



First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
The First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023
Sanctuary Worship, 10:30 a.m.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

BELL PEAL & WELCOME

PRELUDE – Peace, Peace, Heavenly Peace

D. Mengel

In a world of darkness we seek you, Lord of splendor shining above.

How we need your light in this world of night; come descend on wings of love.

Peace, peace, heavenly peace, come to our world.

Let the children know that you love them so! Lord, bring peace to our world.

In a world of sorrow we seek you, Lord of mercy, Lord of grace.

How we need your strength to endure the weight of the grief that we must face.

Peace, peace, heavenly peace, come to our world.

Let the children know that you love them so! Lord, bring peace to our world.

Come as joy, come as hope, come as shepherd and as king.

Come as truth, come as life. Come in radiant majesty!

In a world of danger we seek you, Lord of might and Lord of power.

How we need you near to dispel our fear; be our high and mighty tower.

In world of chaos we seek you, Lord almighty, prince of peace.

Come, reveal your hand, come and heal all lands; make the works of evil cease.

Peace, peace, heavenly peace, come to our world.

Let the children know that you love them so! Lord, bring peace to our world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Tom Harp, Liturgist

ONE: Christ shall come, God's gift to the world:

ALL: That the desperate should find hope,

ONE: That the persecuted should find peace,

ALL: That the dejected should find joy,

ONE: That the lonely should find love.

ALL: O Christ of the world, your time is now!

We wait, we watch, we wonder! Come!

**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

***HYMN 9 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Antiphon – Lord, Prepare Our Hearts (sing twice)

Herbert F. Brokering

Aaron David Miller

Lord, pre- pare our hearts to wel- come you a - right.
Warm us with the glow of your ev - er - last - ing light.

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Advent Candle Lighting – HOPE

Members of the FPC Dialogues Group

ONE: Today we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.

We put our hope in the one to come,
the promised one who comes from God
to bring good news of salvation.

We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD.

We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys,
but on the high mountain of God.

We light this candle in Hope.

ALL: On this day, we remember to hopefully look for the coming of Christ.

Antiphon (see above) – Lord, Prepare our Hearts

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 64:1-9

Pew Bible, page 606

LITURGIST: The Word of the Lord!

ALL: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING – Mark 13:24-37

Pew Bible, page 826

PASTOR: The Gospel of the Lord!

ALL: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

Rev. Dr. David Shelor, Pastor

COMMUNION HYMN - Come to the Table of Grace*from Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
F C Dm F7/C B^b

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

2 Come to the table of hope...**3 Come to the table of peace...****4 Come to the table of joy...****5 Come to the table of love...**

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TABLE OF GRACE
7.7.10.7

INVITATION TO THE TABLE**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

LEADER: The Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them to the Lord.

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

PEOPLE: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**WORDS OF INSTITUTION****COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.**

RESPONSE

We give of our whole selves in gratitude for all of God's gifts.

CALL TO LOVE, JUSTICE & PEACE



Your generosity builds God's beloved community and changes lives!
At FPC, we gratefully and joyfully welcome your giving:
In-Person: Offering plates are available at the exits after worship.
Online: Via your bank or www.fpcdunedin.org and clicking "GIVE."
Volunteer: Ask for a "Volunteer Opportunities" flier or call our office.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***HYMN 38 – It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

***BENEDICTION & GREETING**

***POSTLUDE**

***Thank you for worshipping with us today!
You are invited to share in a time of fellowship and refreshment.
Please join us now in Hager Hall.
All are welcome!***