



# First Presbyterian Church

OF OKLAHOMA CITY

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The Service for the Lord's Day – November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent

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A special welcome to those visiting with us today!

We are grateful for your presence with us and hope you find this time of worship to be meaningful. For those of you worshipping with us in the Sanctuary this morning, masking is no longer required for those fully vaccinated against COVID-19. All other individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a mask while inside the building. Thank you for helping us all stay safe!

## We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Anne Krentz Organ

*Oh, Come, Oh, Come Emmanuel*

Linda Millier Bosteels, flute

WORDS OF WELCOME, CHURCH LIFE

KEMP CONCERT SERIES

Warren Puffer Jones

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

CHIME

INTROIT

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Jacques Berthier

Sanctuary Singers

arr. Warren Puffer Jones

\*CALL TO WORSHIP - LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *Isaiah 2:4*

Richard Riggs

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. Advent means coming.

We are preparing ourselves for the days

**People: when the nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.**

**All: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

**Direct our attention, O God, above the turmoil of our times, beyond the distress of human greed. We look for signs that your realm is near, that your Word rules the world. Free us from the weight of heavy cares to bear your joyous truth into our relationships. Join us together in a spirit of thanksgiving and earnest praise as we worship you. Amen.**

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of promises and possibilities, we admit that we color the world according to our own limited vision. We are often unjust in our judgments and faithless in our relationships. We are haunted by sins we have not confessed. Hear us as we entrust them to your forgiving care. Help us to let go of our transgressions, to renew our covenant with you, and to live constructively with one another. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, whose coming among us we await with great expectation. (silent confession)**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

To this peace we are called as members of a single body.

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(During the Passing of the Peace, if you would prefer to maintain social distancing, please hold your hand to your chest and greet others with a nod or a smile.*

*Hand sanitizing wipes are available at the doors.)*

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 582

*Gloria Patri*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***To God the Father, God the Son, And Holy Spirit Three in one.***

***May every tongue and nation raise An endless song of thankful praise. Amen.***

## **We Proclaim God's Word**

DISCOVERY TIME

Sean Smith

THE 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.**

## O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?  
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;  
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!  
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.  
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,  
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace  
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.  
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.  
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.

SOLO

*Even So, Come*

Chris Tomlin, Jess Cates,

Noah Morgan, tenor

and Jason Ingram

*All of creation, all of the earth make straight a highway, a path for the Lord; Jesus is coming soon. Call back the sinner, wake up the saint, let every nation shout of your fame; Jesus is coming soon. Like a bride waiting for her groom, we'll be a church ready for you. Every heart longing for our King, we sing: Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come. There will be justice, all will be new, your name forever faithful and true; Jesus is coming soon. So we wait for You. God, we wait: You're coming soon.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (pg. 738)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*I Shall Know Him When He Comes*

Douglas E. Wagner

Sanctuary Singers

Charlotte Lee

*I shall know Him when He comes, not with sound of pipe or drum, but by the holy harmony which now His coming makes in me. He shall wear no royal robe, or a crown of precious gold, but He my Lord, my King shall be always, ever there for me. He shall not in castle warm live in splendor, safe from harm. But in a manger crude He'll sleep, warmed by the breath of cows and sheep. Come, Lord Jesus, tarry not. Find in me a resting spot. My heart is open, come dwell within. Let life be born in me again. By the holy harmony which His coming makes in me, I shall know Him when He comes.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:25-36 (pg. 85)

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Redemption is Drawing Near*

Rev. John McKinnon

## **We Respond to God's Word**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
The forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*CAROL 88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

VENI EMMANUEL

(Stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 7)

## 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
 and open wide our heavenly home;  
 make safe the way that leads on high,  
 and close the path to misery.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.
- 6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
 our spirits by thine advent here;  
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 and death's dark shadows put to flight.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

- 7 O come, Desire of nations, bind  
 all peoples in one heart and mind;  
 bid envy, strife, and discord cease;  
 fill the whole world with heaven's peace.  
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
 shall come to thee, O Israel.

One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE

*Advent Amen*  
Sanctuary Singers

STILL, STILL, STILL

## OFFERING

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*  
Linda Millier Bosteels, flute

Anne Krentz Organ

\*PRESENTATION HYMN

*Doxology*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;***

***Praise God all creatures here below;***

***Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## We Go in God's Name

\*CAROL 129

*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

ES IST EIN' ROS'

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*

Paul Manz

Due to the recent Session meeting approval, the Deacons are delighted to host you again in the Reception Room beginning at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Please come to church early or stop by after Sunday School classes for some refreshments and fellowship! We look forward to seeing you again.

## Today

### Sunday School | 9:30 a.m.

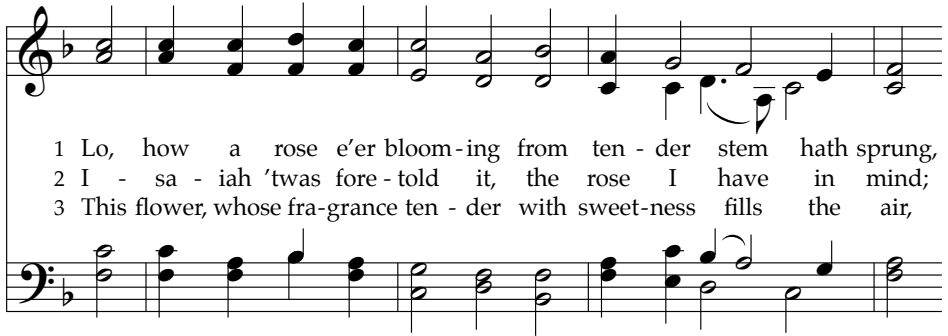
- **Builders Class | Room B-8 (in-person)**
- **Pastor's Class | Room B-10 (in-person)**
- **Evergreen Class | Room B-14**
- **New Beginnings Class | Fireside Room (in-person & Zoom)**
  - **Meeting ID: 817 3543 3278 | Passcode: 531483**
- **Children's Sunday School | Room 213 (in-person)**

### Sanctuary Worship | 11:00 a.m.

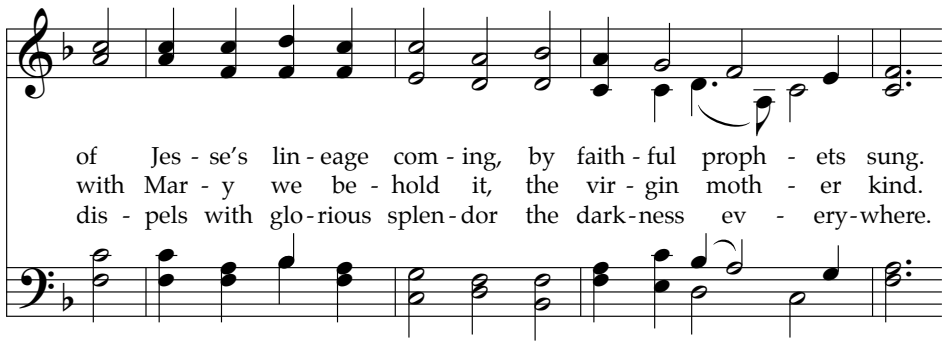
### ADVENTure | 4:00 p.m.

You are invited to step back in time to a *Night in Bethlehem!* Families can visit the carpenter's hut, baker's kitchen, painter's area and more. Advent wreath materials will be available for adults to create advent wreaths for their homes. A soup dinner will be served after the activities are finished. Please bring a plate of cookies to share with the group. Celebrate the first Sunday in Advent with your church family and get the Christmas season off to a great start!

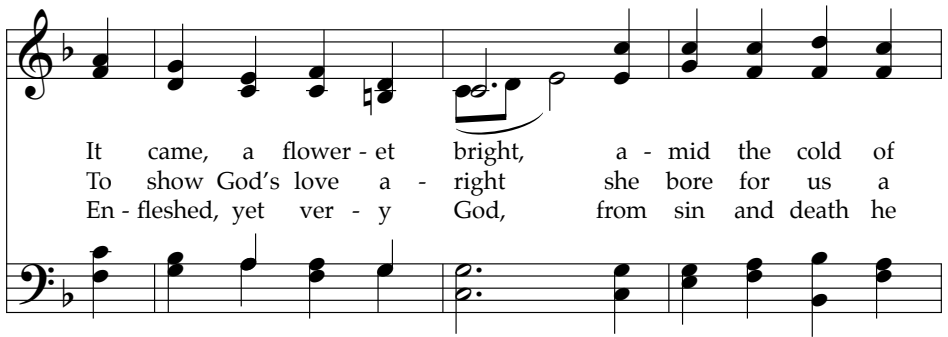
## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming 129



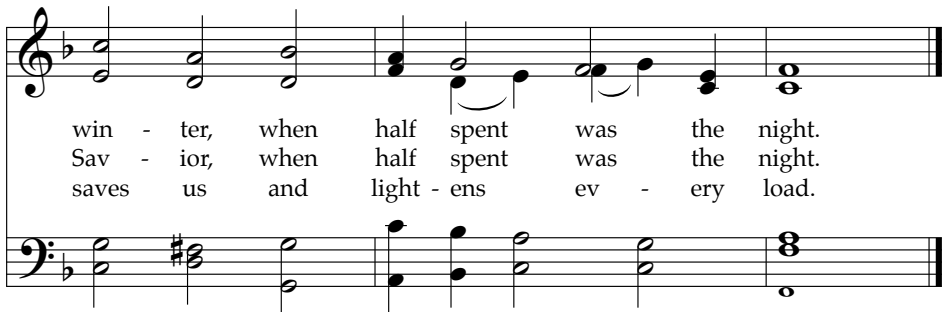
1 Lo, how a rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung,  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the rose I have in mind;  
 3 This flower, whose fra-grance ten - der with sweet-ness fills the air,



of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing, by faith - ful proph - ets sung,  
 with Mar - y we be - hold it, the vir - gin moth - er kind.  
 dis - pels with glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where.



It came, a flower - et bright, a - mid the cold of  
 To show God's love a - right she bore for us a  
 En - fleshed, yet ver - y God, from sin and death he



win - ter, when half spent was the night.  
 Sav - ior, when half spent was the night.  
 saves us and light - ens ev - ery load.

Although the early copies of this 15th-century German text include many more stanzas than are printed here, this simpler, shorter form has much to commend it. This early 17th-century harmonization of the traditional chorale melody invites and rewards singing in parts.

## Upcoming Events

### **KirkNight To-go — Wednesday, December 1 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.**

**Menu:** Chicken Pot Pie, Salad and Pecan Tassies

**Family Meal for 4-6:** \$20 | Dessert \$5.00 | **Meal for 2:** \$10 | Dessert \$2.50

This week's KirkNight To-go meal is perfect for this colder weather! **Order by 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday at the latest.** To order, call, text or email Jenn Snow at 405-408-3608 or [jenn@junebugcatering.com](mailto:jenn@junebugcatering.com). Meals will be available for pick-up from 4:30-5:30 p.m. by the ramp behind the kitchen.

### **Free Yoga Class — Wednesday, December 1 | 6:30 p.m.**

Do you need some stress relief this holiday season? Join us for some relaxing, stress-melting yoga! Yoga will meet for the first three weeks in December.

### **Christmas Food Boxes**

#### **Friday, December 3 and Saturday, December 4 | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Volunteer to help out with Christmas Food Boxes at The Urban Mission!

- On Friday, December 3, volunteers are needed to set up the assembly line and put together boxes.
- On Saturday, December 4, volunteers are needed to pack 260 food boxes and hygiene bags.

**Contact Jim Tack ([jtack@robertsonwilliams.com](mailto:jtack@robertsonwilliams.com)) to RSVP or for more information!**

### **Presbyterian Women**

#### **PW Cookie Fundraiser**

Looking for a fun holiday gift? Look no further than this year's PW Cookie Fundraiser. PW will be selling cookie mixes at ADVENTure for \$10 per jar. They even come with a gift tag attached!

Mixes will also be for sale on Sundays while supplies last. Stop by and grab a gift while supporting Presbyterian Women and all the work that they do.

#### **Christmas Tea — Sunday, December 5 | After 11:00 a.m. Service**

PW is having tea for their holiday get together! Join us in the Parlor after Sunday worship for tea, cookies and quiche. In order to protect our most vulnerable, and because food and drink will be served, we ask that everyone in attendance be vaccinated.

#### **Priscilla Circle — Tuesday, December 14 | 10:00 a.m.**

In the Reception Room.

#### **Phoebe Circle — Tuesday, December 14 | 1:30 p.m.**

At Mary Ann Doolen House.



## **Service of Healing and Wholeness — Saturday, December 18 | 4:00 p.m.**

The holidays are certainly a joyful time. It can also be a difficult time for many because of past life events, memories, or even present circumstances. We invite you to a Service of Healing and Wholeness. This service is designed to provide worshippers with a space to pray and reflect on the needs in their lives, whether they are seeking healing and wholeness for themselves, a loved one or the world.

## **Kemp Concert Series**

### **Tactus: Christmas Mysteries — Sunday, December 19 | 7:00 p.m.**

(Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Pre-concert talk starts at 6:30 p.m.)

Join us as Oklahoma City's professional chamber orchestra and vocal ensemble present a concert of Advent and Christmas music favorites, old and new! Free Admission—donations encouraged.

For more information, visit [www.kempconcerts.org](http://www.kempconcerts.org).

## **Christmas Eve Services**

In order to livestream, both Christmas Eve services will be held in the Sanctuary.

### **Young and Young at Heart Service — Friday, December 24 | 4:00 p.m.**

Worship will include the Treble Choir, handbells and some of your favorite carols!

### **Service of Lessons and Carols — Friday, December 24 | 10:30 p.m.**

(The prelude begins at 10:00 p.m.) This service will feature classical guitar as well as the Sanctuary Singers performing favorite anthems and carols.