

ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Worship 10:30 AM

Gather

PRELUDE “Comfort, Comfort Now My People” Setting by Paul Manz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Praise

PREPARE FOR CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice cries out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord!” With hearts filled with hope and peace, let us stand and prepare for the coming of the Lord as we join in our call to worship.

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O come, O come, Emmanuel,

People: And be light for our darkness.

Leader: Be comfort in our grief,

People: An oasis for our searching,

Leader: O come, O come, Emmanuel,

People: Restore our joy, heal our wounds, and bring us peace.

All: Amen!

****HYMN #88**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (vss. 1, 6, 7)

VENI EMMANUEL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE— Prepare (*Malachi 3:1-4*)

Pastor: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace. Open your hearts, and let your spirits be quieted as we join in the liturgy of the Advent Candle:

ADVENT CANDLE VIDEO PLAYED

Leader: Our Advent journey continues as we get ready to meet the promised Lord.

People: As we light the second candle, we are reminded that we must prepare our hearts and minds.

The candle of peace is lit.

Leader: In the fifteenth year - during the reign of Tiberius Caesar when he was ruler of that region,

People: the Word of the Lord came.

Leader: It always comes in particular places - during the reign - under the leadership,

People: when we don't know whether to trust the people with power or the power itself.

Leader: The word of the Lord comes to call us to repentance:

People: to make the crooked straight - the mountains low - the valleys high.

Leader: See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way of the Holy One!

People: Together, we will prepare the way and look for God's salvation.

All Sing:

**Peace, peace, peace—
The gift of Christ is peace.
We walk with God, our past forgiven.
All in Him is life and heaven.
Peace, peace, peace—
The gift of Christ is peace.**

Prepare

CALL TO PRAYER OF REFLECTION

Today we hear, "The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight— indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3. Let us prepare for his coming in prayer:

PRAYER REFLECTION this replaces our prayer of confession. Put scripture verse in bulletin.

*The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—
indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts." Malachi 3:1*

Lord Jesus, many of us are waiting for you: the war-torn are waiting for peace, the hungry are waiting for bread, the refugees are waiting for a homeland, the sick are waiting for healers. Have you forgotten us?

God, in this season suspended between hope and fulfillment, may we be honest about the darkness within us, and perceptive of the light around us. May we make straight the path for the Lord, that together we may see God's glory revealed. O Lord, come quickly, we pray. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE #104 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?" (vs. 1 only)

**O Lord, how shall I meet You, how welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You, my Hope, my heart's Delight!
O, kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly all that may please You best.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE PEACE

With joy and gratitude for the hope and peace we find in the One whom we are preparing our lives for, let us pass his peace: The peace of Christ be with you all. *And also with you.*

Listen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ANTHEM

"Carols Four" A Medley of Seasonal Favorites arr. Carl Strommen

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Please join me in prayer. Let us pray: **God of our deliverance, you meet us in our need. You fill the valleys of our insecurities with hope and bring low the mountains of our pride and conceit. May your holy Word be like a refiner's fire, cleansing our impurities and making us clean and blameless, as we await your Son and the glory of your salvation.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Malachi 3:1-4 Contemporary English Version (CEB)

ADVENT REFLECTON VIDEO

“PEACE”

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

“Come Home for Christmas: The Fear to Go Home”

Respond

ADVENT HYMN

“O God of Peace, You Sent Us John”

CAROL

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offering

Prayer of Dedication

****Doxology**

**O Glorious God, to you we bring
All that we are as offering;
Spirit of Peace, among us dwell;
Come, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

VENI EMMANUEL

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.

Hymn #83

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Charles Wesley

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Choral Postlude on Num Komm, Der Heiden Heiland”

J. S. Bach

****Please stand as you are able and comfortable.**

Leaders in and for Worship Today

Preaching Today	Rev. Ronnie Osborn
Liturgist	Sarah Humfeld
Advent Wreath Candlelighters	The Humfeld Family
Organist	Rev. Bruce Jeffries
Director of Music	J. West
Audio-Visual Technicians	Marianne Fues, Bill Kennedy, Odell Newkirk
Ushers	Bill Young
Greeters	Marge Veum
Childcare Volunteers	Chris Sheriff, Susan Winkelmann

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE: Each Sunday, we need 2 volunteers to care for our youngest children after the Children's Message. Please sign up to help in this important ministry. Chris Sheriff can answer any questions you may have. Thanks for volunteering!

AFTER CHURCH REFRESHMENTS: You are invited to stay for a while after worship today to enjoy light refreshments and conversation with church friends in the Fellowship Hall.

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOMES AND SERVICES (PCHAS) CHRISTMAS TREE: Bring or send a Christmas Card to Trinity with \$5.00 (or more) tucked inside. Your card will be displayed in the lobby and an ornament with your name will be placed on the tree. Donations will help support the work of Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services which provides a variety of important services to help children and their families.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Next Sunday, December 14, our choir will present their 2025 Christmas Cantata, "Let Earth Receive Her King" during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The Cantata will feature many of your favorite Christmas hymns interwoven in several musical medleys, as well as narration.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Help us share the joy and love of the season by participating in this annual event led by our choir. On Wednesday evening, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. carolers will meet in the Fellowship Hall for wassail, cocoa, and Christmas cookies. At 7:00, carolers will carpool to the homes of our members who have difficulty coming to church. All ages are invited to participate.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE: December 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary and live-streamed via Facebook Live.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST: December 28 at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a favorite breakfast dish to share.