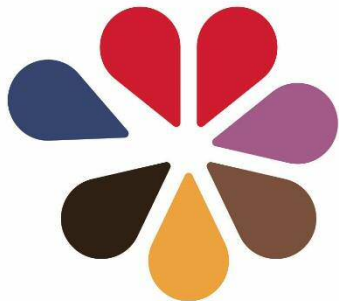




DOWNTOWN

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



POWER

Celebration of Worship

December 1, 2024, 11:00 AM

First Sunday of Advent

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*If you have a joy or concern you would like to have lifted in prayer today, please complete a **Prayer Request Card**, including the name of the person (and pronunciation) or event, and additional information you'd like to share. Prayer Requests will be collected in baskets during the **hymn following the sermon** to share with the pastor and/or Deacons.*

Prelude

Meditation on Veni Emmanuel

Words of Welcome

Rev. Betsy Crumity

Announcements

Chime

*Introit

While We Are Waiting, Come

Don Cason

**"While we are waiting, come; While we are waiting, come;
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, While we are waiting, come.**

**With pow'r and glory, come...
Come, Savior, quickly come..."**

Text: Claire Cloninger

*Call to Worship

David Lee

Leader: In the midst of night's shadows and anguish,

All: We pray earnestly to experience your presence.

Leader: As dawn slips into the horizon and relieves night of its reign,

All: We pray earnestly to sense your presence.

Leader: As daylight grows into noontime, filled with the glow of sun's light,

All: We pray earnestly to know your presence.

*Invocation

All: Eternal God, Creator of Our Hearts, Through your Spirit, our love grows for our neighbors. Our hearts are drawn to your expanding light as we see through the faces of our neighbors. May the joy of your Divine Love spill into each corner of your Realm as we anticipate your love and light in this season of longer nights and bleak days. Amen.

*Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(Music may be found on page 8.)

STUTTGART

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

All: God of the Possible and Probable, Gloom often encapsulates us when life is confusing and conflict is great. Our faith is rattled, and we are swallowed by shadows of fear. The world often feels like the end is near even when a new beginning is around the corner. We forget that even when shadows have lengthened, there remains a crack in the surface. Light begins to stream into our space, and warmth dances upon our hearts. When fear unnerves us, may we cling to the hope of God's love and the possibilities of joy once again. Amen.

Words of Grace

Leader: Take comfort, dear friends, that God's grace will fill our hearts with joy as we know that light grows ahead. May we cling to the crumbs of hope as we step into the nighttime with faith, knowing Divine Bliss accompanies us in each step.

Lighting of The Advent Candle

Leader: O God, we light the first candle of Advent.

People: We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come to our world, to break through and reign with compassion, justice, and peace.

Leader: We remember times we longed for God to be present to us, this congregation, and this world.

People : Mighty God, creator of the world, break through all that

keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy and reform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

Psalm 25:1-10

Time with Our Children and Youth

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Genesis 1:2

Rev. Crumity

WINCHESTER NEW

(Verses 1, 2, and 4, Music may be found on page 9.)

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

+Prayer of Jesus

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Spirit 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 Spirit, and the
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

PIACARDY

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Let songs rise up from earth below;
Let stars and galaxies enthrone;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One! Amen.

*Hymn

People Look East

BESANÇON

(Verses 1-3. Music may be found on page 10.)

Service of Holy Communion

Pastor: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Our Savior invites those who trust him to sit at the table in the kingdom of God. As we come to the Lord's table, let us humble our hearts and be open to the call of Your Spirit.

People: Compassionate God, have mercy on us, we pray.

Pastor: Let us examine ourselves: our thoughts, our actions, our motives, and our attitudes toward others.

People: O Holy God, have mercy and forgive us our shortcomings.

Pastor: Help us to remember our responsibility to our families and our neighbors, our stewardship to You, and the work You have given to our hands.

People: O Living God, we stand in need of Your grace, strength, and mercy.

Pastor: As we eat the bread which represents Your body, which is the True and Living Bread, open our eyes to recognize the intimacy that You yearn to share with us.

People: O Loving God, teach us to love You above all else.

Pastor: As we drink the cup which represents Christ's blood shed for us, we thank You for the new covenant, "Love ye one another," which is written in our hearts. Let us rejoice because our names are written in heaven.

People: Tender Father and Mother, may Your great sacrifice of redeeming love renew us for loving service and sacrifice for others.

Pastor: May this Lord's Supper energize every area of our lives and enable us to transcend our circumstances, our inadequacies, and our enemies.

People: God who sees us, touch and empower us so that our lives will be renewed.

Pastor: We praise You, O God, who made us Your own people through the death and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord.

All: Abide in us, Savior and Redeemer. Fill us with the life-giving power of Your Spirit, now and forever.

The Words of the Institution

Pastor: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, And after giving thanks to God, He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: In the same way, he took the cup saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, Shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Pastor: Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord. Now all the people say

People: Amen, Amen, and Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion Meditation on "Creator of the Stars of Night"

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Crumity

*Hymn

People Look East

BESANÇON

(Verses 4-5. Music may be found on page 10.)

*Benediction

Congregational Response

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Bob McGee

"Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called Emmanuel.

God with us, revealed in us, His name is called Emmanuel."

*Passing of the Peace

Thank you to. . .

Liturgist: David Lee

Musicians: Jason Cloen, Alan Jones, and Lee Wright

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This Week at Downtown United Presbyterian

Tuesday, December 3

10:30AM Bible study via Zoom

Wednesday, December 4

10:30AM Friday Book Group via Zoom

Thursday, December 5

7:15PM Worship Team Mtg via Zoom

Sunday, December 8

10:00PM **Advent Festival**

10:00AM Choir Warm-up

10:45AM Nursery

11:00AM Worship -Music Sunday

11:15AM Sunday School

12:00PM **Advent Festival Continues**

Tuesday, December 10

10:30AM Bible study via Zoom

6:30PM Deacons Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, December 11

4:30PM DEIB Mtg via Zoom

7:00PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 12

5:00PM Finance Team Mtg via Zoom

7:30PM Property Team Mtg via Zoom

83 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1744

MUSIC: Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715, alt.

STUTT GART

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96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery life from sin; make
 3 We hail you as our Sav - ior, Lord, our
 4 Stretch forth your hand; our health re - store, and

nounc - es that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 straight the way for God with - in, and let us all our
 ref - uge and our great re - ward; with - out your grace we
 make us rise to fall no more. O let your face up -

for he brings glad ti - dings of the King of kings!
 hearts pre - pare for Christ to come and en - ter there.
 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 on us shine and fill the world with love di - vine.

This hymn shows how once-unconnected parts can work together. The text about John the Baptist was written in Latin in the 18th century and translated into English in the 19th century. Similarly, the 17th-century melody was adapted to its present form in the 19th century.

TEXT: Charles Coffin, 1736; trans. John Chandler, 1837, alt.
 MUSIC: *Musikalisches Handbuch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk, 1847, alt.

WINCHESTER NEW
 LM
 (alternate tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR)

1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
 3 Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
 4 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
 5 An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who

crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
 seed is plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to
 nest that must be filled. E - ven the hour when wings are
 light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y
 brings new life to earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley

Peo - ple, look

a - ble; trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flower may flour - ish.
 fro - zen God for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.

This text was written to provide a new Advent text for an existing carol tune, here named for the city in eastern France where it originated. The author has imaginatively expressed the cosmic implications of Christ's coming by addressing each stanza to a part of creation.

TEXT: Eleanor Farjeon, 1928, alt.

MUSIC: French folk melody; harm. Martin Shaw, 1928

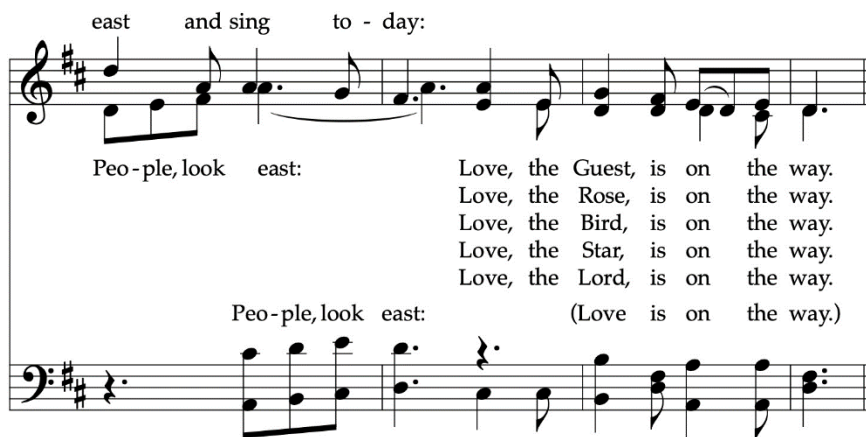
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BESANÇON

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east and sing to - day:



Peo-ple, look east: Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 Love, the Bird, is on the way.
 Love, the Star, is on the way.
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Peo-ple, look east: (Love is on the way.)

Welcome Visitors!

Nursery Care for children up to 2nd Grade is available in the Library

Children not in nursery care will be invited forward during the “Time with Our Children and Youth” for a brief time with the pastor, and then will be taken up to their Sunday School room by their teacher. Parents are welcome to come up with their kids if they would like.

You may place your offering in the offering plates as they are passed. If you would like to donate online you can use the QR code to the right to make your contribution to the church.



+We seek to use diverse images and liberating language about divine presence in our services of worship. Please feel free to adapt the words in hymns and prayers as needed so that they express your faith.

This is a Hearing Loop equipped sanctuary – please switch your hearing aid to the “T” (telephone) position.

*** An asterisk indicates** “please rise in body or spirit.”

We hope you will join us after worship for conversations and refreshments! Cookies and drinks are available in the front of the sanctuary.

Joys and Concerns– If you have a joy or concern that you would like to lift in prayer today, please complete a Prayer Request card (available by the worship bulletins) naming the person(s), situation or event, and any other information that you would like to be shared. The prayer requests will be collected during the hymn following the sermon and provided to the pastor.

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DUPC Annual Advent Festival

"Preparing the Way"

Sunday, December 8

10 AM—1:30PM

Before and After Worship

**In and Behind
the Sanctuary**

All Are Welcome!

**Light Lunch
and Drinks**

Angel Tree

**Make or Take
Craft**

**Family Promise
Donations**

The Downtown United Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir presents,

Among Angels

Ethereal music for two harps and choir with
Grace Browning and Sunshine Quan, harps, Lee Wright, conductor

Among Angels - Will Todd

Christmas Lullaby - Jeffrey Van

Past Three O'Clock - Cary Ratcliff

Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day - John Rutter

Were We Dreaming - Cary Ratcliff

Sunday, December 8, 2024

11:00AM, as part of our Advent Worship

Enjoy the Advent Festival
before and after worship!