



Worship for the Lord's Day

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Our Calling

What is our charge?

Our charge is to create the church Jesus expects.

How do we live?

*We live to become more like Jesus,
bringing faith and life together.*

Who are we?

*We are a community where all people
can take root in love and grow in service.*

Rooted in Love. Growing in Service.

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GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please find the Friendship Pad and pass it down the pew so all may sign.

Please note Nursery is available in the Faith Ministries Building.

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

arr. Jason Krug

Julie Fotheringham, Danny Heater, Michael Patterson, Haley Stallworth; bells

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

All: In Christ there is life and light for all people.

One: Now lift up your heads and rejoice: your redeemer is drawing near.

All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

*HYMN (see insert)

Bind Us Together

Please sing as invited by the Director of Music.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

One: God of hope, God of arrival, the days are coming,
and your promise is arriving,

All: yet we struggle to wait. We forget how to live as your people.

One: In our impatience, we choose despair,
forgetting that in darkness, new life grows.

All: Turn us back to your hope.

One: In our anxiety, we choose ways of violence,
believing that our own strength will save us.

All: Turn us back to your peace.

One: In our want, we believe stories of scarcity,
forgetting what you have done and given us.

All: Turn us back to your joy.

One: In our insecurity, we forget we are beloved,
choosing ways of self-protection over self-giving.

All: Turn us back to your love.

One: Open our eyes in this Advent season,
that we might bear witness to your coming,
always in our midst and on the way.

All: Amen.

***KYRIE HYMN 91**

Come, Come Emmanuel

COME, COME EMMANUEL

Please sing as invited by the Director of Music.

Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Come, come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

***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 HYMN 88 v. 6** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer

VENI EMMANUEL

our spirit by thine advent here;

disperse the gloomy clouds of night,

and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to thee, O Israel.

PROCLAIMING

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 21:25-36

SHARING THE FAITH WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Children will remain in the sanctuary during the sermon.

SERMON

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We will partake of the Lord's Supper by intinction. The bread is gluten-free.
Take a cube of bread, dip it into the cup and consume the elements together.*

The Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**The Words of Institution
Communion of the People**

HYMN 507

Come to the Table of Grace

TABLE OF GRACE

RESPONDING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed, Glory to God p. 35

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, & OFFERINGS

Offertory

Let All Mortal Flesh

arr. Joel Raney

Adult Choir

***DOXOLOGY 102 v. 4** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

**Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!**

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

**To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

SENDING

***HYMN 83**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

STUTT GART

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE HYMN 91**

Come, Come Emmanuel

COME, COME EMMANUEL

Please sing as invited by the Director of Music.

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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*The flowers in the chancel today are given by Karen Fink to the glory of God
and in loving memory and honor of her father, Sam Annunziato.*

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Leading and supporting worship today:

Preacher: Brandon Melton

Liturgists: Lisa Hebacker, Judy Dove

Acolyte:

Counters: Fred Fuller, Cary Martin

Nursery: Beth Morgan, Sarah Mulligan

Director of Music: Terri Nicotera

Interim Organist: Bo Lloyd

Chancel Guild: Stormy Ingold

EIC: Sid Mabry

SRT: Cary Martin

NRPC NEWS AND EVENTS

Anniversaries: David & Sherry Heuser 12/5

Birthdays: Julie Miles 12/3, Daniel King 12/5, Cynthia Fetty 12/7

The next Gathering will be on **Wednesday, December 11 at 5:45 PM**. See the Friday News for more information and to signup.

Set up for Advent Dinner and Pie Auction: Men, please meet at the church on **Saturday, December 14 at 9:00 AM** to prepare the meal and set up the FMB. Men and Youth, get your pie recipes out and prepare to bake 2 pies.

Advent Pageant, followed by Dinner and Pie Auction on December 15 at 4:30 PM:
We look forward to retelling the story of Christ's birth. If you would like to participate in the pageant, look for the link in the Friday News to sign up. All are invited to the dinner and pie auction.

Advent/Christmas memorials and honoraria dedications are now being accepted. Your gifts may be for \$10 or more, and the money raised enables us to provide the poinsettias that will beautify our sanctuary. Pick up a form in the Narthex and return it to the church office along with your check by **December 16**.

Parents Night Out gives parents a break while children have fun at church. Please join us on **Friday, December 20 at 6:00 PM** in the FMB. RSVP to Amanda Heater at heater.amanda@gmail.com.

Longest Night Vespers is a worship opportunity as a quiet and contemplative way to observe Advent/Christmas. Join us on **Sunday, December 22 at 6:30 PM**.

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. We will receive this special offering through Advent and Christmas; please mark your gift "Christmas Joy" so it may be directed appropriately.

THIS WEEK AT NRPC

Sunday 12/1	9:00 AM Cornerstone Class (F) 10:30 AM Worship Service (S, Y) 11:45 AM Sermon Discussion (F) 3:30 PM Pioneer Class (F) 5:00 PM Drum Circle (S) 5:00 PM Youth Friendsgiving (OFF)
Monday 12/2	6:30 PM Fellowship with Books (OFF)
Tuesday 12/3	6:30 PM Adult Bells (S)
Wednesday 12/4	10:00 AM Staff Meeting (F) 5:30 PM Christian Education Meeting (F) 7:00 PM Adult Choir (S)
Thursday 12/5	9:15 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study (F) 10:30 AM Joyful Ringers (S)
Friday 12/6	7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Z)
Saturday 12/7	
Sunday 12/8	9:00 AM Cornerstone Class (F) 9:30 AM New Members (N) 10:30 AM Worship Service (S, Y) 11:30 AM Cookies & Conversation (N) 11:30 AM Youth Group (F) 11:45 AM Sermon Discussion (F) 3:30 PM Pioneer Class (F)

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

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