

Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!

DECEMBER 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m.

Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.

Quote for Meditation: *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good;”*
-1 Thessalonians 5:16–21

GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Chris Scrivens

PRELUDE

“Coventry Carol”
Bell Choir

arr. by Cynthia Dobrinski

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:

Based upon Psalms 96, 80, 85, 97, & 126

One: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.
Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

All: *let all creation sing for joy at the coming of the Lord.*

One: The Lord of hosts is coming to restore us; God’s face will shine, and we will be saved.

All: *Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.*

One: When the Lord restores our lives,
we will be like those who dream;
those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy.

**All: *Light dawns for the righteous, and joy to the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord! Give thanks to God’s holy name.***

Sung response:

“While We Are Waiting”

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

***“Come, Savior, quickly come; come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.***

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Almighty God,
you send your Son into a world
where the wheat must be winnowed from chaff
and wickedness clings even to what is good.

**All: *Let the fire of your Spirit purge us of greed and deceit,
so that, purified, we may find our peace in you
and you may delight in us.***

***We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen***

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" ~ 2 verses Cantor Matt Petrozelli

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

*O Lord our God,
you know us better than we know ourselves.
As we come before you now,
believers and doubters alike,
we all share a deep need,
for we are all lost without your grace.
Search us, O God, and know our hearts,
test us and know our troubled thoughts.
Give us true repentance.
Forgive us all our wrongs.
Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day,
to learn to serve each other
and, through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord,
to come at last to heaven. Amen.*

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sung response:

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS:

Psalms: Psalm 126
Gospel: Luke 1:46b-55

Response:

One: This is the Word of God.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

SERMON:

"Reflect, Refract, Magnify"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MUSICAL INTERLUDE:

CALL FOR OFFERING

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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

Pastor:	Rev. Christopher W. Scrivens
Director of Family Ministries:	Deacon Melissa Ash
Music Director:	Matt Petrozelli
Organist:	Mary Elizabeth Rawley

Welcome to our virtual Worship service.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, December 20: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16 *and* Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38



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