



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | November 27, 2022 | First Sunday of Advent

It is good you are here! Please silence all electronic devices.

GATHERING

Prelude *My Lord, What a Morning*

Richard Billingham

Welcome

Moment for Mission: *Malawi*

Kay Hein

Advent Wreath Lighting/Call to Worship: Romans 8:22-25

Jo Carpenter and Noah Huss

Leader: We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

All: and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit.

Leader: We groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies,

All: for in hope we are saved.

Leader: Now hope that is seen is not Hope. For who hopes for what is seen?

All: But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Sung Response: No 91 *Come, Come Emmanuel*

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

*Gathering Prayer

*Hymn No. 107 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

Prayer of Confession

God of creation, we keep messing things up. Forgive us for what we do, and for all the things we let happen. We ignore Jesus and sometimes we make bad decisions. We swear and sometimes we try to get revenge. Forgive us for war, for fighting over stupid things, and for the bullying and shootings in our schools. Forgive us for the fact that racism, global warming and suicide are things that exist in our world. Forgive us for our lack of respect for others and our lack of respect for you. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Sung Response No. 82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (vs. 1)*

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;

Clear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

*Please stand as you are able.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Leader: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 22: 22-28; Luke 4:16-21

Sermon: *Telling the Right Story*

Rev. Dr. Gary Smith

***Hymn No. 772** *Live into Hope*

***Affirmation of Faith:** Apostle's Creed (hymnal, p. 35)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *The First Noel*

arr. Dan Forrest

***Doxology No.145** *What Child Is This? (vs. 1)*

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels
sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

***Prayer of Dedication**

SENDING

***Hymn No. 106** *Prepare the Way, O Zion!*

***Benediction**

***Dismissal**

*We stand while the bell is rung three times, remembering that
God, Creator, Redeemer and Renewer of Life goes with us. Go in peace!*

Postlude *Wake, O Wake, for Night is Flying*

Paul Manz

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Worship Leaders

Interim Head Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Choir Director, Angela Burns

Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant
Choir, Adult Choir
Lay Reader, Dumay Gorham