

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & LORD'S PRAYER *(Responsive)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: You are holy, O God of Majesty... Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*HYMN #350

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

*BLESSING & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you for sharing in this time of worship with us. We are using Advent words for worship from A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org, specifically work from Sarah Are, Lauren Wright Pittman and Lisle Gwynn Garnity. Today's liturgist is Karen Stewart. Coffee hour is hosted by the Tyagis. Please note that the worship service is live on YouTube and recorded, too. Large print hymn books, individual seat cushions, and children's activity packets are available from the usher at the entrance. Children of all ages are welcome to stay in the sanctuary for all parts of the worship service. There's childcare available in the room off the front of the sanctuary. A diaper changing station is in the room labeled "Teen Lounge" just past the bathrooms.

Bathrooms are located outside of the sanctuary to the right, through the narthex, and up the small set of stairs. An ADA-accessible bathroom is located in the fellowship hall. To access the fellowship hall, drive around to the parking lot and enter through the double doors.

To reach Rev. Culp, email covenantpastorpcusa@gmail.com or text/call 937-570-8218. Rev. Culp is out of the office from November 5th-9th. If you have an emergent pastoral care need, please call 937-570-8218.



GOD'S PROMISED DAY (HOPE) CAN'T WAIT

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

November 30, 2025 1st Sunday of Advent 11:00 am

(*) *You're invited to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Caitlin Culp

HYMN OF PREPARATION #92 *White We Are Waiting, Come*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES Nora & Kristen Tyagi

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC*

Leader: What can't wait?

People: Hope for a better day.

One: What can't wait?

All: Peace and repentance, among and within us.

One: What can't wait?

All: Joy and delight! Our cup runneth over.

One: What can't wait?

All: Love for self, love for neighbor, love for Creator, love for creation.

One: God is waiting, and God is ready.

All: Starting here and now—let us worship Holy God.

*OPENING HYMN #93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Unison*) *Sarah Are | A Sanctified Art LLC*

Gracious God, You paint a picture of a better world— a world of peace and joy, of equality and grace. But we turn our heads and close our eyes, afraid that you might want us to help. You ask us to be brave, and we are complacent. You ask us to speak out, but instead we stay quiet. You ask us to listen, and we assume we are the experts. You lead with love, and we wait on the sidelines. Forgive us for always being ten steps behind you. Forgive us for all the ways we are works in progress. Fill our hearts with a hope that won't let go. Gratefully we pray, *silent prayer.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE #88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, verse 7*

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Karen Stewart

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 122 (*pg. .*) Karen Stewart

Leader: The word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN Kent Hamaker

SECOND SCRIPTURE Isaiah 2:1-5 (*pg. .*)

SERMON Caitlin Culp

*HYMN *Down By The Riverside* (lyrics on screen)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Unison*) *Confession of 1967, 9.19, adapted*

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

EUCCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY #607 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord's Table is open to all. The elements are bread and grape juice.