

ARK & DOVE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



William Blake

Silent Prayer and Meditation

God of creation, you make all things, and make all things new. You have put creativity within each of us, sometimes dormant, often thwarted, repeatedly mis-directed. By your Holy Spirit, fire our imaginations, purge them of inhumanity and temper them with the compassion of Christ; that we may fashion instruments of peace, tools of hospitality, words of beauty; and hearts alive to the glory of your kingdom.

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

COMMUNION

December 1, 2024

9:00 & 10:30 am

Preparatory Music **Waiting For You**

– The Many

The Presentation of Scripture

The Call to Worship

Leader: A righteous branch will spring up from David, a ruler who will bring justice and peace to God's people.

People: May the peace of Christ transform our hearts, as we prepare for his coming.

Leader: May The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: As we light candles, as we sing hymns and carols, as we break bread and share prayer; kindle in us an Advent spirit of hope and faith. O Come O Come Emmanuel.

Hymn No. 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(Congregation may stand)

– Thomas Helmore

Prayer of Confession

O God our righteousness, we confess that our souls have grown cynical and heavy with disappointment and worry. We have allowed our hope to wither, our faith to wander and our love to grow cold. We have let our vows decay to whimpers. Forgive us, we pray, and in these weeks of Advent; warm our spirits, light our paths, and lift our hearts that we may discover anew your incredible love which is always coming into the world. In the silence now we come to you with honest meditations.

Assurance Of Forgiveness

Response No. 90 (verses 1 & 3)

Wait for the Lord

(Congregation may stand)

– Jacques Berthier

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

– The Maxwell/Mix Family

Response

Waiting for You

(Congregation may stand)

– The Many

Children's Message

Welcome, Friendship Registers, Live-Stream, And Joys and Concerns of The Church

(We invite you to sign our red Friendship Registers at the end of each row.)

Hymn No. 109

Blest Be the God of Israel

(Congregation may stand)

– Hal Hopson

Prayer for Understanding

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 33:12-16

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:5-25

Sermon

“The Candles of Advent and Hannukah”

– Tim Stern

The Offering

Musical Offering

O Come, Emmanuel

– Elaine Hagenberg

Response No. 144

In the Bleak Midwinter

(Congregation may stand)

– Gustav Holst

Dedication of Our Tithes, Offerings, Electronic and Online Giving

Hymn No. 137

He Came Down

(Congregation may stand)

– arr. John L. Bell

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Response

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts,

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Morning Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of The Bread and The Sharing of The Cup

Today we will share communion in our seats. Please come forward when directed to take the fruit of the vine and bread from a server. Note that gluten free bread is available from the bowl on the bread plate. Return to your seat and offer a silent prayer or meditate for a moment, then consume the elements. Communion is open to all who trust in Jesus.

Hymn No. 347

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

(Congregation may stand)
- Ralph Vaughan Williams

Charge and Benediction

Closing Music

O Come, Emmanuel

- Elaine Hagenberg

Welcome! We hope you enjoyed worshipping with us and that you will come again. In-person worship is at 9:00 and 10:30 AM. Our 10:30 service is also live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook. Would you like a pastor to contact you? Would you like to learn more about Ark and Dove? Please send a note to admin@arkanddove.org.

Sunday Mornings for Children and Youth

9:00 AM

Childcare available in the nursery for infants and children (ages 0 to 3)

10:30 AM

Childcare available in the nursery for infants and children (ages 0 to 3)
After the Children's Sermon: Sunday School & Godly Play Pre-K through grade 5

*We are a **Matthew 25** church, a **More Light** church, and **Earth Care** Congregation
See the **Arkive E-newsletter** for more information.*

Ministry Leaders

Liturgist - Kim Champagne (9:00), Laura Doughty (10:30)

Usher - Greg Makar (9:00), David Lawson (10:30)

Beadle - Alice

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