



Presbyterian Church of the Roses

Reaching Out with Nurturing Love to All God's People



First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2018

Worship 10 am

First Time Here? Thank you for coming! Please pick up a Welcome Bag in the narthex. Please join us for coffee and fellowship in Bowen Hall.

Assistance needed?

Large print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Tip for the Service

*Asterisk means please stand if able.

The **BOLD** is spoken by the congregation. Please sign the red friendship pad in the pews and pass it.

Children with you?

Activity materials for young worshipers are in the entry way. Childcare and Sunday School are provided during the service.

Questions on where to go?

Please ask the Ushers by the doors.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Sacred Space Team

Reader #1: Advent is a time of waiting. We wait again for God to send divine love and light into our dark world.

Reader #2: God's light comes through Jesus who shows us the way to live in God's divine love and light.

ALL: "Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the darkness and put on the armor of light."

Reader #1: Today, we wait for the coming of Jesus. We begin in the dark, and on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle of hope. (light a purple candle)

Reader #2: Every week in Advent, each candle will remind us that the Light of the World comes to us, first in the form of the humble baby Jesus.

ALL: The Kingdom of God is drawing near. May we prepare our hearts with God's peace, God's justice, and God's love. Amen.

INTROIT *The Days are Surely Coming*

David Gambrell, Welsh Folk Melody

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In this season of waiting, of longing, of looking for you to come into our world.

All: We are seeking light!

One: In our work, in our families, in our nation,

All: We are seeking light!

One: Seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened, ask and it will be given to you.

All: Jesus is the light of the Universe! Let us worship our cosmic light of hope!

*HYMN #144

In the Bleak Midwinter

Christina Rossetti, 1872

*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER - Prayer for the Start of Advent

One: Lord, we have pulled out the Advent wreath, the Christmas tree, the poinsettias. We dusted off the hymns, unsung for a year, and unearthed the words of your prophets.

All: Yet, in your eyes, these efforts are for nothing without the regular, persistent, deep pursuit of justice for all people.

One: Our efforts are hollow without consistent work toward peace, reconciliation, and participation in your mission for creation. In our hearts, we do long to be your people, to carry out your mission, to be lights in the darkness—proof that no darkness can overcome your truth.

All: Awaken us to action. Stir us to courage. Rouse us to prepare a way in the wilderness for your coming, clearing the brush of oppression, racism, injustice, and hopelessness so that all may see your light and perceive your coming. Amen.

*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION (responsively)

One: As we worship together, we offer ourselves to God and we open ourselves to the abundant amazing grace of Jesus.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and blessed to try being faithful again. Alleluia! Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING

OFFERTORY *O Little Town of Bethlehem* JH.H. Redner

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***HYMN #519 vs1**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"You are My Strength When I am Weak"

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 25: 1-10

This is the word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM *Oh Come Immanuel* Tony Wood & Michael Farren

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Holy Spirit-filled words!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Jesus Broke into the Cosmos* Rev. Dr Cindy Alloway

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (responsively)

One: O come, Emanuel, into our longing hearts. We lift our hearts to You. As we gather around this table. In expectation and hope.

All: We embrace all that is holy as we sing together: Holy Holy Holy Lord, God of power and might. Blessed are you who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!

One: In this season of waiting, of shorter, darker days, and of preparation for Christmas, we hear of the coming of Jesus.

All: We hear from the prophets of God's new straight path in the desert and of the hoped-for shepherd to feed his flock.

One: We hear from John the Baptist of one coming after him, one who will baptize with Holy Spirit.

All: We hear from Jesus of signs and omens, heralding a sudden coming of the Son of Man, the Son of God, and we are warned to be ready.

One: We hear from the angel of the baby, conceived by the Holy Spirit in Mary's womb, who will be a king. The prince of peace who will save his people.

All: As we open our hearts to this coming, and puzzle as to its meaning for us today and for the world, we can't help but remember the rest of the story. Even as we celebrate Jesus' birth, we remember his life, his teachings and healings and compassion. Even as we remember the beginning, we know well of Jesus' suffering and death and Resurrection.

One: By the power of the Holy Spirit, bless this holy meal of grace. May we receive these symbols of Jesus who came long ago and who comes to us still as God's power in our humanity to inspire our hearts and minds and wills for love and service. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

HYMN #527

Eat This Bread

by Jacques Berthier

(Sing as the elements are passed. Please hold the bread until all are served so we may eat together as a church family (gluten free wafers are in the center of the plates). All the cups are filled with grape juice. You may drink the cup when it is passed symbolizing your individual relationship with our loving God.)

COMMUNION PRAYER (unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray saying (The Lord's Prayer). Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN *God, We Await Your Advent Here* by Carolyn Gillette

To the tune of #738, O Master, Le Me Walk with Thee

*God, we await your advent here:
When will these desert lands rejoice?
When will new blossoms bright appear
And all earth praise you with one voice?*

*We live in deserts we have made;
Gifts of your love we pass right by.
We seek possessions, more each day,
And then in thirst for joy, we cry.*

*God, we prepare for Jesus' birth —
Searching for gifts from store to store!
Yet when you sent your Christ to earth,
You gave us joy worth so much more.*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Gloria Patri (from the Magnificat)* .S. Bach

Reference: Congregational prayer adapted from [lutheranjulia](#) and posted on [RevGalBlogPals](#).

Please remember to pick up the Rose Clippings!



***Flowers are given in anticipation
of the arrival of our Lord.***

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PRAYER REQUESTS: Please include in your prayers:

Those mourning the loss of a friend or family member

*Please pray for the family of Lenore Foster who passed on September 28th.

Those with health issues

John Baker	Jason Montsier	Bob and Marge Snater
Jim Bauer	Jessica Morse	Marisa Taylor
Bill Beaumont	Lucrecia Muñoz	Dr. Gershom Thompson
Judy Bello	Jeanette Nichols	Sylvia Turner
Barbara Blinn	Marie Patchin	Bob Weber
Bob Bunting	Carolyn Kenworthy	Helen Wikle
Patrick Butler	Rhonda Patton Knoles	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Gwen Christiansen	Polly Post	Jill White
Kyle Donaldson	Evelyn Radunich	Roger White
Dick Draper	Mickey Marshall	Michael and Katie Wolff
Barbara Flannery	Bill Rathjen	Jamie Yen
Ray Foreaker	Peter Ray	Avery Yudice
Felipa Jones	Fred Recknagel	
Nancy Lee (daughter in law of Nancy Hansen)	Debbie Seat	
	Bob Simmons	

Those serving in our military

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

**IMPORTANT: The last date to complete many gifts is
2pm, Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018.**

- Gift checks mailed via USPS with postmark and check date on or before Dec. 31, 2018 will be counted for 2018 regardless of when they are received or deposited by PCOR.
- Gift Checks dated Dec. 31, 2018 and ***hand-delivered*** to the church office by 2pm Thursday, Dec. 27, 2018 will be counted for 2018 regardless of when they are deposited by the church.

If we have your email address, your 2018 Giving Statement will be emailed by the end of January 2019. Otherwise, it will be mailed. Look for it!

MHS BREAKFAST EVERY WEEKDAY AT 7:00 am

12/2 <i>Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
	9:00 AM	Learn Ukulele
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:15 AM	Plan Sacred Space
	11:30 AM	Alternative Giving & Fair Trade Market
	11:45 AM	"The Messiah" Advent Study
	6:00 PM	CoDA
12/3 <i>Monday</i>	11:00 AM	Tai Chi
	12:00 PM	Qi Gong
	7:00 PM	Boy Scouts Troop #135
12/4 <i>Tuesday</i>	8:30 AM	Buildings & Grounds
	10:00 AM	PW Coordinating Meeting
	11:30 AM	Health Ministry Meeting
	12:30 PM	Fellowship Committee
	1:30 PM	Membership Committee
12/5 <i>Wed</i>	10:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	"The Messiah" Advent Study
12/6 <i>Thursday</i>	10:30 AM	Senior Exercise
	12:00 PM	Committee on Ministry
	12:00 PM	Noon Hour of Prayer
	6:00 PM	Bells Practice
	7:00 PM	A.A.
	7:00 PM	Girl Scouts
	7:30 PM	Choir Practice
12/7 <i>Friday</i>	5:30 PM	Voyagers Christmas Potluck & Carols in Bowen
	7:00 PM	Gamblers Anon.
	7:00 PM	Korean Youth
12/8 - Sat	6:30 AM	Korean Prayer
12/9 <i>Sunday</i>	8:00 AM	Korean Worship
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	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Congregational Meeting
	11:30 AM	Alternative Giving Market
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