



# North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent  
November 28, 2021

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*a congregation of the  
PC(USA)*



Faithful God,  
your promises stand unshaken through all  
generations.  
Renew us in hope, that we may be awake  
and alert  
watching for the glorious return of Jesus  
Christ, our judge and savior,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Book of Common Worship

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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

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE Reflections on *"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"*

Paul Manz

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world says, "All is lost."

God says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying."

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

One: As we light our first Advent candle,

**All: we pray for the holy hope of God.**

One: Come now, O Child of Mary.

**All: Come now, O Prince of Hope.**

One: Let us worship God!

\*HYMN *Come Now, O Child of Mary* (back page)

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped.

We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see. We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear. We are numb to inconvenient truths.

Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors.  
Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue.  
Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Sober our  
lives addicted to privilege. Show us the signs of your  
coming, that we may stand before you, the Son of  
Man, in whose name we pray. 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!

**\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High***  
(refrain)

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

**PROCLAIMING**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 21:25-36

**ANTHEM** *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

*Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade may remain in worship or attend Children's Church*

**SERMON**

\*HYMN 357     *The Days Are Surely Coming*

## RESPONDING

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH     *Confession of 1967*  
9.27, adapted

The one sufficient revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the Word of God incarnate, to whom the Holy Spirit bears unique and authoritative witness through the Holy Scriptures, which are received and obeyed as the word of God written.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*Tithes and offerings may be left in the plate at the Sanctuary entrance.  
You may also send in or drop off a check or contribute by way of our website.*

\*DOXOLOGY 143 v.4 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*  
All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the  
newborn King!

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## SENDING

\*HYMN 82     *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE    *Lift Up Your Heads!*    Praetorius/Paul Fey



*\*All who are able, please stand*

*We welcome Bo Lloyd today as our guest organist.*

**Leading and supporting worship today:**

<b>Preacher:</b> Lisa Hebacker	<b>Elder in Charge:</b> John Grovenstein
<b>Liturgists:</b> Judy Dove, Brandon Melton	<b>Music Director:</b> Terri Nicotera
<b>Counters:</b> Debbi Freer, Mike Lawrence	<b>Guest Organist:</b> Bo Lloyd
<b>Livestream:</b> Megan Livengood, Ben Hebacker, Michael Grovenstein	<b>Nursery:</b> Matt & Sarah Bales
<b>Advent Candle Lighters:</b> Danny Heater (Buildings & Grounds); John McKinney (Finance)	<b>Chancel Guild:</b> Janet Livengood
	<b>Children's Church:</b> Tiffany Hook
	<b>Usher:</b> Karen Fink

Liturgy adapted from *Call to Worship*.

**Outdoor Worship and Weather Temperatures**

Please note December 5 is our last planned Outdoor Worship service of the year. On the Friday before worship, a Worship committee representative will check the predicted WRAL forecast for Sunday at 10 AM. If the predicted temperature is above 50°F, then, we will plan for worship outdoors. If the predicted temperature is less than 50°F, then, worship will be moved to the Sanctuary and this will be communicated in the Friday e-news. Changes due to rain will be communicated through Constant Contact closer to Sunday worship time. The decision for the temperature was made jointly between the team responsible for music and LiveStreaming.

*Thank You,  
NRPC Worship Committee*

# NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

**Birthdays:** Krystal Grooters, 11/28; Stephanie Adams, 11/29; Jack Trollman, 12/01

**Fred Holt WTR Service** will be held on Saturday, December 4 at 11:00am in the Sanctuary.

**Consecration Sunday** We are grateful for all the families within our church who have presented 2022 commitment cards. To date we have received 62 pledges, totaling \$257,680. If you have not returned your pledge card, you may do so online as well as by dropping off your cards at the church office blue mailbox.

**Angel Tree** NRPC is inviting you to buy Christmas gifts for some of the nearly 600 children in foster care in Wake County. You can demonstrate the love of Christ by purchasing what you are able to manage from their wish lists. Please see Friday news for sign up details. If you have questions, please contact Margaret Albert, [margaretcAlbert@gmail.com](mailto:margaretcAlbert@gmail.com).

**Advent Wreath Making Workshop** will be today after Worship. If you can't attend the workshop, there will be kits to take home. There will also be a church-wide reverse-Advent calendar outreach project introduced at the gathering. Youth students will make wreaths at youth group.

**Advent Intergenerational Bible Study** will be held today and Sunday, December 5 at 5:00pm. Please join us for a bible study in the Faith Ministries Building. All ages are welcome.

**Fellowship with Books** will meet Monday, November 29 at 6:30pm in the FMB. Please contact Janet Livengood with any questions.

**NRPC Movie Night** will be Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00pm. The movie is *Philadelphia*.

**Presbyterian Coffee Project** Please place your Holiday order and last order for the year by Tuesday, November 30. Please contact Stormy Ingold, [stormydoug@mac.com](mailto:stormydoug@mac.com) or 919-615-1469.

**Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn** Join us Sunday, December 5 after Worship to learn more about Stephen Ministry. A guest preacher from a neighboring church will present and lunch is provided. Please contact Stacy Askew to register or with questions, [stacy.askew@outlook.com](mailto:stacy.askew@outlook.com).

**NRPC Christmas Pageant/Advent Dinner** Join us Sunday, December 12 for the NRPC Christmas Pageant from 4:30-5:30pm. The pageant will be held outdoors again this year. An order form is available to reserve meals for the Advent Dinner. Please see Friday news for details. Contact the church office with any questions.

**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. Details to order are found in Friday news or call the church office at 919-848-9529.

**Christmas Eve Services** will be held Friday, December 24 with a family friendly Outdoor Worship service at 5:00pm and an Indoor Worship service with communion at 9:00pm. Reservations are not required to attend either service.

# THIS WEEK AT NRPC DIGITAL CHURCH EDITION

Sunday 11/28	8:45 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Sharing God's Story (C) Cornerstone Classroom (Z) Worship (S, Y) Angel Tree Drop off Advent Wreath Workshop (F) Youth Music (S) Youth Group (F) Intergenerational Bible Study (F)
Monday 11/29	6:30 PM	Fellowship with Books (F)
Tuesday 11/30	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Adult Bells (S) Movie Night (Z)
Wednesday 12/1	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Prayer Ministry (C) Staff Meeting (A) Adult Choir (S)
Thursday 12/2	4:30 PM	Christian Education Committee (Z)
Friday 12/3	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study (Z)
Saturday 12/4	11:00 AM	Fred Holt WTR Service
Sunday 12/5	8:45 AM 10:30 AM 11:30 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM 4:30 PM 5:00 PM	Sharing God's Story (C) Cornerstone Sunday School (Z) Worship Service (O, Y) Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn (F) Angel Tree Drop off Youth Music (S) Youth Group (F) Intergenerational Bible Study (F)

Legend:

A= Admin

F= Faith Ministries Building

N= Narthex

C=Constant Contact

Y= You Tube

Z=ZOOM

S=Sanctuary

O= Outdoors

*Ministers:* All the Congregation

*Pastor:* Lisa Hebacker

*Assoc Pastor:* Brandon Melton

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# Come Now, O Child of Mary!

ES IST EIN'ROS

The musical score is written in a single system with six staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. Measure numbers 4, 6, 8, 10, and 13 are indicated at the start of their respective staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the sixth staff.

Come now, O Child of Mar - y! Come,  
4 now O Prince of Hope! We  
6 wait and watch and won - der. Come  
8 now, O Prince of Hope! O  
10 come Em-man - u el! Your king-dom we a -  
13 wait, Come now to set us free.