

First Presbyterian Church
December 3rd, 11:00 am – Morning Worship
Matthew Schultz – Pastor
David Hagen – Music Director
Jan Gruhn – Organist

Prelude: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Roxann Berry
Louke Flute

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Matthew Schultz

Introit Chancel Choir

✠ **Hymn** “Come, Thou Long- Expected Jesus” #135

Lighting of the Advent Candles:

Lillie Berry Circle - Betty Berry, Sonya Huettl, and Chottie Angst

Reader 1: Today is the beginning of Advent, the season of holy waiting. We remember how the people of Israel waited for hundreds of years for the Messiah, sustained by hope.

Reader 2: We also remember the words of Hope in the Gospel of John: “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness shall not overcome it.”

Reader 3: Prophets told Israel to wait in hope, because the word would be made flesh. We light the candle to remember the promise of the prophets, to shine a light in the darkness, and to proclaim a future filled with hope.

Reader: Let us pray: God, we proclaim our love for you, and we remember the Hope that you give us in times of trouble. We remember the light you shine for us in times of darkness. And we dedicate ourselves to protecting this light so that it may provide Hope for generations yet to come.
All: Fill us with your Hope, and give us the courage to spread your Hope throughout your world.

Reader: Help us to remain in your Hope, so we may be your light shining in the dark places of our world.
All: We pray this in the spirit of your Hope, and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sung Response Verse one of “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.

Time of Reconciliation Liturgist Sarah Kleedehn
(adapted from the Worship Sourcebook)

Leader: Lord God, we praise you for sending light into this world.

All: We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness.

Leader: We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us.

All: We’ve kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season, and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.

Leader: Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus. Prepare us for His return, and help us rejoice in the light

All: ...so that your grace can illuminate the darkened places of our hearts.

Leader: We pause now for a moment of silent confession.

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, all are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

✠ **Response** *Gloria Patri* #805
All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Kid’s Time

Choral Anthem “When Will He Come” Roxann Berry
Flute

Scripture Isaiah 9:2-6 Page 683
Scripture Luke 8:22-25 Page 1014

Sermon Rev. Matthew Schultz

✠ **Hymn** *"The Solid Rock"* #517

Presentation of Tithes and Offering (Gifts can also be offered via our website)

Offertory *"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"* Roxann Berry
Smith, Snyder Flute

Response

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, Ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

✠ Song of Preparation *"Bread of the World in Mercy Broken"* #774

Pastor Prayer / 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.

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Elements

✠ **Hymn** *"Long Ago, Prophets Knew"* #142

Benediction

Postlude *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* Manz

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