



Westminster
Presbyterian
Church

December 7, 2025

The Second Sunday
of Advent

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME

PREPARATION MUSIC "Wexford Carol" arr. Mark Hayes

INTROIT "While We Are Waiting, Come"

*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*With peace and justice, come; with peace and justice, come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

*Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING Amber, Will, Natalie, James & Ethan Nettleton

A POEM FOR ADVENT by Ann Weems

HYMN "Creator of the Stars of Night" *verse 1 #4 (Hymnal)*

*Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all. We pray you hear us when we call.*

SCRIPTURE Psalm 85:8a, 10-11

PRAYER God, in this season we do not want to be angry and fearful.
We want to move through these days with compassion and healing.
**Shine the light of your peace on our Advent journey, we pray.
Help each of us to light someone else's path with peace. Amen.**

*HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #9 (Hymnal)
*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!*
*O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel!*
*O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind:
Bid envy, strife, and discord cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Israel!*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

adapted from *Flames of the Spirit*

God is always ready to hear us. Let us pray.

God of light, you set the paths of peace before us, and invite us to walk them. But even while we long for a more peaceful world, a more peaceful life, a more peaceful spirit – we find ourselves straying from that path. We have harbored suspicions, fear, and hate in our hearts. We haven't paid attention to the needs of others. We have sought easy solutions rather than doing the more difficult work of justice. We have wanted to be in control more than we've wanted to be in relationship. Yet your peaceful Spirit still calls to us. So we ask that you would lead us into the light of peace this Advent, in the name of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, the light of God's grace shines on us still. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 122

ANTHEM "The Yearning" Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 2:1-5

SERMON "Lighting the Advent Path with Peace" Pastor Janet

SONG "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" #109(Hearts)

***Make me a channel of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, pardon, Lord. And where there's doubt true faith in you.***

***Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.***

***O Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul***

***Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
In giving to all that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.***

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" vv 1-2 #5 (Hymnal)

***Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth. Our full homage to demand.***

***King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.***

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & INTERCESSION

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE CUP

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Advent Suite"

arr. Paul A. Tate

PRAYER

Gracious God, we give you thanks that you have given us this foretaste of the justice, righteousness, and peace of your promised new creation. As we go from this table to the many places where you call us, go with us and lead us in paths of peace, we pray, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*HYMN "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" verses 3-4 #5 (Hymnal)

***Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.***

***At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most high.***

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

Grant us peace, grant us peace.

Grant us peace on earth, grant us peace.

Dona nobis pacem, pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

POSTLUDE

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

arr. David Lanz

