

# THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## December 12, 2021 Service for the Lord's Day Third Sunday in Advent

**Bolded words** indicate where you may join in speaking.

\*Those who are able are asked to stand.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GREETERS.

PRELUDE

“Sussex Carol”

arr. David Lantz III

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, Let us worship.

**P: Teach us Your ways, O Lord, that we may walk in Your truth; give us undivided hearts to revere Your name.**

L: We give thanks to You, O Lord our God, and we will glorify Your name forever.

**P: For Your love is great towards us ...You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.**

L: Let us worship, let us praise, let us give thanks!

\*HYMN NO. 97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night”

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High, proclaiming Your love in the morning and Your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. For You make me glad by your deeds, Lord; We sing for joy at what Your hands have done. Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE ~ Love

Hollie, Callie and Luke Falzone

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father, Your love for us is so very evident. Everywhere we look, we see tangible proof of Your great care for us. Yet, when it comes to following You, we confess that we often don't surrender our entire selves. We hold back portions of our lives that we would rather control instead of releasing them to Your loving care. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Forgive us for frequently saying one thing and doing another. May our words and our actions line up. Make us willing to suffer for the cause of Christ, knowing full well that You will never leave us or forsake us. We pray this humbly, in Christ's Name. Amen.**

~Moment for Silent Reflection~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.**

**World without end, amen. Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

HYMN NO. 667

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. Amen.

### THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 12:2-6 (Pg.641)*

NEW TESTAMENT

*Luke 3:7-18 (Pg.60)*

L: Word of God for the people of God  
P: Thanks be to God

### Choral Response

PIANO DUET

“Advent Medley” ARR. ETHEL ROGERS  
Jenny Collins & Linda Schaller

“Morning Star, O Cheering Sight”  
Kylee Vogel & singers

“I Wonder as I Wander” & “O Little Town of Bethlehem”  
Jenny Collins & Donna Predmore

“Emmanuel, God With Us” ARR. CARL MARSH  
Nicole & Kylee Vogel

HYMN NO. 93

“Lift Up Your Head, Ye Mighty Gates”

APOSTLES’ CREED

(Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

### SENDING

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

THANKSGIVING, PASTORAL PRAYER  
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.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN NO. 837

What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

POSTLUDE

“People, Look East” ARR. PAUL TAYLOR

### THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

WE WELCOME all who worship with us today. Members, friends and visitors are all invited to share in the ministries and activities of our congregation.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAY READER for today is Barbara Braithwaite.

GREETER for today is Lisa Swanon.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are David Braithwaite and Zoey Delaney.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Ron and Connie Powell.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by David and Barbara Braithwaite in loving memory of Dave’s parents, William and Onda Braithwaite.

### Church Staff

Nicole Vogel  
Jen Carmella  
Linda Schaller  
Bob Lee  
Sami Carmella  
Keith Karkut

Pastor  
Secretary  
Music Director  
Sexton  
Nursery Attendant  
Technology

### THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Education Class, 9:00 a.m.  
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.  
~ Fellowship Hour in the lounge following worship  
~ Session meeting, following worship  
Tuesday ~ Women’s Circle, 1:00