way and do our own things in regard to you, O God. We think we know best about our lives and about other people, including those in the faith. We forget we cannot do this by ourselves, and other people are in your hands, O God. We need Jesus to act on our behalf, and we need to follow Jesus always. Deliver us from our temptation to put self above you, for you are God and you gave us the Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we now pray, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

#### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED

SPECIAL MUSIC Advent Hymn by Christy Nockels Leah Metzger and Kristie Harper with Rebecca Peiskee (violin)

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79

SERMON "Serving Without Fear" Pastor Larry Green

\*HYMN "Come Down O Love Divine" No. 282

#### THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen

#### **OFFERING**

#### \*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.** 

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

# Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

\*Hymn

"People Look East"

No. 105

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Choir

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

## \*Those who are able, please stand.

We warmly greet all who have come to worship God. Your presence will enhance our worship experience and our fellowship together. Sincere thanks to each of you for your participation in the service. Glory be to God!

**Leading Worship:** Pastor Larry Green; Karl Morgan, Liturgist; Leah Metzger, Accompanist & Director; Alex Lutz, Elder of the Month.



2nd Sunday of Advent

<sup>\*</sup>Postlude

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