

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jan Butin

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### OPENING PRAYER

### PRELUDE

Hyun Kim, organ

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

How shall we prepare this house for the birth of Jesus?

**With branches of cedar, the tree of excellence and strength.**

How shall we prepare this house for the eternal Christ?

**With garlands of pine and fir, whose leaves are ever living, ever green.**

How shall we prepare this house for the prophet of Galilee?

**With wreaths of holly and ivy, telling of his passion, death and resurrection.**

How shall we prepare our hearts for this revelation of God?

**By hearing again the words of the prophets and the promises of God.**

For in the story of Jesus we see revealed the transforming power of God.

We are reminded anew of God's vision

of wholeness, justice, and peace for all creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

### HANGING OF THE GREENS

#### \*HYMN 88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1, 2, 6, and 7)*

Glory to God

Words: Latin; Music: Plainsong; Adapted by Thomas Helmore

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

[Refrain] **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go.** [Refrain]

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.** [Refrain]

**O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.** [Refrain]

### LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Each Sunday as we light the Advent candles, we remember that Christ is coming ever so quietly into the world. We long to greet him. Soon our waiting will be over and our longing will be satisfied.

Today we gather with eager anticipation to take in this wonderful story and to let it live in us. As we light the first candle, we think about our own stories, too.

Where did you see hope this week? I saw hope in...

*(We pause to mention some instances in two or three short lines and to consider in your homes.)*

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."**  
 (Call to Worship Lectionary Aids, The Season of Advent)

## ADVENT PRAYER

Faithful God, your promises stand unshaken through all generations.  
 Renew us in Hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the  
 glorious return of Jesus Christ, our judge and Savior. Amen.

(Book of Common Worship)

## \*ADVENT HYMN 82

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (verse 1)*  
 Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Rowland H. Prichard

Glory to God

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
 From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.  
 Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
 Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

## CHILDREN'S SONG

*O, Come, Little Children*  
 Words and Music by Johann A. P. Schultz (1747—1800)

The image shows the musical notation for the children's song "O, Come, Little Children". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "O, come, lit - le chil - dren, O, come, one and all,". The second staff continues: "O, come, to the man - ger in Beth - le - hem's stall,". The third staff continues: "sing glo - ry to God in the heav - ens a - bove,". The fourth staff concludes: "and thank Him for Je - sus, the proof of His love." The music ends with a double bar line.

## TIME FOR CHILDREN

### ANTHEM

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
 Traditional French Melody; Arranged by Isaac Thomas

Chamber Choir

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
 Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,  
 Christ our God to earth descended, our full homage to demand.

King of kings yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,  
 Lord of lords in human vesture in the body and the blood.  
 He will give to all the faithful, his own self for heavenly food.

Christ our God to earth descended,  
 Christ our God to earth descended,  
 our full homage to demand.

# PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 5:2-5; Mark 13:24-31

<sup>2</sup> But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup> Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup> And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth, <sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyria and come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight rulers.

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

## SERMON

*While We Are Waiting, Come*

Rev. Phil Butin

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Nicene Creed)

Kristi Button

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

## OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

### OFFERTORY

Hyun Kim, organ

### \*RESPONSE 93

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (verse 2)*

Glory to God

Words by Georg Weisell; Music: *Musica Sacra*

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Kristi Button

### RESPONSE 90

*Wait for the Lord (refrain only)*

Glory to God

Words: Taizé Community; Music by Jaques Berthier

**Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!**

## 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.

## SENDING

### \*HYMN 92

*While We Are Waiting, Come (verses 1 and 3)*

Glory to God

Words by Claire Cloninger; Music by Don Cason

**While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

**Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior quickly come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.**

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

Hyun Kim, organ

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