



PRELUDE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel





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WELCOME

Welcome to the United Presbyterian Church's Sunday morning worship service on this second Sunday of Advent 2023. Following the lighting of the Advent candle, please join me in the opening prayer.



LIGHTING THE
SECOND ADVENT
CANDLE



UNISON OPENING PRAYER



Almighty God, unto whom all hearts and minds are open and from whom nothing is hidden, please hear our prayers and accept our offerings of praise and thanksgiving. Be glorified in this service. In the holy and mighty name of the Lord Jesus, we pray.
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


The Lord keeps those in perfect peace who earnestly seek to obey His will, trust Him completely, and realize the Lord is their only hope.

We will trust in the Lord forever because the Lord is the fortress that hides us, the shield that protects us, and His love is a banner over us.

To God be all glory.

Praise the Lord.





OPENING HYMN

(GTG) # 630
Fairest Lord Jesus



FIRST RESPONSIVE

READING

Isaiah 40: 1-8



The liturgist reads verses 1, 3, 5, and 7
The congregation reads verses 2, 4, 6, and 8.
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.





AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John 3: 16 - 17



For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but to save the world through Him.



SECOND RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13



The liturgist reads verses 1, 8, 10, and 12

The congregation reads verses 2, 7, 9, 11, and 13

The word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.





CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us pray.





RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing,

and all the forest trees shall clap their hands.

For behold, our Lord and Ruler was born, crucified for our sins, died and was buried, resurrected, and ascended to heaven, where He sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, interceding for us.

He shall come again to reign forever.

Alleluia! Come, Lord Jesus.





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 Come All Ye Faithful





THE BENEDICTION





CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Amen

