

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLAINFIELD

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Welcome to the United Presbyterian Church Plainfield

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, at the dawn of this Advent season we gather to worship you with praise and thanksgiving. Sanctify our hearts, that our offering may rise to you in devotion. We remember with joy that Jesus Christ has come—born in Bethlehem, the Savior of the world. And we look forward with hope, for Christ will come again to make all things new. As we light the candle of hope, turn our eyes toward the One who is our past, our present, and our future. By your Spirit, keep us attentive, that our worship may glorify you alone. In the mighty and holy name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.





ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday-Friday, 6 AM, via Zoom



Daily Scripture reading

Morning
Devotions upcc.app

Sundays at 7:30 pm via Zoom



Suspended until after Advent

Thursday, 7:30 pm, via YouTube



Midweek Service Daily, beginning tonight at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom



Advent Study

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING





RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Awake from your sleep: salvation is near.

The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

Heaven and earth will pass away,

But the word of God endures forever.

The day of the Lord is surely coming;

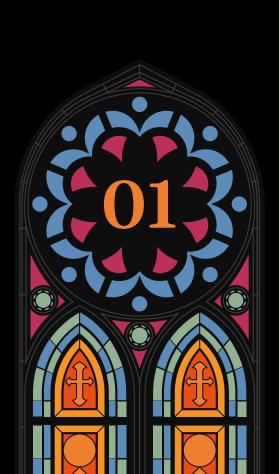
The promise of God will be fulfilled.

Our God is awesome, sovereign, and from everlasting to everlasting.

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

To God be all glory.





Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

OPENING HYMN

UNISON SCRIPTURE READING

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.



A LITANY OF HOPE

Those who journey in darkness have glimpsed a radiant light. We embrace the dawn, our hope rekindled. Shadows fade as a new day breaks upon us. Our spirits rejoice in the promise of renewal. A child is born, a gift to all humanity. We welcome the bearer of peace and wisdom. Upon His shoulders rests all authority and compassion. We trust in His guidance, now and forever. He is our Wonderful Counselor, our source of strength. In His name, we find courage and solace. His peace knows no end, reaching every corner of our lives. Our hope is anchored in His everlasting reign.



UNISON SCRIPTURE READING

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,
That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the
hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.





UNISON PRAYER



Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations. Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, and as we await His glorious return—our Lord of Lords, King of Kings, Alpha and Omega, our judge and our savior. He lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.



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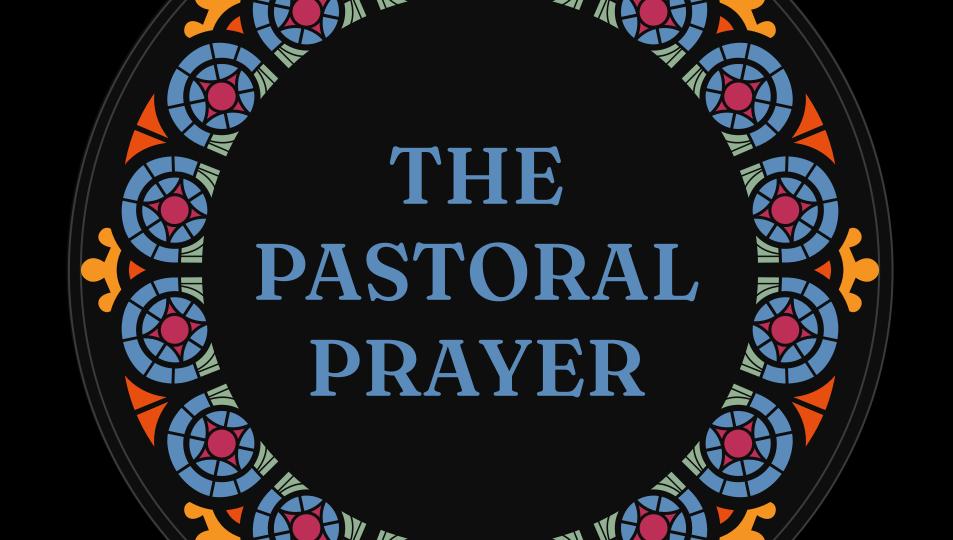


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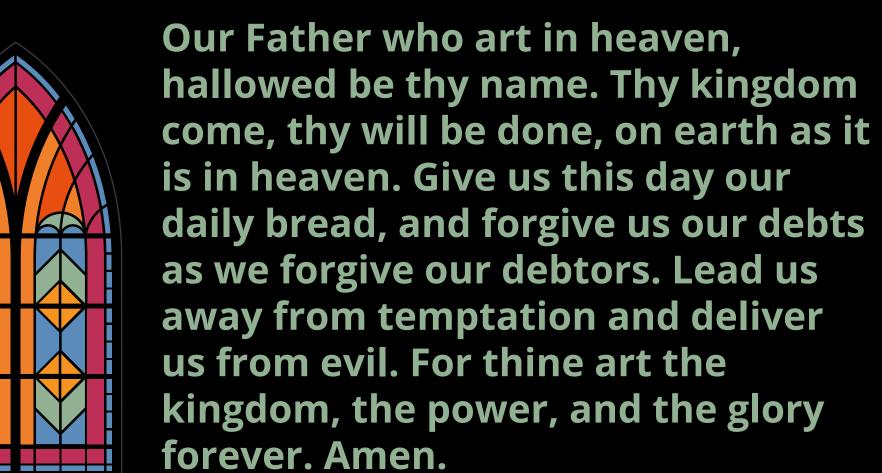




JOYS & CONCERNS



— THE LORD'S PRAYER







Prepare the Way, O Zion

CLOSING HYMN

