

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church

*A joyful community, gathered by God's grace,
sharing Christ's love with all.*



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

As we begin a time of the waiting and the anticipation that is the Advent season, awaken our hearts: with the hope that the earth will be healed, that our lives will be guided to the paths of peace, and that all your children will be able to access safety, security, and opportunity. May the Word that became flesh live and abide in us. Awaken our hearts, O God. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Es Ist Ein Rose”
Don Burleson, Recorder

arr. Purifoy

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP – LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (The Candle of Hope)

The Munro Family: George, Laura, and John

Every year during Advent we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas to reflect on the coming of Christ. We encourage you to join us each week in lighting an Advent wreath in your own home during this season of virtual worship—or if you don't have a wreath, to light a single candle when we light one here. In the *Gospel of John*, John speaks of Christ as “the true light coming into the world.” It is significant that the church has always used that language—the coming of Christ—because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering a troubled world, a wounded heart. So, the first candle we light each year is the candle of hope. When we light it, we dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and the well-being of all creation.... Join me now as we pray for God's hope and help:

Loving God, as we enter this Advent season, we open all the shadowy places in our lives and memories to the healing light of Christ. Show us the creative power of hope. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you, that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.

HYMN (GTG) 100

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout” (Star of the County Down)
Verses 1 and 4

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the past, present, and future, you have come to us in all times and places and meet us wherever we are. But we don't expect you. So often, we don't prepare for your coming or give your presence a second thought. We often shut the door on truths that need to be revealed. We casually use the resources of the earth. When justice calls our name, we often walk the other direction. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us the wisdom to welcome your way and the courage to work for enduring peace. Restore us, O God, and let your face shine. Come, Lord Jesus! *(A time for silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

HYMN (GTG) 83 – “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus,” Verse 1
*Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set they people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9; OT Page 694

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 13:24-37; NT Page 50

SERMON

“When It’s Time to Pull up the Roots”

Rev. Dorothy LaPenta

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

Plainsong

Ruth Andrasco, Carlene Craytor, Cory Gimperling, and Terry Puls, Bells

A LITANY FOR ADVENT

As you led your people in ages past, you direct our journey into the future.

Come, Lord Jesus!

You came to us in Jesus Christ and as we celebrate his birth, we also await his coming again that your righteousness might reign over all the world.

Come, Lord Jesus!

You give us the generosity of your hand and nurture our souls in all spiritual gifts.

Come, Lord Jesus!

You expect justice to roll down like waters and the wolf to be the guest of the lamb.

Come Lord Jesus!

You shine light on those who live in darkness.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Your way is peace.

Come, Lord Jesus! Quickly, come!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer family of the week: Mary Keatley

Prayer institution of the week: Comunidad Presbiteriana la Trinidad (Annapolis, MD)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Welcome to Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church!

If you are looking for a friendly church...

- † where you will be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity or orientation...
- † where you will be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...
- † where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...
- † where you are given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries...

Then we hope to get to know you as a new friend at Prince of Peace. No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey, you are welcome here! Join us and discover how much you are loved, how gifted you are, and how together, we can experience and share the kingdom of God here and now.

On behalf of everyone at Prince of Peace, WELCOME! We're glad you've found your way here today, and we hope you had a meaningful encounter with God while you were with us. Prince of Peace is a living faith community inspired by the Spirit of God, joyfully encouraging all and collectively committed to serving and caring for one another, praising God through worship, music, and mission, imparting to our children a love and understanding of Christ, welcoming all of God's people without prejudice or judgement, and growing together in numbers and in the likeness and grace of Christ.

If there is anything that we can do to make your visit more meaningful, or if there are any questions we can answer, please do not hesitate to let me know. I look forward to the chance to meet you following worship, and hope you will take a moment to introduce yourself.

Once again, welcome – we're glad you're here!

In Christ,
Pastor Elizabeth D. McLean

If you are in need of prayer, you may call Deacon Melissa Hildebrand (410-956-5214) with your prayer request, and the Prayer Support Team will lift these concerns in prayer.

Today's liturgist is George Munro.

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<i>The church office is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.</i>	
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