

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Robert Malsack, Interim Pastor

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Preservice Music

Boyd Thomas

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Announcements

Prelude: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Ralph Kramer

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *The Hope Candle*

The Light Enters

The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their
spears into pruning hooks;

**Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall
they learn war any more.**

Jesus says: *I am coming soon.* (Rev. 22:20)

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Congregational Response: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God
appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Prayer for the 1st Sunday in Advent

Praise Medley

Insert

Prayer of Confession: **Almighty God, here comes again, the
most wonderful time of the year. Thank you for presents,
decorations, yummy baked goods, and music that lightens our
spirits. We must confess as Advent begins, we will allow our
schedules to be filled with the trite and trivial and neglect the
more significant spiritual aspects of the season. We will tend
more to levity than to thoughtful reflection. We will tire
ourselves with the insignificant, leaving little time for the most**

**important. O Lord, forgive the ways we have shortchanged the
spiritual element of the season. Amidst all the season brings,
help us to see You in it all and embrace what we see.**

(silence for reflection and personal confession)

Response:

**O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend on 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.**

Assurance of Pardon:

Dearly beloved, hear and believe the Good News of the gospel,
In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri: **Glory be to the Father, to the Son, and the
Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall
be world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Christine Sericati

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Pg. 567, Pew Bible

Responsive Reading: Psalm 122

Pg. 517, Pew Bible

Sermon Text: Matthew 24:36-44

Pg. 830, Pew Bible

Sermon: *Live in Hope*

*Hymn: *Behold the Mountain of the Lord*

Insert

*Affirmation of Faith: *Romans 13:11-14* (adapted from *The Message*)

**Let us not get so absorbed and exhausted in taking care of all
our day-by-day obligations that we lose track of life and become
oblivious to God. The struggles are about over; dawn is about
to break for God is on the way. Get up and be awake to what
God is doing! God is putting the finishing touches on the
salvation work He began when we first believed. We can't
afford to waste a minute, must not squander these precious
daylight hours in frivolity and indulgence, in sleeping around
and dissipation, in bickering and grabbing everything in sight.
Let us get up and get dressed; dressed in the love of Christ for
all, expecting the good that is about to happen!**

INTERCESSIONS / PRAYER CONCERNS:

Bill Stanek, Dean Wright, Nora Lundy, Charlie Novara,
Floyd Kucharski, Chris Hanley, Geri Anderson, Scott Doda,
Phil Peterson, Jon LaCourt, Kathy Eavenson, Bonnie Hyde,
Anne Starr, Joy Palzewic, Mary Rushford; the PNC;
missionaries, Sam and Cayla

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.**

The Offering

Choral Anthem: *Prepare The Way of the Lord* (W. Rowan)

***Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye
heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Hymn: *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* No. 244**

***Charge and Benediction**

***Choral Reprise**

***Postlude**

***Those who are able, please stand.**

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Lord of hosts, Conqueror
Coming King, and Ever-living God

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(to the tune of: *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night*)

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