

1st Sunday of Advent

LIGHTING OF THE 1ST ADVENT CANDLE- HOPE -Owens Family

PRELUDE Advent Pastoral Southbridge

THE CALL TO WORSHIP -Lauren Owens

Leader: And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

People: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all people.

*OPENING HYMN Come Thou Long Expected Jesus #1

CALL TO CONFESSION -Pastor Steve

Because it is so hard to wait, it is not easy to live through Advent's days. But watch what God does during this time. God waits for us to turn from our old ways to find the right paths; God waits for us to admit what we have done, and failed to do, so we might be forgiven and graced with new life. Let us approach the One who waits - for us!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you promised to do great things for us, yet we do not trust you. You extend your mercy to us, yet we do not trust you. You lift up the humble, you fill the hungry with good things, and yet we still do not trust you. Forgive us and help us to trust in the promises you have given us. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

~ posted on Waiting for Water: Liturgy for The Easter Journey 2013

ASSURANCE OF PARDON -Pastor Steve

May the God of peace sanctify you completely. And may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful. It is the Lord who will do this. Believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

ANTHEM Emmanuel Is Coming! Price/Besig

FIRST LESSON *Psalm 46* -Lauren Owens

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

SONG Be Still And Know I Am God

GOSPEL READING Luke 23:32-43

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON *The King of Glory Comes* -Pastor Steve

HYMN O Come, O Come Emmanuel #9

RESPONSE TO THE SERMON

Recognition and Enrollment of our Confirmation Candidates
OFFERING

Offertory Savior of the Nations, Come! Jarrell

*Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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

PRAYERS AND JOYS OF THE PEOPLE

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN O Lord, How Shall I Meet You? #11

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Hark the Glad Sound Ritter

Our liturgist for today is **Lauren Owens**.
Our Organist is **Patricia Hoover**
Our Preacher is **Steve Nofel**



Granite Presbyterian Church

We Gather Together

No. 55

November 27, 2022

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO ALL

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Tuesday Nov, 29 Bible study at 7pm in the fellowship hall

Sunday Dec, 4th Deacons meeting after Worship

Wednesday Dec, 7th Session meeting at 7pm Parish House

Sunday Dec, 11th Sunday school at 8:45am at Parish House
Worship Committee following Worship

Tuesday Dec, 13th Bible study at 7pm in the fellowship hall

Friday Dec, 15th LIVE NATIVITY

Christmas Eve Worship at 4pm

No Worship Dec, 25th

THANK YOU, FRANK OWENS, for providing us with a bulletin since COVID! We are so indebted to you!

Today is the first time our Administrative Assistant Amanda Garber and I are "doing" the bulletin. We ask for your patience and help. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to share them.

- Pastor Steve Nofel, 402-202-2381,