

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

**December 5, 2021  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
10:00am**

**GATHERING**

**PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*“Prepare the Way of the Lord”  
“Comfort, Comfort You My People”  
“Creator of the Stars of Night”  
“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”  
“Jesus, Name Above All Names”  
“In the Bleak Midwinter”  
“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”  
“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF PRAYER REQUESTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE** (Bill & Connie Wolf)

Jesus says: I am coming soon.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

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

As the Lord 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 anymore.**

(Light the first candle)

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
**the calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down together, and a little child shall lead them.**

(Light the second candle.)

Let us walk in the light of the Lord. **Amen.**

**CHIMES**

**PRELUDE**

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* (Smith)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

(Feasting on the Word Worship Companion)

John came out of the wilderness to preach repentance; he preaches to us still.

**Make straight the paths we now walk and prepare the way for  
God’s reign of justice and love.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #385** *“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”* (Bourgeois)

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Covenant God, you send us messengers to cleanse and refine us for your coming. Help us endure the mirror of the prophets' message, that we may see you when you suddenly appear among us; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Saints, let us trust in God's love for us and confess our sin, confident in God's mercy.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Refining God, you have sent us prophets and we have not listened. We have not always determined what is best or made way for your reign in our lives, our church, and our society. Forgive us, we pray, and renew your covenant within us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Friends, I am confident of this: if we repent, God is sure to forgive us. The One who began a good work in us will bring it to completion. Grateful for the promise of joy and of peace, let us share that peace with one another.

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

**THE WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Holy One, through your Holy Spirit instruct us by the light of your prophets. Illumine our hearts, that we may hear your call to become your path into the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

**READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS**

Psalm 126

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

Malachi 3:1–4

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT**

Philippians 1:3–11

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**QUARTET**

*“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* (Arr. Pethel)  
(Wayne Bevers, Bob Entrop, Mary Hubbard, Wendy Lunsford)

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospels, if you are able)

**\*READING FROM THE GOSPELS**

Luke 3:1–6

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN #88**

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”* (Plainsong)  
(verses 1, 6, & 7)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*The Nicene Creed* (381 AD)

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER (See Insert)**

**OUR 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 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 and ever. Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD AND CUP**

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION**

### **SENDING**

**\*CLOSING HYMN #375** *"Shall We Gather at the River"* (Lowry)

**\*MOMENT OF SILENCE TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE** *"Soon and Very Soon"*

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

**Words in bold print are spoken by the congregation.**