



# INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Hope ~ November 27, 2022*



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*Now is a time of watching and waiting, a time pregnant with hope,  
a time to watch and pray. ~ Kate McIlhagga*

## ~ GATHERING ~

*Welcome, we are glad you are here! If you are visiting us today and would like to know more about us, see our greeters, or leave your contact info and our pastor will reach out.*

### GATHERING MUSIC

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Rev. 22:20)*

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

**Amen. Come, Lord, Jesus.**

PRELUDE                      NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND                      J.S. Bach

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES                      Butler Family

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**As the Holy One has promised, in days to come...**

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.**

Let us walk in the light of the Holy One.

RESPONSE                      LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES                      GTG #93

by Georg Weissel

*Verse 3*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us go into the house of the Lord!

**Let us meet God with joy!**

God builds us up like a great city.

**May peace be within our walls.**

Let us seek the goodness of God;

**let us go into the house of the Lord!**

In the light of hope, come let us worship God. **Amen.**

HYMN                      O SPLENDOR OF GOD'S GLORY BRIGHT                      GTG #666

by Ambrose of Milan

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

## POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

One: Let us send our children with God's love:

All: **May God be with you there.**

Kids: May God be with you here.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we are steeped in a world of violence. War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace. Amen. *[Time of Silent Confession]*

## \*RESPONSE

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

GTG #82

by Charles Wesley

*Verse 1*

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

As Christ has accepted us into his peace,  
**Let us all live in peace with one another.**

## INSTRUMENTAL

~ *THE WORD* ~

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### HEBREW BIBLE

ISAIAH 2:1-5

NRSV

### HYMN

WATCHMAN, TELL US OF THE NIGHT

GTG #97

by John Bowring

ABERYSTWTH

### GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 24:36-39; 42-44

NRSV

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

KEEP AWAKE

