



# St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

**Welcome to Worship! | December 4, 2022 | Second Sunday of Advent**

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

## **GATHERING**

Prelude *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

arr. Mark Multop

Welcome

\*Hymn No. 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

**Advent Wreath Lighting/Call to Worship**

Joe and Amelia Dixon

**Leader:** A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord."

**All: A choir sings in the silence: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."**

**Leader:** Every valley shall be filled, and every heart shall be made whole,

**All: For peace is stronger than turmoil, and love is louder than hate.**

**Sung Response: No 91** *Come, Come Emmanuel*

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

Come, come Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.

\*Gathering Prayer

**Prayer of Confession**

Heavenly Father, in this Advent season, we hear of Mary and Joseph's faith and trust in God's plan for their lives. Forgive our desires to control our lives by our will instead of thy will. During this special time of contemplating and waiting, forgive our busyness and grumbling impatience that can so easily come. With peace we pray. 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.

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

People: **And also with you.**

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\*Please stand as you are able.

**WORD**  
***Carols (A Cantata for Congregation and Choir)***  
Heather Sorenson

**Litany 1 Video**

**Carol:** *Joy to the world!* Congregation and choir

**All:** Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room; and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

**Choir:** Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

**All:** He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders, wonders of His love.

**Litany 2 Video**

**Carol:** *Away in a Manger* Choir only  
Soloists, Shannon Playl and Steve Hassmer

**Litany 3 Video**

**Carol:** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Congregation and choir

**All:** O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold Him; born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation. O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above.  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning. Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n.  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him. O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

**Litany 4 Video**

**Carol:** *God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen* Congregation and choir

**Men Only:** God rest ye merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay.  
Remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day.  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy.

**Women only:** From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same;  
how that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy.

**All:** Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place,  
and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace.  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface.  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy. O tidings of comfort and joy.

**Litany 5** *Video*

**Carol:** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

Congregation and choir

Soloist, Shannon Playl

**Solo:** Verse 1

**Choir and solo:** Verse 2

**All:** Verse 3: O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray.

Cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.

We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell.

O come to us, abide with us, our Lord, Emmanuel.

**Luke 2: 8-18** *Video*

**Carol:** *The First Noel*

Congregation and choir

**Men only:** The first Noel, the angel did say,  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

**All:** Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.

**Women only:** They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the East, beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

**All:** Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.

**All:** Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord.  
Who hath made heaven and earth of naught, and with His blood humankind has bought.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.

**Litany 6** *Video*

**Carol:** *Silent Night*

Congregation and choir

Descant, Lisa Bohbrink, Shannon Playl, Harper Williams, Steve Hassmer

**All:** Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright,  
round yon virgin mother and Child. Holy Infant so tender and mild.  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent Night, holy night, shepherds' quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Savior is Born! Christ the Savior is Born!

Silent Night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

**\*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** *O Holy Night*

Adolphe Charles Adam

Soloist, Elijah Cole

**\*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**

**Litany 7 *Video***

**Carol:** *Joy to the world! Reprise*

Congregation and choir

**All:** He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,  
and wonders, wonders of His love.

**Benediction**

*Please remain seated for the benediction and postlude.*

**Postlude** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

arr. Rosemary Barrett Byers

**\*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!*

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**Worship Leaders**

Interim Head Pastor, Rev. Dr. Robert Bayley  
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith

Audio/Visual, Jim Fox  
Narrators; John Frye, Sue McCaffray

**Musicians**

SACPC Adult Vocal Choir  
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger  
Choir Director, Angela Burns  
Organist/Pianist, Sara Bryant  
Pianist, Steve Lowry

String quartet: Beverly Andrews, Violin 1; Elizabeth  
Andrews, Violin 2; Kathy Birch, Cello; Bernard  
McWilliams, Viola  
Soloists: Steve Hassmer, Shannon Playl, Elijah Cole