



Central Presbyterian Church

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December 1, 2024
1st Sunday of Advent

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude

Prayer of Preparation *(for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Father, let Your hope arise in our hearts! Lift our eyes up to see that You alone are where our hope comes from. Help us to shake off the anxiety, discouragements, and distractions that have filled this year. May we pause to remember that we have hope in You. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 25**

L: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

P: O my God, in You I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

L: Do not let those who wait for You be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

P: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths.

L: Lead me in Your truth, and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all day long.

P: Be mindful of Your mercy, O Lord, and of Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

L: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for Your goodness' sake, O Lord!

***Hymn**

“Rejoice ! Rejoice, Believers”

PH #15

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Prince of peace, the wars and rumors of wars betray our addiction to violence, our destructive and dehumanizing ways. We deserve Your judgement and condemnation. Yet, You remain faithful, a steadfast source of peace in the midst of our warring madness. Holy God, turn us from evil. Return us to Christ and His path of peace. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Gloria Patri *“Glory Be to the Father”*

PH #579

Chancel Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Lighting of Advent Wreath with the children

Gospel Reading

Luke 21:25-36

Sermon Text

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon

“A Righteous Branch!”

Pastor Ryan

*Hymn

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

PH #9

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith – *“Advent Statement of Faith”*

We are an Advent people, a people of hope. For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait. We wait for the coming of the One who is the fulfillment of God’s promise, the fulfillment of hope the declaration that we have been redeemed. Even so, we are not a naïve people. We know that the world in which we live will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow. We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist. We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives. But because we are an Advent people, we know that none of these things will win in the end. The Holy One is coming, to make holy once again all that was, is, and ever will be. And in our waiting and our hoping, we work and worship, pray and play, in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign in our lives and in our world, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

(Insert)

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)

Offering

Offertory

***Doxology**

PH #591

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD
INTO THE WORLD**

***Hymn** *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

PH #2

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Edgecombe

Greeter/Usher: Steve Territo

Liturgist: Barb Sampson

Communion Steward: Barb Sampson

Pianist/Organist: Emma Lou Denton

Rich Ford

Julia Territo

***Please stand, if able** CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

*Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, and Prayer of Illumination taken from *“The Presbyterian Outlook.”*

**Advent Affirmation of Faith by Rev. Rebecca Harrison

2024 Giving Deadline

Sunday, December 29, will be the **absolute last Sunday** for giving to Central Presbyterian Church to be included on the current year 2024 Giving Statement. Any contributions received later that week will not be deposited until January 2. Per IRS guidelines, any pledges deposited in the new year, will be shown on the 2025 Giving Statements.