



St. Andrews-Covenant

Presbyterian Church | PC (USA)

Welcome to Worship! | December 17, 2023 | Third Sunday of Advent

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

GATHERING

Prelude *Il Est Nê*

arr. Krug

Welcome

Introit 92 *While We Are Waiting, Come*—v. 1 sung twice (Remain seated.)
Advent candle lighters: Ben, Jennifer, Sarah Cameron and Eliza Rigby

Call to Worship and Advent Wreath Lighting (Remain seated.)

God, while we are waiting, come...

Come into our lives and give us love.

Make us your witnesses as we share your love with everyone.

God, while we are waiting, come...

***Hymn 347** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy Lord, Your love is good news for the oppressed and you bind up the brokenhearted. **Forgive us, O God, when we think that your good news is only for us. Forgive us, O God, when we twist your gospel into something that fits comfortably into our lives. By your light, let us see you leading us beyond ourselves and into the world you love. By your grace, forgive us, and free us to try again. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

***Sung Response 113** *Angels We Have Heard on High* (v.1)

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

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

People: And also with you.

WORD

First Lesson *Isaiah 61:1-11*

Second Lesson *John 1:6-8, 19-28*

Sermon *While We Are Waiting...Witness*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

***Hymn 106** *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

***Please stand in body or in spirit.**

***Affirmation of Faith** *Apostles' Creed* (hymnal, p. 35)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

THANKSGIVING

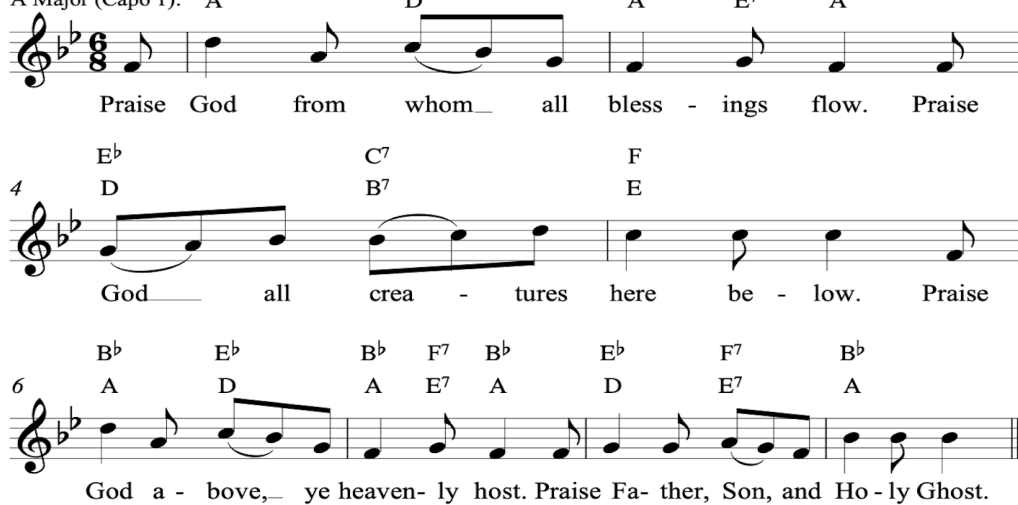
Offering and Passing of Friendship Pads

Offertory *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

arr. Krug

*Doxology

Bb Major: B^b E^b B^b F⁷ B^b
A Major (Capo 1): A D A E⁷ A



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise
God all crea - tures here be - low. Praise
God a - bove, ye heaven- ly host. Praise Fa- ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674
Music: Richard Storrs Willis, 1850

tune, *CAROL*
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*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

*Charge and 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, Awake, for Night is Flying*

Paul Manz

Worship Leaders

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington
Parish Associate, Rev. Dr. Gary Smith
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger
Organist, Sara Bryant

Adult Handbells
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox
Lay Reader, Lisa Bohbrink

Our Church's Mission

Inspiring one another to love Jesus by staying faithfully present in our community.