First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin

November 29, 2026
1st Sunday of Advent

Celebration

of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Prelude
Welcome
Lighting of the First Advent Candle
Hymn 91 "Come, Come Emmanuel"
(Sing verse 1 only.)
Prayer

***Hymn 82 – "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**
**The Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

***Prayer of Confession** Jennifer Bramley, Liturgist

Redeeming God,
we confess that waiting is difficult
when the world around us is on edge.
We are impatient with each other,
and too often give voice and action to our anger.
And we are impatient with you, O God,
waiting for a sign of hope.
Forgive us.
Turn our hearts to you again and again,
and show us how to act in hope for Jesus' sake.

(pause for silent personal confession)

Amen.

***Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Response (Hymn 586)**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Discovery

of God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Prayer for Understanding

Please pray with me:

God of grace, you speak words of hope in anxious times. Send your Holy Spirit to open our ears to that hope. Give us wisdom to read our own times through the lens of your grace, and find comfort and courage through Christ, your Living Word. Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 64:1-9 Pew Bible, page 606

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

Choral Response "We Gather Together"

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing,
He chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to his name: he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning,
The Lord at our side, all glory be thine!

Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender will be;
Let thy congregation escape tribulation:
Thy name ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning:
The Lord at our side, all glory be thine.

Gospel Reading – Mark 13:24-37 Pew Bible, page 826

The Gospel of the Lord! /**Praise to You, O Christ!**

Sermon Rev. Dr. David Shelor

***Hymn 357 – "The Days Are Surely Coming"**

***Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed**

I Believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his Only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

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

***Doxology** **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of the People & 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 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.

Action

for God's love, justice, and peace in creation, in others and in ourselves.

Call - ***To creation, to others, to self***

We invite you to consider the ways you are called to serve.
Your generosity helps build God's Beloved Community and change lives.

Prayer of Dedication Please pray with me:

God of hope, we offer you our gifts, knowing you can do with them more than we can ask or imagine. Bless what we offer as tangible signs of your love at work in a world on edge, and as symbols of the hope we share in Jesus Christ, our Lord and friend. Amen.

***Hymn 94 – "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"**

***Benediction & Sharing Peace**

***Postlude**

Again, welcome, All! It is good to be together!
You are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshment in Hager Hall.

Hearing assistance devices and large print hymnals are available.
An usher would be glad to help you.

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