



Immanuel Presbyterian Church

1st Sunday in Advent

8:30am Alternative Worship

November 27, 2022

*Discovering and displaying Christ
in here and out there*

Gathering

Welcome and Community Life

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

The IPC Staff

Based on Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:28

Readers: The Advent wreath is a circle with no beginning and no end. It is a symbol of God's unending love and faithfulness. The prophet Isaiah said, "The Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." The angel Gabriel said to Mary, "Greetings you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." We rejoice that we too have found favor with God.

All: God's mercy extends to those who fear him from generation to generation.

*Song

Joyful (The One Who Saves)

Beethoven,
Brown, Ingram

*Prayer of Adoration

*Song

My Lighthouse

Rend Collective

Call to Confession

Col. 1: 13-14

One: The apostle Paul assures us that we have been rescued from the power of darkness, and transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Assured by this promise, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord Christ, we confess our willingness to be loved but also our reluctance to love. We confess our readiness to accept your forgiving love but also our refusal to forgive. We confess our eagerness to grasp your offer of redeeming love but also our resistance to follow you without question. In this Advent time, forgive us our failure to respond as we should. Come to us anew, and by your grace, assist us to receive you with joy, as the shepherds;

with gratitude, as Simeon; with obedience, as Mary; with love, as you have loved us. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Moment of Silent Prayer

Assurance of Forgiveness

Col. 1: 20

One: All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

Song

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Myrin, Redman

Hearing

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Romans 13: 11-14 NRSVue

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Knowing the Time
Rev. John C. Tittle

Responding

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Music

What the World Needs Now

Bacharach

Prayers of the People

One: Come Lord Jesus,

All: and hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Sending

*Closing Song

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Traditional

*Charge and Benediction

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