



PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel





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LIGHTING THE
ADVENT CANDLE
OF JOY



WELCOME

Friends, welcome to the
United Presbyterian Church
in Plainfield, New Jersey.
Please join me in the opening
prayer.



UNISON OPENING PRAYER



Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open, and from whom nothing is hidden, we humbly approach your throne of grace asking you to hear our prayers, grant our requests, and accept our offerings of praise and thanksgiving as a sweet-smelling savor. Let everything we do and say glorify you. Please forgive our sins and deliver us from evil. We pray in the holy and mighty name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.



Morning Prayer

6:00 a.m. Monday - Friday via Zoom.



Midweek Service

Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. via
YouTube.

Advent Study

Wednesdays and Sundays in
December at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

I was glad when they said, “Let us go into the house of the Lord.”

So, I gathered with the saints to praise the Lord and learn how to serve him better.

My soul rejoices in the Lord God, my Savior.

My tongue magnifies him.


The Lord is good and our Shepherd.

His love for us is powerful and unfailing.

His promises are true and shall come to fruition.

Praise the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me.





OPENING HYMN

(GTG) # 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling





FIRST RESPONSIVE READING

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

The liturgist reads verses 1, 3, 8, and 10.

The congregation reads verses 2,4,9, and 11.

The Lord will fulfill every one of his promises.

Thanks be to God.





AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John 3: 16 - 17



For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world but to save the world through him.



SECOND RESPONSIVE READING Luke 1: 46b-55



The liturgist reads 46b, 48, 50, 52, and 54.
The congregation reads verses 47, 49, 51, 53, and 55.
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.





CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us pray.





UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious God, let your Holy Spirit abide in me helping me fight against the flaming dragon of sin within me that compels me to criticize others instead of praying for them and urges me to satisfy my desires instead of seeking to know and fulfill your will. God, bless me with the spirit of generosity, help me treat others the way I want you to treat me, grant me a heart of compassion, and increase my capacity for empathizing with the sufferings of others. Create a clean heart in me so I can worship you in spirit and truth. In the mighty and holy name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.





PASSING
THE
PEACE





MORNING MEDITATION





CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP





PASTORAL PRAYER



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 away from temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine art the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.





WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING





CLOSING HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem





THE BENEDICTION





CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Amen

