

## SANCTUARY SERVICE WORSHIP GUIDE

### November 30, 2025 First 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 Paul & Lynn Burks, Shaghne Manning

\*Response

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah" (See back page. Sing verse 1 twice only.) from Glory to God: the Presbyterian Hymnal

\*Hymn 13 - "Prepare the Way"

in The Presbyterian Hymnal

\*Prayer of Confession

Lisa Baker, Liturgist

God of hope, we confess that we often prefer to accept half-truths and pleasing ideas, rather than your challenging word.

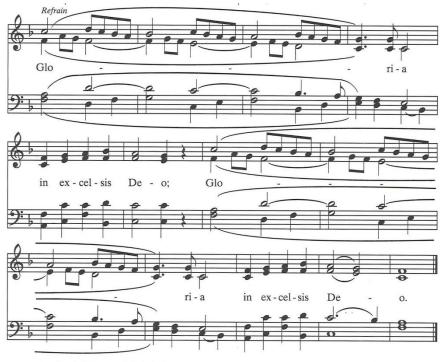
We praise our own cleverness rather than your wisdom. We have exploited others for our benefit and used the earth without a thought for its wellbeing. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct who we shall be through the mercy of Jesus Christ our Lord. (pause for silent confession)

Amen.

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

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

#### \*Response



Discovery

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#### **Prayer for Understanding**

Please pray with me:

God of hope and healing, we turn to your Word to hear your will and your wisdom for our times. Open our hearts and minds by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit so that we might hear what you are saying to the church through Christ, your Living Word.

# Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 2:1-5 Pew Bible, page 550 The Word of the Lord!/Thanks be to God!

#### Choral Response "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" Wesley/Burnett

Come, thou long expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free; From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth thou art; Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart. Born thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a king, Born to reign in us forever, Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us, raise us to thy glorious throne.

Pew Bible, page 806

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

Sermon Rev. Dr. David Shelor

\*Hymn 14 – "Savior of the Nations, Come" in The Presbyterian Hymnal

\*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostle's 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 591

in The Presbyterian Hymnal

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** 

p. 16, at the front of *The Presbyterian Hymnal* 

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.



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

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**Prayer of Dedication** Please pray with me:

God, our hope and our help, receive our gifts as seeds of gratitude for your gift to us in Christ Jesus. Bless these seeds with growth so that hope will sprout in people who struggle with despair, and places trying to rebuild after devastating loss.

Be their hope and their help, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn 9 – "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" in The Presbyterian Hymnal

- \*Benediction & Sharing Peace
- \*Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us today!
You are invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshment
in Hager Hall.

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

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# Light One Candle to Watch 65 for Messiah

