

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

December 1, 2024, at 10:00am

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GATHERING

PRESERVICE MUSIC

“Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah”

“Wait for the Lord”

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”

“Come Thou Long -Expected Jesus”

“To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary”

“Let All Mortals Flesh Keep Silence”

“Comfort, Comfort, You My People”

“My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout”

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS/ PRAYER REQUESTS

Let us Worship God.

CHIMES

PRELUDE

“Horns” (Biggs)

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Bob & Joy Kurtz

From Psalm 80

You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth;

Stir up your might, and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt, your people, Israel;

you drove out the nations and planted it.

You cleared the ground for it;

it took deep root and filled the land.

Restore us, O God;

let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Today we light the first candle on the Advent wreath, the Candle of Hope, for we profess with thanksgiving that the Lord will make his face shine upon us, and we will be saved.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 33:14–16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill my promise to my people.

Justice and righteousness will fill the land and all will live in peace and safety.

***OPENING HYMN #82** *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”* (Pritchard)

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus said, do not let your hearts be weighed down by the sins and worries of this life, but watch and pray for the grace of God, who will save you in your time of trial. With confidence in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

(Please take a moment for silent confession.)

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Friends, believe the good news. May the Lord guide your way, strengthen you in all holiness, and make you abound in love for one another and for all.

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***HYMN #582** *“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”* (Vasile)

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

Chorus: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end,
without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. (Chorus)

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

As God’s forgiven people, let us pass the peace to one another offering signs of welcome and peace.

MOMENT FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Terry Aiello

CHOIR ENSEMBLE

“O, Come, O Come, Emanuel” (Arr. Pethel)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our salvation, there is wisdom, peace, and joy for those who keep your Word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead us in your truth and teach us to do your will; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14–16

SECOND READING

Luke 21:25–36

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Reverend Dr. Kelly Pigott

*HYMN #828

“More Love to Thee, O Christ” (Doane)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Trusting in the sure promises of Christ, and grateful for the Spirit’s sustaining power, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“O Come, O Come Emmanuel” (Thomas)

*DOXOLOGY #606

Genevan Psalter

PASTORAL PRAYER

We pray as you taught us,

**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 LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD AND CUP

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN #93** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"*
(Musica Sacra) (December Hymn of the Month)

***BENEDICTION**

Go in peace, live in love, and seek to be holy in all that you do. May the God of mercy keep you, the Holy Spirit cheer you, and Christ in glory greet you, now and at the day of his coming.

***POSTLUDE #106** *"Prepare the Way, O Zion"* (verse 1)

*Please stand if you are able where asterisks are printed.

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