

November 29, 2020



HOPE

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
A Caring Christian Fellowship Reaching Out in Response to God's Love

The Diaspora Gather in God's Name

Welcome.
We are glad
you have chosen
to gather and
worship!
Go to
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broadcast starting
at 11:00 am.

Prelude

"Prepare the Way, O Zion" Text by Frans Franzen, 1812
Music from the Swedish Psalm Book, 1697

*Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near!
Let every hill and valley a level way appear.
Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story,
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.*

*He brings God's rule, O Zion, he comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.*

*Fling wide your gates, O Zion; your Savior's rule embrace,
And tidings of salvation proclaim in every place.
All lands will bow rejoicing, their adoration voicing.
O blest is Christ who came in God's most holy name.*

Invocation

Tolling of the Bell - Rung three time to symbolize our Triune God

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Responsive Litany

Blessed be the God of Israel, who has come to set us free.

All around the world there are wars and rumors of wars.

Peace appears to be a distant dream.

Through the prophets of old, God promised peace.

**Like the people of old, we too long for peace in our streets,
in our homes, in this world.**

Today, on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of PEACE. May we find God's peace in our hearts and be bearers of God's peace in our world.

May God's light of Peace shine through us today. Amen.

Choral Response

"While We Are Waiting, Come"

Text by Claire Cloninger
Music by Don Carson (1986)

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come*

Opening Song

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
(Linda Baker)

9th century plainsong

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
[Refrain] Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

*O come, thou 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]*

*O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. [Refrain]*

*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace. [Refrain]*

Affirmation of Faith

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, dead, 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 Confession

We want it simple. We want you to tell us what to do so that we can take the proper precautions. And yet you do just that. There are signs all around us of your presence among us – in what you've created and in the newness of creation of everyday living. We look for signs of gloom and doom while we should be looking for signs of hope and triumph. Forgive us when we focus so much energy looking for the scary things in life. Help us shift our attention to ways we can be of service with those moments before us. Open our hearts once again to your redeeming love and transforming peace that we might share the Good News with others. We ask these things in Jesus' name, as we offer these silent confessions...

Silent Prayer of Confession

*The Affirmation
of Faith helps us
express the faith
and hope we
have as people
of God.*

*We confess
our sins as the
people of God
together, out
loud, and to
others
because of the
incredible
power there is
in putting our
failures and
faults in the
light of God's
love.*

Words of Assurance

(11 am only)

Time with Young Disciples

We Hear God's Word

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:32:36

Sermon

"Oh, You Better Watch Out"

Communion Song

"Come to the Table of Grace" text and music by Barbara Hamm
(Robin Birdwell)

*Come to the table of grace; come to the table of grace.
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace.*

Come to the table of peace. . .

Sacrament of Communion

We Give Thanks to God

*A time to offer
prayer for others
and ourselves to
God.*

Pastoral Prayer and 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 not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

We Go in Christ's Name to Serve

Benediction

Benediction Response

"Go Now in Peace"

Don Besig and Nancy Price

(members of the Chancel Choir; video produced by Robie Armbruster)

Postlude

"The Angel Gabriel"

arr. John S. Dixon

*Today's music
has been
pre-recorded
and may be found
on the church's
website.*

Pre-recorded Music

"Prelude on Sleepers Wake"

by John S. Dixon

"The Angel Gabriel"

arr. John S. Dixon

Online instruction for Worship

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Have a blessed week!

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