

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## November 28, 2021 Service for the Lord's Day 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

“Emmanuel”

ARR. BY CAROL TORNQUIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 98)

L: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

**P: his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

L: The LORD has made his salvation known

**P: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

L: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel;

**P: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

L: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

**P: burst into jubilant song with music.**

\*HYMN NO. 88

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, Creator of all that is good and right, of all things seen and unseen, Giver of Hope and Spirit of all Mystery: We lay our thanks at your feet and place our trust in your hands. Guide us into the season of Advent with a renewed awareness of hope in all that is here and now and all that is to come. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE ~ HOPE

The Wasylyk Family

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (PSALM 86)

**Hear, O Lord, and answer me; for as rich as I may think that I am, I confess that I am poor and needy. Guard my life, for I am devoted to you. You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long. Bring [hope] to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you in their time of desperation and need. Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy. Amen.**

~Moment for Silent Reflection~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.**

**World without end, amen. Amen.**

\*HYMN NO. 157

“I Danced in the Morning”

### THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

*Malachi 4: 1-6 (Pg. 890)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*Matthew 3: 1-16 (Pg. 2)*

EPISTLE

*Romans 5: 1-5 (Pg. 155)*

L: Word of God for the people of God

**P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“The Silent Years”

Ruth Gardiner

INVITATION TO OFFERING

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Almighty and Merciful Father, you have promised so much as asked so little.  
Please accept our humble gifts, given for use in your service. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORDS 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*HYMN NO. 82

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

To God be the Glory”

ARR. By WILLIAM DOANE

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 Sharon Laverdure.

THE GREETER for today is Cindy Schrick.

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

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Steve and Ann Healy.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Dale Pedersen in honor of his wife, Christy’s birthday.

DEACON for the month of November is Linda Schaller.

**Church Staff**

Nicole Vogel  
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Pastor  
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**THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.**

Today

~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.  
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Fellowship Hour in the lounge following worship

Tuesday

~ 5-7 Year Planning Committee, 4:30 p.m.

Friday

~ K-Group, 1:00 p.m.

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