



# WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent • November 27, 2022



## 10:30 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME/\*CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER

Come, all who seek truth! Let us go up to the Lord's house!  
**There we might learn holy ways and follow right paths.**  
Come, all nations, all peoples! Stream in through the open gates!  
**There we might gather in the hallways of justice, the courts of peace.**  
Come, children of God! Let us walk in the light of the Lord!  
**With hope in our hearts, we worship God.**

Let us pray:

**Faithful God, Your promises stand unshaken through all generations.  
Renew us in hope, that we may be awake and alert as we watch for the glorious return of the Christ,  
our judge and Savior, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### \*OPENING HYMN #11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH CIR GEBEN

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Choir and Bells: Prepare your hearts to receive the hope of the world.

Congregation:



The Family: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; anyone who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Family Member: Why do we light one candle?

Family Member: We light one candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for days of hope as foretold by the prophet Isaiah, chapter 2, verse 4: "The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*\*Please stand*

The Response:

Christ is the Hope of the world, pre- pare to wel- come him. Christ is the Hope of the world, lift up your hearts and sing! Al- le - lu - ias we bring our Re- deemer and King! He brings us Hope a - gain.

Family Member: In silence, let us confess our sin and pray for God's forgiveness as we prepare for the second coming of Christ.

**HYMN #1** (*verse 1*)

STUTT GART

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*HYMN #1** (*verse 4*)

STUTT GART

By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 122

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Isaiah 2:2-5

**ANTHEM**

A Canticle of Hope

Joseph W. Clokey

And it shall come to pass in the latter day that the Lord's house shall be established  
in the top of the mountain, and many shall go and say:  
Come ye, and let us go into the house of the Lord,  
and He will teach us His way, and we will walk in His paths.  
And He shall judge between the nations, and shall reprove many nations.  
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares  
nation shall not lift sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.  
Come ye, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Come.

**SERMON**

What Can't Wait? (Part One): God's Promised Day Can't Wait

Rev. Marc Oehler

**ADVENT MISSION CAMPAIGN**

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**RESPONSE OF FAITH/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN #207**

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

MERLE'S TUNE

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**ANTHEM**

And the Glory of the Lord

George Frideric Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together:  
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN #192**

God, Our Help and Constant Refuge

MICHAEL

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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*Please join us for fellowship in the Narthex following the service.*