

# **Welcome to Community Presbyterian Church!**

**December 6, 2020**

**Second Sunday in Advent**

**10:00 a.m.**

***Welcome to this Sacred Time and Holy Place of Worship.***

**Prayer/Quote for Meditation: “Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.”**  
- Psalm 85:10–13

## **GREETING and PASSING OF THE PEACE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Chris Scrivens

### **PRELUDE:**

**“I Wonder as I Wander”**  
Bell Choir

*arr. Cathy Moglebust*

## **GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH:**

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

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: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy to the upright in heart.

**All: *Rejoice in the Lord! Give thanks to God’s holy name.***

### **Sung response:**

**“While We Are Waiting, Come”**

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

***“With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.***

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

One: God of our salvation,  
you straighten the winding ways of our hearts  
and smooth the paths made rough by sin.

**All: *Keep our conduct blameless,  
keep our hearts watchful in holiness,  
and bring to perfection the good you have begun in us.  
We ask this through him whose coming is certain,  
whose day draws near;  
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen***

OPENING HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

*God of the future,  
you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have  
not expected your kingdom,  
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment.  
We accept lies as truth,  
exploit neighbors,  
abuse the earth,  
and refuse your justice and peace.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Grant us wisdom to welcome your way,  
and to seek things that will endure  
when Christ comes to judge the world.*

**SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sung Response:

Cantor Matt Petrozelli

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS:**

Prophets:

Isaiah 40:1- 11

Gospel:

Mark 1:1-8

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**Response:**

One: This is the Word of God.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

**SERMON:**

"So Many Rough Places"

Rev. Chris Scrivens

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**MUSICAL INTERLUDE:**

"Devotion"

David Ritter

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**SEALING THE WORD**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** *(please see insert)*

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

"Reflection"

David Ritter

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

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

Welcome to our virtual Worship Service.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, December 13 are: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 and *Psalms 126 or Luke 1:46b-55*; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

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## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

### Words of Invitation

### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them up to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

. . . Therefore we praise you;  
joining our voices with the choirs of angels,  
with the prophets, apostles, and martyrs,  
and with the faithful of every time and place,  
who forever sing to the glory of your name;

***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.***

“ . . . Accept this, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,  
that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.”

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

***Dying you destroyed our death,***

***rising you restored our life.***

***Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

### ***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.***

### Taking of the Bread and the Fruit of the Vine

*Please take the bread as you receive it to symbolize our individual relationship with Christ. Please save the cup so that we might all receive it together to symbolize our oneness in Christ.*

### **Prayer after Communion (in Unison)**

***Holy Triune God, we thank you for this meal that proclaims the peace and healing of the nations. We thank you for this meal where a little is enough to change our lives; where a little is more than enough to feed those whose hearts yearn for communion in community. May this bread and fruit of the vine nourish us so that we may grow in the faith and knowledge that in you, we are one. Amen.***