



# St. Andrews-Covenant Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**Welcome to Worship! | December 7, 2025 | 2nd Sunday of Advent**

## GATHERING

**Prelude** *Prelude on “Wachet Auf”*

Lani Smith

**Welcome**

**Moment for Mission**

**Introit** *Wait for the Lord* (remain seated)

WAIT FOR THE LORD

***Wait for the Lord, whose day brings peace. Wait for the Lord, whose day brings peace.***

**\*Call to Worship<sup>†</sup>**

Mirabelle Donovan and Charlotte Smith

From a dead stump, a shoot can still grow— when the roots are strong;

**when it seems all is lost, peace can still live— when the “roots” are strong.**

So let us dare to believe that peace still lives; for God has been here before with us,  
when Isaiah dared to proclaim:

**The wolf shall dwell with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid;**

**the calf and the lion, and the fatling will lie down together, and a little child shall lead them.**

Let us dare to believe that peace still lives;

**for God is with us now and hears our prayers and cries for peace.**

And with the light of this second Advent candle, let us dare to believe that peace will still live;

**for God will be with us then—as long as light pierces the darkness.**

The Root is strong. Out of the darkness, a light shines.

**The peace of God lives. Let us worship God.**

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

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, through Scripture, dreams, messengers, and prophets, Your Spirit stirs to lift up the lowly and fill the hungry, to establish equity throughout the earth. Forgive us for ignoring the cries of others, and for turning away from the reality before us. Forgive us for not speaking up when we have seen injustice, or when we choose to act unjustly. Forgive us for not living into the good news that life arises from death, that a shoot grows out of a stump. Let your peace take root in our hearts and imaginations as we reflect and dream this week. Let it bear good fruit through our words and deeds as we act and engage upon this world with you.

**Moment for Reflection and Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

**\*Sung Response 575** *Lord, Have Mercy upon Us*

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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<sup>†</sup>Please stand in body or in spirit.

## WORD

### **Prayer for Illumination**

**First Lesson** Romans 15:4-13

**Second Lesson** Isaiah 11:1-10

**Sermon** *Daring to Believe: Peace*

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

**\*Hymn 129** *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

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

## THANKSGIVING

### **Offering**

**Offertory** In the Bleak MidWinter

Harold Darke

**\*Doxology 147** *The First Nowell* (v. 6)

*Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought and with his blood our life hath bought.  
Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell, Born is the King of Israel.*

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## COMMUNION

*(All are invited to the Lord's Table. The elements will be shared by intinction, each person receiving a piece of bread to dip into the common cup. The congregation will exit each row on the left side aisles and return on the right side aisles. Pre-packaged elements and gluten-free bread are available.)*

**\*Choral Invitation 507** *Come to the Table* (v. 2 peace)

**Invitation to the Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Receiving Communion Together**

**Communion Music** *Wexford Carol*

arr. Wally Mayo

**Prayer after Communion**

## SENDING

**\*Hymn 749** *Come! Live in the Light! (We Are Called)*

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response** *Wait for the Lord*

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**Postlude** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

arr. Lee Dengler

\*Liturgy written by Randy Warner

## **Worship Leaders**

Senior Pastor, Rev. Katherine B. Harrington  
Associate Pastor, Rev. Parker Lucas  
Director of Music, Cindy Litzinger  
Pianists, Sara Bryant and Steve Lowry

Vocal Quartet: Caitlin Andrews, Steve Lowry  
Ian Olsen and Shannon Playl  
Production Coordinator, Jim Fox  
Lay Reader, Carol Query

## **Our Mission**

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