

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN-CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
November 28th, 2021
1st Sunday in Advent

MUSICAL PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND COUNTDOWN

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

PRELUDE Prelude on a French Traditional Carol *Eric H. Thiman*

GREETING L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT: HOPE

Reader 1

Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promise of God with prayer.

We light this candle in hope. (*light the candle*)

Hear God's promise of hope from Jeremiah 33:14-16:

"The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Let us pray:

Faithful God, out of death you bring life. Renew us in hope, that we may be alert to the burgeoning of Christ's advent among us.

God of promise, god of hope, into our darkness, come.

MORNING PRAYER (read by Lay Reader)

In obedience and trust, we approach you, God of the covenant. Day by day, your promises are fulfilled among us. Our redemption is drawing near. Help us to prepare ourselves and our communities for Christ's coming. Equip us now to worship you with all the saints, past and present, nearby and far away. Amen.

***HYMN** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **#133**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of promises and possibilities, we admit that we color the world according to our own limited vision. We are often unjust to our judgments and faithless in our relationships. We are haunted by sins we have not confessed. Hear us as we

entrust them to your forgiving care. Help us to let go of our transgressions, to renew our covenant with you, and to live constructively with one another. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, who's coming among us we await with great expectation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The mercy of God is new every day. We are free to accept the difference it can make in us. God's steadfast love is waiting to embrace us as whole people, to instruct us and to lead us in the path of truth. Put your trust in God, for that is our only security.

***GLORIA PATRI** **#805**

SPECIAL MUSIC All Creatures of Our God and King *G. Kirchengesang/Arr. G. Lanier*

CHILDREN'S CHAT Rev. James Deters

***HYMN** What Child is This? **#150**

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:14-16 (p.724); Psalm 25: 1-10 (p.492) & Luke 21:25-36 (p.960)

MESSAGE Rev. James Deters

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On insert

PERIOD OF GUIDED PRAYER Prayers of the people and the Lord's Prayer

OFFERINGS OF GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY Gesu Bambino

Pietro A. Yon

***DOXOLOGY** **#809**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER** (unison)

Thank you, God, for this family of faith, which enriches our lives and enables us to share. Thank you for making us aware that some faint with fear and others dwell in hopelessness. We are grateful that you show us ways to lift the burdens of our sisters and brothers. May our offerings further this ministry among us and beyond our community. Amen.

***HYMN** Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **#135**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

Watch and pray, seeking the strength Christ offers.

Live as thankful stewards of all God's gifts.

Our souls are lifted up to trust in God;

Our spirits rejoice to learn God's ways.

Those who are humble will discern new paths.

For God is teaching us, day by day.

Secure in God's love, we venture with confidence.

We are willing to try a new way of being.

God's steadfast love never fails;
God will keep covenant and lead us in all truth.

We will look for signs that God's realm is near;

We will rely on God's Word to guide us.

Amen. Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION** God Be With You

POSTLUDE Postlude for Christmas

*All those who are able, please stand.

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Carol Simone



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SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 am

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 am

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AFFIRMATION

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a people of hope.

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Even so, we are not a naïve people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.

We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.

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Psalm 25: 1-10

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To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

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Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

Luke 21:25-36

p.960

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

ACTIVITIES

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11/30	4-7 pm SPARK using Youth room/Education wing
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BIRTHDAYS

29	Terry Biglow
3	Greyson Stadler

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 133

The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel. Is. 7:14

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 3. O come, thou Day-spring, come and cheer our spir - its by thine
 4. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen wide our
 5. O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind all peo - ples in one

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here un -
 tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save and
 ad - vent here; and drive a - way the shades of night, and
 heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and
 heart and mind; bid en - vy, strife and quar - rels cease; fill

Refrain

til the Son of God ap - pear.
 give them vic - tory o'er the grave.
 pierce the clouds and bring us light! Re-joyce! re - joyce! Em -
 close the path to mis - er - y.
 all the world with heav - en's peace.

man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

150 What Child Is This?

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. Lk. 2:16

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Ma-ry's lap is sleep-ing,
 2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate where ox and ass are feed-ing?
 3. So bring him in-cense, gold, and myrrh, come, peas-ant, king, to own him.

whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet, while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
 Good Chris-tians, fear; for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.
 The King of kings sal-va-tion brings; let lov-ing hearts en-throne him.

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
 Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
 Raise, raise the song on high, the vir-gin sings her lul-la-by;

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma-ry.
 hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Ma-ry.
 joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Ma-ry.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 135

I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come . . . Hag. 2:7

1. Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.