

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## First Sunday in Advent

**Bolded words** indicate where you may join in speaking.

\*Those who are able are asked to stand.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

**Now Advent had begun, a season in its own right, not just a countdown to Christmas. Without Advent, there would be no Christmas. So hear the prophet's instructions: "Prepare the way of the Lord. In the wilderness, make a highway for God". What wilderness? Many are drowning in spiritual clutter. We need help. We need a Season to cut through it all like a laser knife and point us to the One who is coming. Come, Lord Jesus!**

\*HYMN NO. 772

"Live into Hope"

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Your season comes, Lord. Come once again and feed your flock like a shepherd. Come once again and gather up the children, the oppressed, the sick, the lonely, the humble and the rejected of the earth. Turn our hearts to the least of your children. For if we lose them, we become lost. Reconcile us to you and to those we have hurt. At this Advent, join us together with neighbors, with strangers and especially with our own household. Bring us to your light in our time off darkness, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE ~ HOPE

The Cecchini Family

\*HYMN NO. 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

### THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

*Exodus 32: 7-14 (Pg. 78)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*Luke 15: 1-7 (Pg. 78)*

L: Word of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

The Parable of the Shepherd"

Gary Perna

### SENDING

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAY READER for today is Linda Schaller.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Linda Schaller, Jenny Collins and Mary Dressel.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Linda Schaller in honor of her son, Bill's, birthday.

### **Church Staff**

Nicole Vogel  
Jen Carmella  
Linda Schaller  
Bob Lee  
Sami Carmella

Pastor  
Secretary  
Music Director  
Sexton  
Nursery Attendant

### **THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.**

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.  
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday ~ Church Decorating, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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