



Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers"

- Romans 13:11

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Elder Christy Hemmes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE:

"O Come Emmanuel"

arr. J. B. Webber

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Advent Candle Lighting:

The Candle of Hope

New CPC members

Choral Response: #85 vs 1

Light one candle to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness.

He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Elder Christy Hemmes

One: Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit
you still bring light to illumine our paths.

**All: *Renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love,
as Lord of lords and King of kings,
to whom be glory always. Amen.***

Opening Hymn: #88 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” vs. 1-4

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Elder Christy Hemmes

***Great God of Presence and Promised Coming,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to fulfill your desire for us to love one another.
We have not followed the paths you have given us,
Choosing instead to follow our own.
We have broken relationships, We chase consumer desires,
We treat those who wait on us as less than human.
We have rebelled against your love;
We spend our time and money, on gifts for those who give us gifts.
We have not loved our neighbors, we spend time
With family and friends out of obligation rather than sincere love.
We have not heard the cry of the needy,
The mouth of the poor is still hungry for mercy,
The cause of the oppressed is still thirsty for justice.
Free us for joyful obedience, through the Advent of Christ,
Our Lord, Our Messiah, Our Hope. Amen.***

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Elder Christy Hemmes

***Sung response: #581**

“Gloria Patri”

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**CHILDREN’S TIME: *Reception of new members: Jean and Kent Haggas, Mary Christie,
Kelly Emerton*** Rev. Chris Scrivens

MEMBERSHIP

PRESENTATION

Mary Christie, Kelly Emerton and Jean and Kent Haggas, are presented by the session,
to make their public profession of faith,

re-affirming the baptismal covenant into which they were baptized.

We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith,
and to share with us in our common ministry.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established.
In that covenant God gives us new life;
we are guarded from evil
and nurtured by the love of God and God's people.
In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve,
by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

I ask you, therefore, to reject sin,
to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,
and to confess the faith of the church,
the faith in which we baptize.

RENUNCIATIONS

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

I do.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

PROFESSION

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**Those who are able please stand .*

Do you believe in God, the Father almighty?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

All May Sit

Faithful God,

in baptism you claimed us;

and by your Spirit you are at work in our lives

empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling.

We thank you for leading Mary, Kelly, Jean and Kent to this time and place
of reaffirming the covenant you made with them in their baptism.

Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Spirit,

that, together with all your people, they may grow in faith, hope, and love,

and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit

be honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Welcome:

Mary, Kelly, Jean and Kent have reaffirmed the covenant into which they were baptized and been welcomed as members of this congregation.

As members of the household of God,

God has called them to serve Christ in the world.

Let us welcome them to this ministry.

Hymn #306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” first verse

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Prophets: Isaiah 2:1-5 (OT pg.594)
Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44 (NT pg. 26)

Elder Christy Hemmes
Rev. Chris Scrivens

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.
All: *Thanks be to God!*

SERMON

Rev. Chris Scrivens

*HYMN: #115

“Away in a Manger”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING –

Elder Christy Hemmes

OFFERTORY: “Upon the Wind There Comes a Song” from *Tidings of Joy Cantata*
Choir; Soloist: Al Kopacka

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #708 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Elder Christy Hemmes

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER (*debts*)

Rev. Chris Scrivens

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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN: #725 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

CHORAL RESPONSE

**Please rise in body or in Spirit.*

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Participating in today's Worship and Fellowship are . . .

Minister:	Reverend Christopher W. Scrivens
Lay Assistant:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Director of Family Ministries:	Elder Christy Hemmes
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Guest Organist:	Vicki Kopacka
Ushers:	Dale and Carol Davis
Coffee Hour Hostesses:	Barbara Misar and Darcy Taylor

Welcome to our Worship Service! Our regular congregants are asked to introduce themselves to any visitors they don't know and then introduce them to the congregation. Everyone is invited to join us in fellowship and refreshments in Fellowship Center following the worship service this morning.



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