

# *Service for the Lord's Day*

## *The Gathering*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

*8:30 a.m.* the Octet; *11 a.m.* the Sanctuary Choir, Austin Memorial Handbells

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 you, O Israel.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *read responsively*

*8:30 a.m.* Eric and Susan Lehmann

*11:00 a.m.* Patrick, Angela, Graham, Zachary and Hayden Duffy

Friends, I dreamt that a new shoot was growing from the stump we thought  
was long dead.

**We dreamt too — of cows and bears grazing next to one another in the  
field.**

In my dream there was a toddler laughing in wonder and without fear at the  
world around her.

**In our dreams, the wolf and the lamb found shelter together in a barn;  
the leopard and the goat curled up next to one another in the hay.**

As we light our second Advent candle,

**we pray for the holy peace of God**

Christ comes among us to lead us to gentleness and compassion.

**Come now, O Emmanuel.**

\*HYMN

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL, arr. Burkhardt

**1. O come, our Wisdom from on high,  
who ordered all things mightily;  
us the path of knowledge show  
and teach us in her ways to go.**

*Refrain:* **Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to you,  
O Israel.**

*Hymn continues on next page.*

2. **O come, O come, our Lord of might,** *choir only:* O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem;  
**who to your tribes on Sinai's height** from every foe deliver them  
**in ancient times gave holy law** that trust your mighty power to save,  
**in cloud and majesty and awe.** *Refrain* and give them victory through the grave...

4. **O come, O Key of David, come**  
**and open wide our heavenly home.**  
**Make safe the way that leads on high**  
**and close the path to misery.** *Refrain*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Forgive us, Lord, for the times we refuse to listen to those who announce your presence. Forgive us when we ignore the cries that come from the wilderness. Allow us to understand that, like John the Baptist, we too are unworthy before the Lord of All. Help us live into our baptisms. Remind us of the beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, and empower us to be the continuation of that Good News.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE HYMN *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of humankind;  
O, bid our sad divisions cease, and be yourself our King of Peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward  
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

## *The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 11:1–10

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

11 a.m. NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 3:1–12

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Kudzu and the Kingdom*

Rev. Steve Jester

# The Response

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

*The Nicene Creed*

*Found on Page 34 in the Glory to God hymnal.*

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are invited to pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew.*

*We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website.*

*You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



ANTHEM

*E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Comee*

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from him  
Who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed his blood  
That we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,  
The Lord, Almighty God,  
Who was, and is, and is to come,  
Sing Holy, Holy Lord.

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell within;  
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below;  
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,  
For Christ is coming soon.

E'en so Lord Jesus, quickly come,  
And night shall be no more.  
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,  
For Christ will be their all!

*Revelation 22, adapt. Ruth Manz*

\*HYMN 104

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *read responsively*

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.**

How can we thank you, O God?...we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

**Holy, 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.**

We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus...and praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again**

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us...almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in unison*

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Savior of the Nations, Come* J.S. Bach  
*text can be found at #102 in the Glory to God hymnal*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

## The Sending

\*HYMN 105

*People, Look East*

BESANÇON



1. Peo - ple, look east. The time is near Of the  
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more  
3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more  
4. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are  
seed is plant - ed there: Give up your strength the seed to  
light the bowl shall brim, Shin - ing be - yond the frost - y  
brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley



a - ble, Trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look  
nour - ish, That in course the flower may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look  
weath - er, Bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look  
hum - ming With the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east and sing to - day: Love, the guest, is on the way.  
east and sing to - day: Love, the rose, is on the way.  
east and sing to - day: Love, the star, is on the way.  
east and sing to - day: Love, the Lord, is on the way.

## \*BLESSING

POSTLUDE      8:30 a.m.    *Fugue on NUN KOMM' DER HEIDEN HEILAND*      G.A. Homilius

11 a.m.    *Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL*      Adolphus Hailstork

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.  
You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

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## *In Worship Today*

### PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanore Nickerson on the occasion of her birthday by her daughter and son-in-law, Valerie and Ernie Dreher.

USHERS      8:30      Larry Boram, Bonnie Boram  
11:00      Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Valerie Dreher, Ernie Dreher  
Liz Haas, Edie Wells

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Rich Gianzero (8:30), & Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists;  
Brad Hume, lay reader (11:00 a.m.)

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist

Members of Austin Handbells: *Bonnie Boram, Elizabeth Clay, Lindsay Cook, Jean Herp, Diana Jester, Sue Rogers*

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; Brandon Hughes, camera; Elliott Nichols, Tech Coordinator

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

John Y. Brown III and his family on the death of his father, John Y. Brown Jr., 11/28/22.

The family of Carolyn Allen on her death, 11/22/22.

Louise & Wallace Horine and their family on the death of their daughter, Margaret Lynn Adair, 11/14/2022.

David, Leslie, Nancy, Susan, and the Morrow family on the death of mother Barbara, 10/31/22.

Stephanie Altobellis, Allysa, and Sergey Dunbar, Martha Hall, Sarah Parker, and the Dunbar family on the death of husband, father, and brother, Tom Dunbar, 10/30/22.

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## O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?  
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;  
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.  
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,  
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.  
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.