



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Communion Sunday • Second Sunday of Advent • December 4, 2022



10:30 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

Nun komm der heiden Heiland

setting, Helmut Walcha

WELCOME/*CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER

Can you imagine? **The wolf lives with the lamb, the leopard rests with the goat.**
Can you imagine? **Knowledge of the Lord fills the land; righteousness reigns over all the earth.**
A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord!
With peace in our hearts, we prepare a way for the Lord!

Let us pray:

**Everlasting God, You clear a holy space where hurt has no place,
and a little child holds sway. Clear our lives of hatred and despair,
sow seeds of joy and peace, that shoots of hope may spring forth
and we may live in harmony with one another. Amen.**

*OPENING HYMN #13

Prepare the Way, O Zion

BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Thomas and Melissa Cournoyer, James, Caroline, William

Choir and Bells: Prepare your hearts to receive the peace 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 two candles?

Family Member: We light two candles as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming. We are preparing ourselves for days of hope and peace as foretold by the prophet Isaiah, chapter 11, verse 6: "The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**Please stand*

The Response:



Christ is the peace of the world, pre - pare to welcome Him. Christ is the peace of the world, lift up your hearts and sing. Al - le - lu - ias we bring our Re - deem - er and King! He brings us peace 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.

CONFESSION RESPONSE

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Little Child, whose bed is straw, take new lodgings in my heart.
Bring the dream Isaiah saw, knowledge, wisdom, worship, awe.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Let the earth now praise the Lord, who has truly kept His word
and at last to us did send Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

ANTHEM

Now the Heavens Start to Whisper

from Tennessee Harmony, 1818
setting, Deborah Holden-Holloway

Now the heavens start to whisper, as the veil is growing thin.
Earth from slumber wakes to listen to the stirring, faint within:
Seed of promise, deeply planted, Child to spring from Jesse's stem!
Like the soil beneath the frostline, hearts grow soft to welcome Him.

Heavy clouds that block the moonlight now begin to drift away.
Diamond brilliance through the darkness shines the hope of coming day.
Christ, the Morningstar of splendor, gleams within a world grown dim.
Heaven's ember fans to fullness: hearts grow warm to welcome Him.

Christ, eternal Sun of justice, Christ, the rose of wisdom's seed,
come to bless with fire and fragrance hours of yearning, hurt and need.
In the lonely, in the stranger, in the outcast, hid from view:
Child who comes to grace the manger, teach our hearts to welcome You.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON

What Can't Wait? (Part Two): Repentance Can't Wait

Rev. Marc Oehler

ADVENT MISSION CAMPAIGN

Partnering With Paterson: Eva's Village

RESPONSE OF FAITH/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

Please place your gift in one of the offering plates in the back of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of the service, scan the QR code on the bulletin or text GIVE to 551-227-2131. Thank you for your gift!

SOLO *Nun komm, der heiden Heiland* (Now Come, Savior of the Gentiles) Johann Sebastian Bach
Scott Brubaker, horn

***THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God: **The earth is full of your knowledge and glory. You made all creatures to live in peace and safety, and sent a little child to lead us.** Therefore we praise You, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior: **Baptized by John, Christ came to deliver us from sin, and to pour out the Holy Spirit upon Your church. By our faith in Christ, we have the hope of eternal life.**
Remembering Your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to You with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Fill us with wisdom and understanding, knowledge and power, and grant that we may live in harmony with one another as we await the coming of the kingdom of heaven.**
Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless You, God of glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: grant us Your peace.**

RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION PRAYER/THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN #14 Savior of the Nations, Come NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Nun komm der heiden Heiland setting, Johann Gottfried Walther

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