

Worship November 27, 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Prelude

Lighting the Advent Wreath

—based on Isaiah 40:3, NRSV

We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

**In the wilderness prepare the way of our Lord,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.**

Sung Response

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Hymn #9 vs. 1

***O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

Welcome and Announcements

Morning Prayer

\*Hymn 2

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God,  
always with us, always coming:  
We confess that we do not know  
how to prepare for your Advent.  
We have forgotten how to hope in miracles;  
we have ignored the promise of your kingdom;  
we get distracted by all the busyness of this season.**

**Forgive us, O God.  
Now, in the quiet of our hearts,  
we ask you to make us ready for Christ's coming.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Coming to Christ as a Child

Rob Cochran

Prayer for Illumination

Liturgist: Ken Gries

**Gracious God, your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping  
revelations and in tiny signs of hope. Open our hearts, to your Word and to your  
Work. Keep us from growing weary of waiting so that we do not miss the glory of  
your appearing. Even so, come quickly, O God. Amen.**

Isaiah 2:1-5

\*Song *Here I Am To Worship* #3266032

Matthew 24:36-44

Meditation *Glimpsing the Miracle* Pastor Robin

\*Hymn 5 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

\*Advent Litany Liturgist: Ken Gries

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,  
pervading and permeating all creation,  
you order all things with strength and gentleness:  
**Come now and teach us the way to salvation.  
Come, Lord Jesus.**

O Ruler of the nations,  
Monarch for whom the people long,  
You are the Cornerstone uniting all humanity:  
**Come, save us all, whom you formed out of clay.  
Come, Lord Jesus.**

\*Sung Response *While We Are Waiting Come* (from 'Glory to God')  
*While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.  
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.*

Presenting Our Offerings Liturgist: Ken Gries

Prayer of Dedication

**God of wonder, we offer you these humble gifts, signs of your goodness and mercy.  
Receive them with our gratitude, that through us all people may know  
the riches of your love in the Word-made-flesh. Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Keep Your Lamps* John Leavitt

Prayers of the People and 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.**

\*Song *Soon and Very Soon* #11249

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Song for Going Forth