

Sunday Worship - First Presbyterian Church
November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent
*A blessed Advent to you! Today as we worship, we begin the season of
anticipation, hope and preparation for the coming Messiah. Welcome!*

Prelude

Welcome

*Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candles:

*L: The peace of the Lord be with you!

*P: **and also with you!**

*L: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*P: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!**

Congregation (sung):

**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!**

L: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

P: **We are preparing ourselves for the days
when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;**

L: nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

All: **Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

Congregation (sung):

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Prayer of Invocation (L): Eternal God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope that we may be awake and alert watching for the glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: **Amen!**

Hymn: 1 Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

L The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God with confidence. In faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (All): **Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have Mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (L): The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Response

Gloria Patri

Hymnal 579

Lesson from the Epistles: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Special Music

Lesson from the Prophets: Isaiah 40:1-5

Sermon

DELIVERANCE TO

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD BY AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

*Affirmation of Faith: 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 by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence 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 the life everlasting. AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE /LORD'S PRAYER

Offertory Prayer

Doxology

CLOSING HYMN 8 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Signing Off