



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December 1, 2024

1st Sunday of Advent

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”* Haan

*Lighting of the Advent Candles: The Burchfield Family
Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent means coming. We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace;

who brings good news, who announces salvation.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fill the promise I made to my people. Sing aloud, O people, and shout for joy!

The Lord our God is in our midst.

For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN *“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”* # 104

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI # 583

ANTHEM *“Prepare the Way, O Zion”* Beall

CHILDREN’S CHAT

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Jeremiah 33: 14-16

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 21: 25-36

SERMON *“The Promise of Truth”*

*HYMN *“The Days Are Surely Coming”* # 357

*APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Our offerings are a sign of gratitude. Let us join together and sing our praise to God from whom all blessings flow.

*DOXOLOGY *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 608

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving/Prayers of People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer of Commitment

*HYMN *“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”* # 94

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE *“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”* Broughton

* Please stand if you are able.

*The flowers are given in loving memory of
Robert Hite
By the Hite & Irwin Families*

Prayer: Treese family, Marsha Hansard, Devany Laratonda
Liturgist: Sue Payne Nursery: Amanda Stanek

TODAY	10:15 AM	Worship, Communion
TUESDAY	10:00 AM	Congregational Care meeting
WEDNESDAY	10:30 AM	Worship meeting
	12:00 PM	Outreach meeting
THURSDAY	11:30 AM	Bible Study
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Sunday School
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Advent dinner

Our church is trying something new, and your help is needed. We are looking to assist parents/caregivers in need. We are seeking to partner with our church family and the local community to collect and distribute toys to families during the holiday season. Please donate gently used toys in good shape for kids 0-13 years. These toys will be cleaned by church volunteers. Our event will be on Saturday, December 14 from 10 AM - 2 PM. Families attending the North Pole Giveaway may review and select items for their children. Donations of wrapping paper, bags and tissue paper will also be accepted to offer a wrapping station during the event. Your donations may be placed in the VBS storage room in the basement or downstairs kitchen. **Drop off/Cleaning schedule:**
Sunday, Dec. 8: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 11: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Please keep this new ministry event in your prayers and help as you can. Feel free to contact Janelle or Jane Yerty with any questions.



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