



North Raleigh  
Presbyterian Church  
First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2022

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*a congregation of the PC(USA)*



HOPE  
PEACE  
JOY  
LOVE

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*The mission of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church is to be a  
welcoming community serving Jesus Christ through  
engaged discipleship.*

# GATHERING

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please find the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew so all may sign.  
Please note a Nursery is available in the back of the Sanctuary. Children's Church will gather in the Narthex.*

## PRELUDE

*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*

Paul Fey

*As the acolyte processes with the light,  
we welcome the presence of Jesus Christ, light of the world, into our worship.*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP and LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

### Light of Light Congregational Part

JOEL RANEY

Voi - ces cry out from a world in grief:  
prayers of those who seek re - lief.  
End their dark - ness, hear their call for  
peace on earth, good will for all.

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One: Advent is a time of reflection and renewal.

**All: God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our hope.**

One: Advent is a time of self-examination.

**All: God of light, shine in our hearts and strengthen our resolve.**

One: Advent is a time of joyful expectation.

**All: God of light, shine in our hearts and renew our faith.**

One: Advent is a time of service and searching.

**All: God of light, shine in our hearts and ignite our compassion.**

### **\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Following the Call to Confession  
please observe a moment of silent confession.*

O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace. Amen.

### **\*DECLARATION OF GOOD NEWS**

One: Friends, in the name of Jesus Christ,  
we are loved and accepted, forgiven and freed.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **\*THE PEACE**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

One: Please share the peace of Christ with your neighbors.

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE**    *Gloria refrain from Angels We Have Heard on High*  
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

## PROCLAIMING

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

ANTHEM

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

*Anna Rose Patterson, flute*

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 24:36-44

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*Children will collect Pennies for Hunger and then gather for Children's Church.*

SERMON

**\*HYMN 772**

*Live into Hope*

## RESPONDING

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Romans 13:11-14, adapted

We know what time it is, how it is now the moment for us to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day of the Lord is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, let us put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*Stewardship is nurturing youth in their faith development.*

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory      Meditation on *Of the Father's Love Begotten*      Paul Fey

\*DOXOLOGY      Tune from *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,

God the table-turning prophet, God the resurrected truth:

You are present every moment; we are searching; meet us now.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

\*HYMN 102      *Savior of the Nations, Come*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Quem Pastores Laudavere*      Paul Fey

*As the acolyte recesses with the light,  
we affirm that Jesus Christ, the light of the world, leads us out for discipleship.*

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY



**Leading and supporting worship today:**

**Preacher:** Lisa Hebacker

**Liturgists:** Brandon Melton, George Spransy

**Nursery:**

**Guest Organist:** Bo Lloyd

**Counters:** Mike Lawrence, Karen Fink

**Ushers:** Debbi Freer, Patty Sharer, Karen Fink

**Livestream:** Chuck Nicotera, Anna Rose Patterson, Michael Patterson

**Advent Wreath Lighters:** Jeff Hedgepeth & Julie Fotheringham, Jack Hedgepeth

**Music Director:** Terri Nicotera

**Chancel Guild:** Janet Livengood

**Children's Church:** Tiffany Hook

**SRT:** David Syme

**Elder in Charge:** Ann Antoun

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# NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

**Birthdays:** Mary Cain Murphy, 11/27; Krystal Grooters, 11/28; Stephanie Adams, 11/29; Jack Trollman, 12/1; Julie Miles, 12/3

**Stephen Ministers** Are you being called to help someone in a crisis or time of need? If so, please visit with the Stephen Ministers after church today. Stephen Ministers help support our congregation by providing a Christian presence, emotional, and spiritual support to people who are hurting.

**Fellowship with Books** will meet Monday, November 28 at 6:30 at the home of Debbi Freer.

**Consecration Sunday** We are grateful for all the individuals and families who have committed to NRPC's money story in 2023. To date we have received 71 pledges, totaling \$304,170. If you have not pledged to NRPC's money story, you may do so online or pick up a pledge card on the back table in the Narthex.

**Advent Bible Study** Sunday mornings at 9:15am or Thursday mornings at 9:15am. The Sunday offering has a children's bible study available, too! Join us as we journey through Advent and prepare for the coming of Christ.

**Outreach for November** Please see Friday News for the SignUp link and details. Gifts are due by Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Pageant** will be held outdoors Sunday, December 11 at 4:30 p.m. Following the pageant, participants will be invited into the sanctuary to enjoy music by the NRPC orchestra and to help decorate the Chrismon trees.

**Poinsettias** NRPC Worship Team is sponsoring Christmas dedications for loved ones during Advent. You may purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a family member or a friend for the cost of \$10 per plant.

**End of Year Giving** For inclusion in the 2022 financial year, end-of-year contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2022 or delivered in person by noon on December 30. Any contributions delivered in person after noon on December 30 will be processed as 2023 contributions.

# THIS WEEK AT NRPC

Sunday 11/27	9:00 AM	A Year in Psalms (C)
	9:15 AM	Cornerstone Class (Z)
	9:15 AM	Youth Music (S)
	9:15 AM	Children's Advent Bible Study (T1)
	9:15 AM	Adult Advent Bible Study (T5)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (S, Y)
	11:30 AM	Stephen Ministry Q&A (S)
	5:00 PM	Pioneer Sunday School (N)
Monday 11/28	6:30 PM	Fellowship with Books (OFF)
Tuesday 11/29	6:30 PM	Adult Bells (S)
Wednesday 11/30	11:00 AM	Prayer Ministry (C)
	4:30 PM	Staff Meeting (N)
	7:00 PM	Children's Music (S)
		Adult Choir (S)
Thursday 12/1	9:15 AM	Advent Bible Study (S)
	10:30 AM	Joyful Ringers (S)
Friday 12/2	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Z)
Saturday 12/3		
Sunday 12/4	9:00 AM	A Year in Psalms (C)
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	9:15 AM	Youth Music (S)
	9:15 AM	Children's Advent Bible Study (T1)
	9:15 AM	Adult Advent Bible Study (T5)
	10:30 AM	Worship Service (S, Y)
	11:30 AM	Christmas Pageant Costume Fitting (N)
	11:30 AM	Orchestra Practice (S)
	4:30 PM	Youth Group (Off)
	5:00 PM	Pioneer Sunday School (N)

Legend:

A=Admin C=Constant Contact F= Faith Ministries Building  
 Y= You Tube S=Sanctuary N=Narthex Z=Zoom O=Outdoors OFF=Offsite

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