

PARK CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Genealogy of Christ by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman | A Sanctified Art

First Sunday of Advent

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 10:30 AM

Chiming of the Hour

The ringing of the bell invites us to quiet our hearts & minds as we gather for worship.

Words of Welcome & Announcements

*Welcome to worship at Park Central Presbyterian Church!
May you experience God's grace and love within the worship service.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (VENI EMMANUEL)
Dan Blumenthal, *violin*

arr. Michael McCabe

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us go up to the mountain of God,
that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.
Come, let us walk in the light of our God!
Let us worship God together!

***HYMN**

One Candle Is Lit

CRADLE SONG

Please see hymn insert

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of mercy and compassion,
you invite us to join you on your holy mountain,
to follow you on a new path,
yet we often prefer another way.
We stay close to the ways we know
rather than take up something new.
We prefer to stake out our own path**

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rather than watching for your way to emerge before us.
We place our trust in other guides
rather than having confidence that you will show us the way.
Forgive us, O God. Show us the way to your holy mountain
that we might know your ways and walk in your paths.
Give us eyes to see and ears to hear
the new thing you are doing in our midst.
Give us hearts of hope and joy that we may walk in your light
until you come again. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA (#576)

GLORIA (TAIZÉ)

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the highest!
Glory to God, Glory to God, Alleluia, alleluia!*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Response:

*From generation to generation we have shared the gospel story
Of a baby in a manger, who was born in Bethlehem.
Hope is winging, Peace now ringing, Joy we're singing, Love he's bringing.
There is room for every story, there is Hope through God's great glory.*

Tune: W ZLOBIE LEZY (Polish melody)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹ The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

² In days to come
the mountain of the house of God

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shall be established as the highest of the mountains
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³ Many peoples shall come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of God,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that God may teach us God’s ways
and that we may walk in God’s paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction
and the word of God from Jerusalem.

⁴ God shall judge between the nations
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they 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.

⁵ O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of God!

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Kent Bradshaw, *baritone*
John Mason Neale
arr. Rebecca Belliston

*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 Rod of Jesse, and free thine own from Satan’s tyranny.
O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by Thy drawing nigh.
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, Adonai, Lord of might, who to Thy tribes came unto Sinai’s height.
O come, Thou Key of David, come and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Matthew 1:1-17

¹ An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham and Sarah were the parents of Isaac, and Isaac and Rebekah the parents of Jacob, and Jacob and Leah the parents of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah and Tamar the parents of Perez and Zerah, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, ⁴ and Aram of Aminadab, and Aminadab of Nahshon, and Nahshon of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon and Rahab were the parents of Boaz, and Boaz and Ruth the parents of Obed, and Obed was the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse was the father of King David.

And David and Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, were the parents of Solomon, ⁷ and Solomon was the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat of Joram, and Joram of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah was the father of Jotham, and Jotham of Ahaz, and Ahaz of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh of Amos, and Amos of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel of Zerubbabel, ¹³ and Zerubbabel of Abiud, and Abiud of Eliakim, and Eliakim of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor was the father of Zadok, and Zadok of Achim, and Achim of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud of Eleazar, and Eleazar of Matthan, and Matthan of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Sarah McTyre

SILENT MOMENT OF REFLECTION

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

INVITATION TO ENGAGEMENT & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise your greatness, O God,...

... and singing to the glory of Your most holy name:



From the depth of your compassion,....

... Great is the mystery of faith:



Come upon us now with your Holy Spirit ...
... We pray in his name, saying...

**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.**

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

**Mighty God,
you have welcomed and strengthened us at your table.
Give us the courage and hope we need
to walk in your light,
to show your justice, mercy, and love,
and to be a part of your transformation of the world
until the day when the baby whose birth we await
comes again in peace
and we sing your praise and glory forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 2** Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” (STUTT GART) arr. Jon Spong

*Please join us in the Gathering Hall following worship
for snacks, coffee, and fellowship.*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Ben Merchant
Greeter.....Ben Merchant

This Advent, we wait once again.
We wait to hear that story again,
of a child born under the shadow of a mighty empire,
of a child who would deliver us from death itself.
We wait not just for Christmas morning.
We wait for his birth again and again in our lives,
for it is among the vulnerable and the scared and the afflicted
where we will find the Christ child today.

~ Eric Barreto

Portions of today's liturgy are adapted from *A Sanctified Art* and Liturgy Link.

Park Central has accepted the invitation
from the Presbyterian Church (USA) to become a Matthew 25 congregation.
We are answering Christ's call to become even more a church of action,
where God's love, justice, and mercy shine forth and are contagious.

To learn more about Matthew 25, please visit pcusa.org/matthew25

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