MEMORIAL
Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Jesus'
All-Encompassing
Hospitality

November 27, 2022 11:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Session recommends that while on the MPC campus people follow the latest CDC guidelines for COVID-19. Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship. Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude on "Sleepers, Awake" (WACHET AUF) J. S. Bach

INTROIT Still, Still, Still
Handbell Choir

GREETING *(responsive)*
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsive)* Romans 13:11-14, adapted
Now is the moment for us to wake from sleep.
Our salvation is nearer to us now than ever before.
The night is far gone.
The day is near.
Let us put on the armor of light and live honorably.

*HYMN NO. 82 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL
(words & music on next page)

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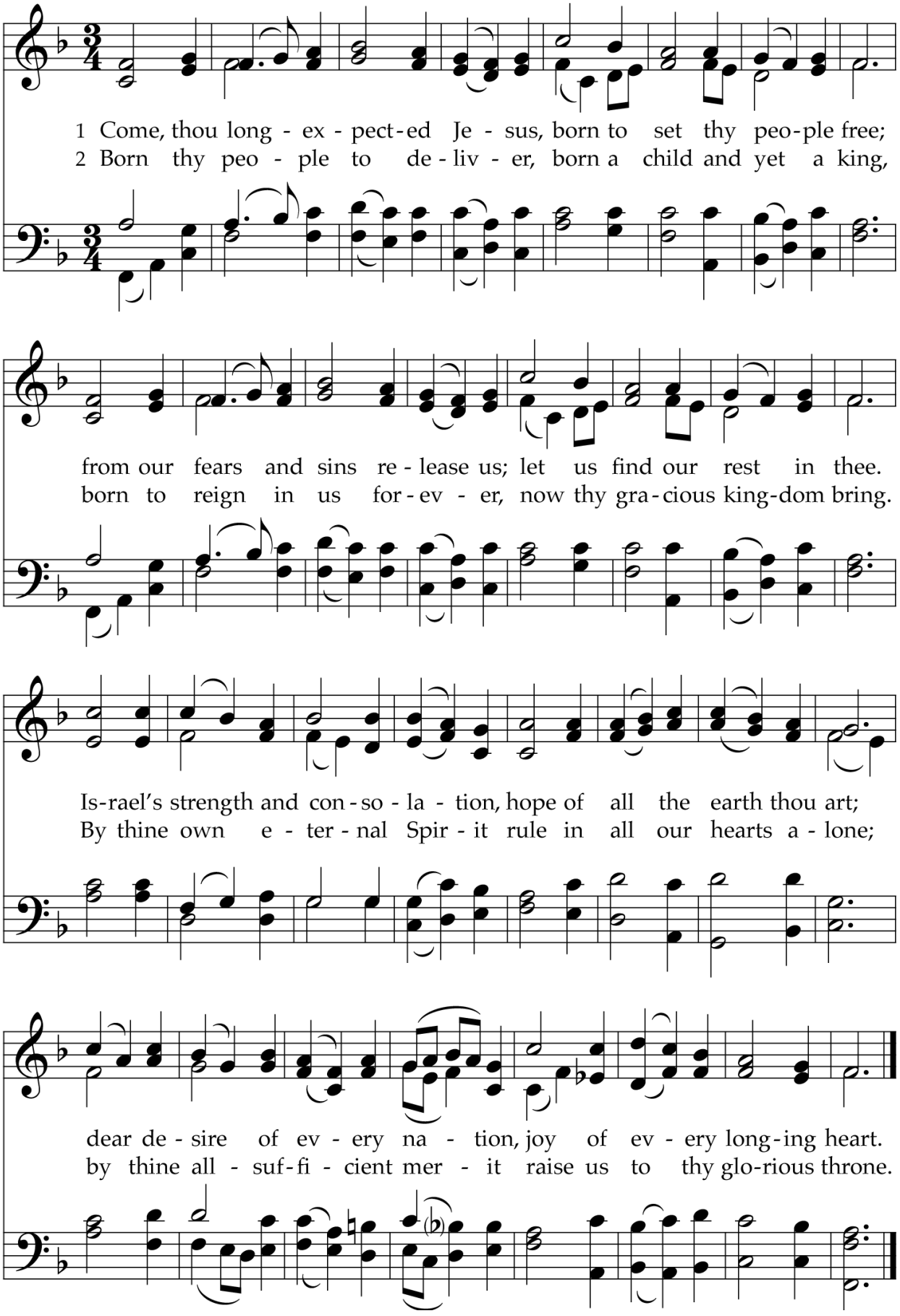

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *(responsive)*
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(unison)* VENI EMMANUEL

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT
The children of the church gather at the baptismal font

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

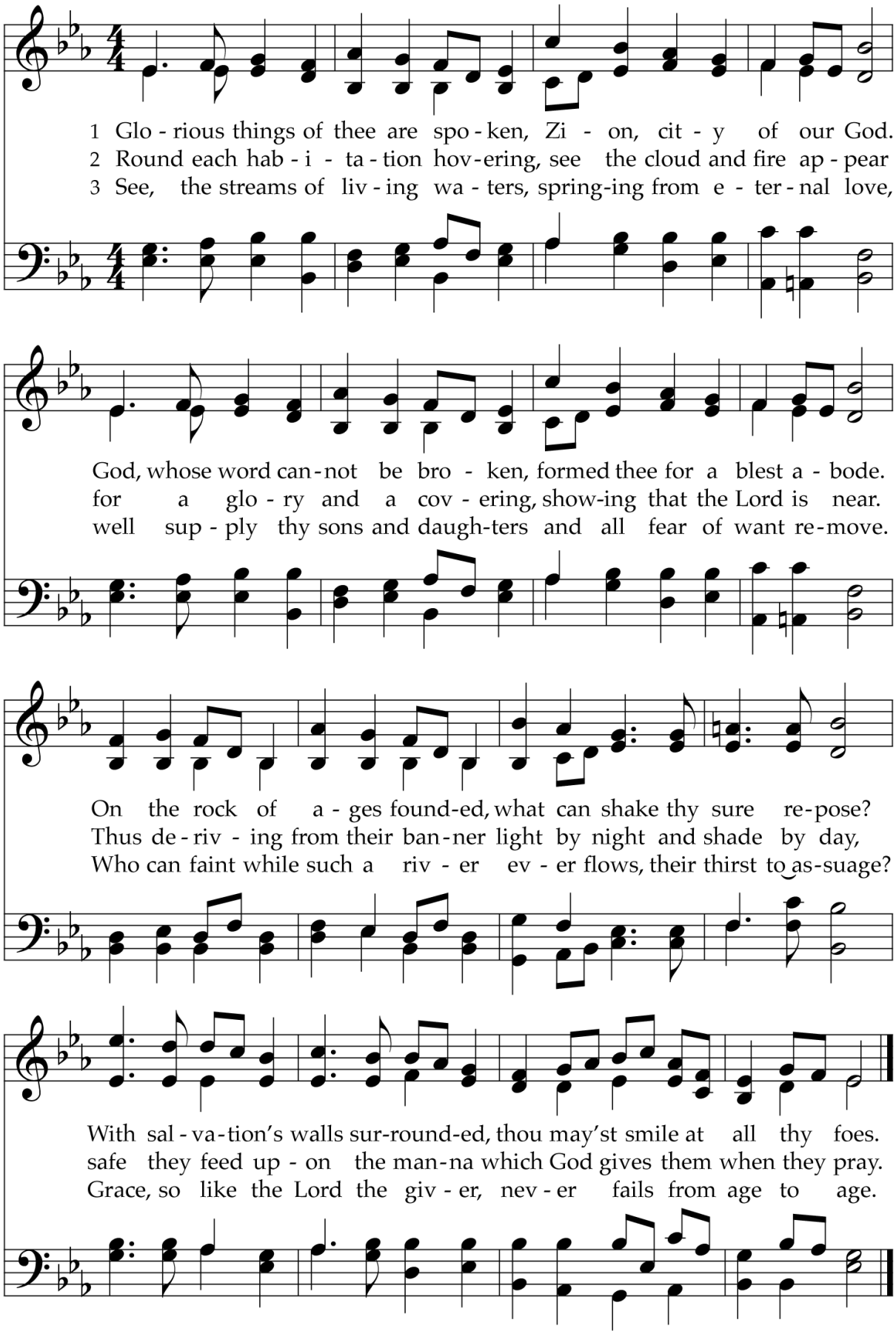
FIRST LESSON Isaiah 2:1-5 O.T. pg. 591
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 24:36-44 N.T. pg. 24
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON "Isaiah Said it Best" Dr. Camp

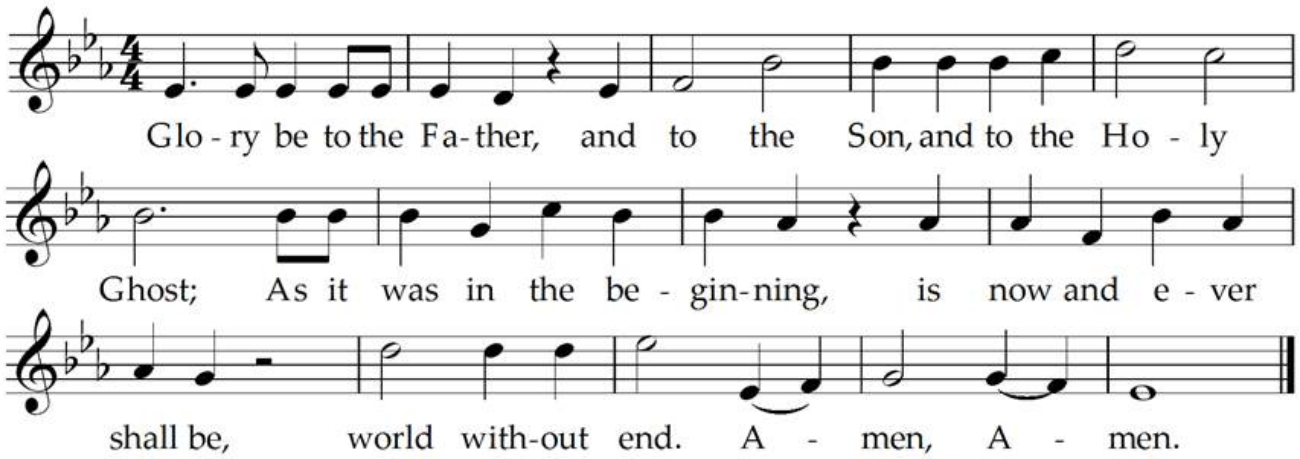
Silent meditation on sermon

*HYMN NO. 81 "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN
(words & music on next page)

81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(unison)* PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith, Excerpt

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI



*THE PEACE *(responsive)*

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(unison)*

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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Please use this time to reflect on how we might offer ourselves, and our resources, to God

Four ways to give: Please drop a check in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Keep Your Lamps! Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children, don't get weary, Children, don't get weary,
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian, journey soon be over, Christian, journey soon be over,
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.
Keep your lamps trimmed and burning…

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
(some substitute "God" for "Him")

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(responsive)*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We praise You, God, for You are the Ruler of the universe and You sent Christ as Your incarnation. We celebrate His victorious love made known to us in His life, death, resurrection, and ascension. By Your Spirit, establish Christ's rule in our church and in every heart.
Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 526 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" LINSTEAD
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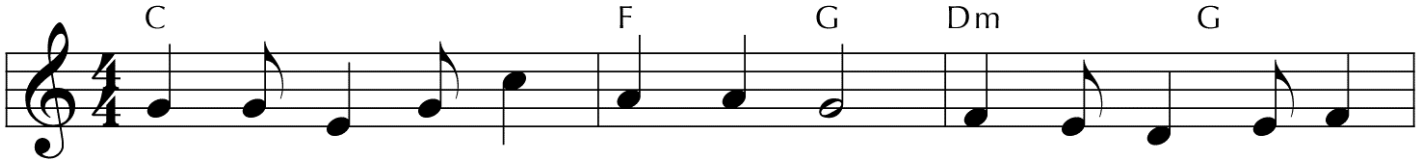
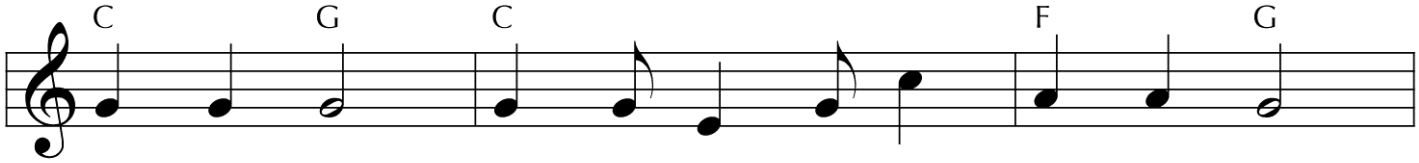
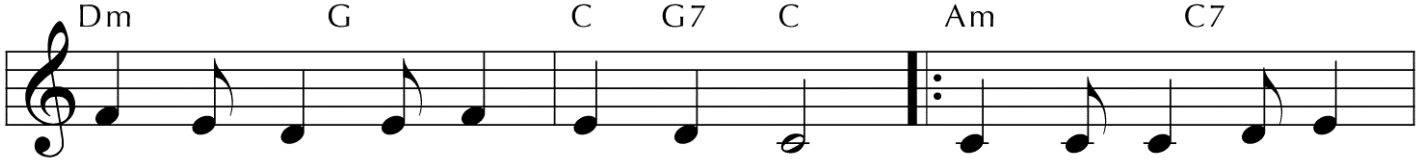
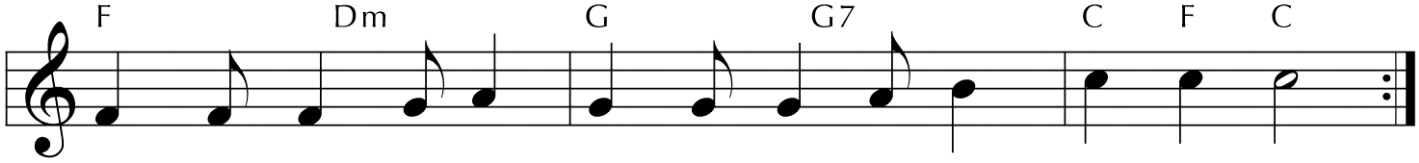
526 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one; at the ta - ble he
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy: bread is bro - ken; the wine is poured;
sets the tone, teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Refrain



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
love in word and in deed ex - press. Je - sus lives a - gain;
God (Im - man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

earth can breathe a - gain; pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus William Havergal

*POSTLUDE Postlude on WACHET AUF Paul Manz

**Please stand as you are able*

Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave activity bags in the pews at the conclusion of the service

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT
Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT
Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff: Greeting, Call to Worship, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Susan Rose, Parish Associate: First Lesson, Affirmation of Faith, The Peace, Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Ray McDonald: Director of Music and Organist

Advent Candle Lighters: Rachale, Andrew and Mason Van Wicklen

Children's Moment: Powell Millard

Lector: Linda Yerrill

A special thank you to the Handbell Choir for their beautiful music at today's service.

MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES
November 27, 2022
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School: "Advent and Christmas"

- Preschool: Room 204 with Lindsey Hailey and Stacey Scanlan
- K - 2nd: Room 224 with Beth & Tracy Upchurch
- 3rd - 4th: Room 209 with Judy Robb and Emma Mowrey

Youth Sunday School: No Sunday School

- 5th – 12th Grade combined in the youth loft for **Advent Bingo**!

Adult Sunday School:

- Dr. Proctor's Bible Study: **"The Gospel According to Mark"** in the **Chapel History Room**

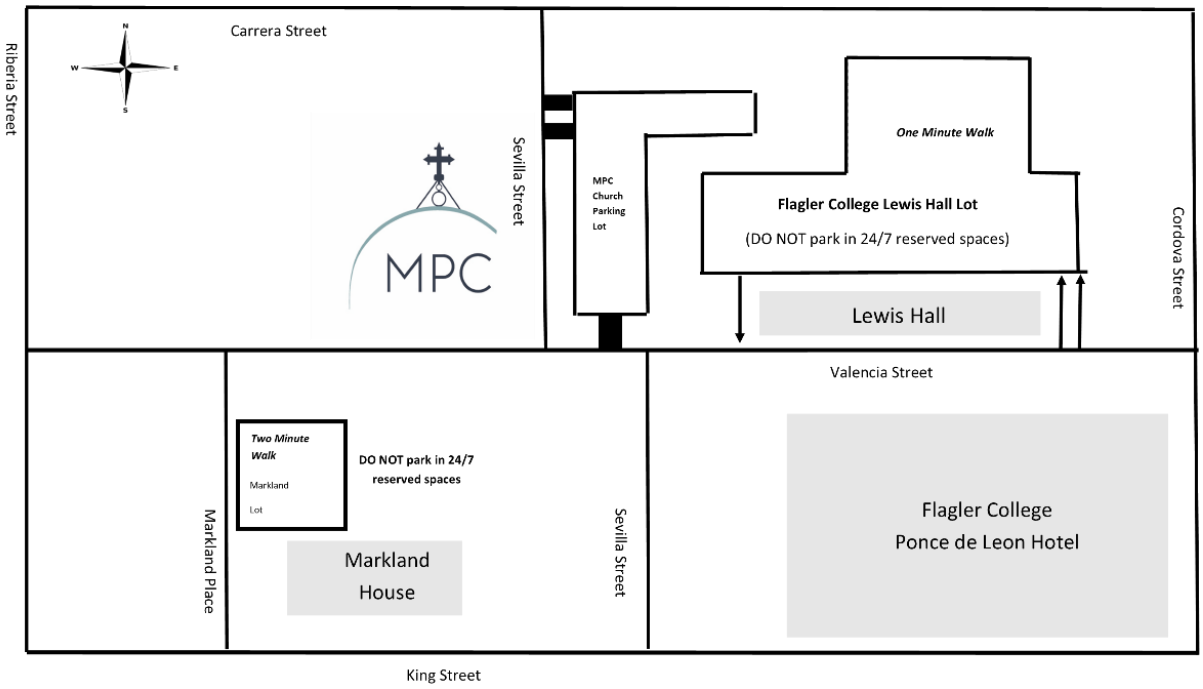
- APEX Young(ish) Adults: **"The Annunciation: God Has Heard Your Prayers"** with Anne Reid Broos in **Fellowship Hall**

- Spiritual Formation: **"Simply Wait, Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent"** led by Paula Hawkins. Linda Baba leading in **Fellowship Hall Parlor**

- Short-Term Studies: **"Eight Pillars of Joy"** in **Office Parlor** and via **Zoom** (hybrid format). Contact Carol Williams for link at clwms13@yahoo.com

- Christian Meditation: **"Meditation and Contemplative Prayer"** in **Room 215** and via **Zoom** (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for link at marccraddock@mac.com

MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:
In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis Hall parking lots and Markland House lot. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances; the Markland House lot is accessed via Markland Place. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings during normal worship times.



MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 11-27-22

Condolences: It is with a heavy heart and in the hope of God's promises that we share that Anne Heffner and Jim Griffith both joined the saints eternal on November 22, 2022. Thank you for your prayers for Anne's and Jim's families and their many colleagues and friends. Memorial service information is pending. Jesus said, "Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." – John 14:27

Flowers: The flowers in the chancel this morning are given by Paul Kehler to the glory of God and in loving memory of his wife Linda A. Kehler.

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, November 27 – December 3: Alexander Adams, Deb Ashbridge, Janet Blees, Libby Chauncey, Chris Fox, Vickie Gard, Dave Landry, Sue Lane, Tommy Masters, Devi Mercer, Mike Nimitz, Carole Pickens, Jim Reffel, Thomas Rivers II, Thomas Rivers III, Madeline Sefcik, Liz Stevenson, Amber Zabriskie

FEAST Wednesday Night Dinner and Program: Come to the church for dinner at **5:15** p.m. and programs (Children's Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Program) at **6:00** p.m. It's a great opportunity to get to know your church family with a shared meal. The Nursery is available as well.

This Wednesday, November 30th:

- **Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.** Shake off the turkey leftovers with a **Pork BBQ Night** and **Chick-Fil-A Chicken Nuggets** for the kids meal. Cost is $7.00/Adult and $3.00/Child. Payable by cash, check or credit card.

- **Grab 'N Go Meals:** If you would like a Grab 'N Go meal, please text your order to Chef Cheryl at 240-285-3731 by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday to pre-order. Pay at the front door of Fellowship Hall and pick up at the side door by the columbarium on Wednesday between 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

- **Adult: "Some Interesting Tidbits From Biblical Law: She Will Spit in His Face and Say…"** with Dr. Buzz Brookman – Chapel

- **Youth: Lounge in the Loft** – 3rd Floor

- **Children's Choir: Rehearsals** – Rooms 215 and 224

MPC Gingerbread House Fellowship Event: Wednesday, December 14th, at 6:00 p.m. Following FEAST dinner at 5:15 p.m., folks are invited to decorate gingerbread houses lovingly made by Ms. Judy Robb. Bring candy to decorate your creation (homemade icing will be provided). Houses must be reserved in advance. To reserve your house, email Dorothy Dornblaser at sunrisespv@gmail.com or use a signup sheet available on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall. Houses are only available for those participating in the fellowship event (not for takeaway). There is no fee but donations are appreciated to cover the costs. Many thanks to Judy and Dorothy!

Poinsettias: We have our poinsettias for sale again this year! You may order a poinsettia in honor of or in memory of a loved one for $12 each. Your name and your special someone will be listed in a separate flyer at the December 18th service. They will remain in the sanctuary for all to enjoy until after Christmas Eve services. Deadline for orders is December 4th. Please visit this link to order: https://bit.ly/PoinsettiasDec2022 or call/email Sue Kamerzel (904-829-6451, skamerzel@memorialpcusa.org)

Have you wondered who the Deacons of Memorial Presbyterian are? Join us on Sunday, December 4th to "Meet the Deacons" from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Stop by and say hello, before heading to Sunday School, home or 11:00 a.m. worship!

DatilHelp: *Homemade* Datil pepper sauce. "DatilHelp" pepper sauce will be available on December 4th and December 11th after both services in Fellowship Hall. Donations of $5 or $10 would be greatly appreciated and all proceeds go to benefit Betty Griffin Center. Enjoy the sauce or grab some to give as a great Christmas gift. This is a limited run – gone when they are gone! Get some while you can! "And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" - Matthew 25:40

Food Bank Collection: We are collecting for the Food Bank next Sunday, December 4th. The first Sunday of each month, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., there will be a donation box in Fellowship Hall for your gifts of healthy non-perishable food, personal hygiene and home cleaning products for the Homeless Coalition. *Be part of the solution!* Direct questions or request a flyer with more guidance regarding desired and acceptable donation items via email to clerk@memorialpcusa.org.

Caregiver Support Group: MPC Caregiving Support Group will meet Thursday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m. in room 218 of Fellowship Hall. Caregivers will find confidential support, solidarity, and hope in a lay-led time for sharing stories, laughs, and tears. You are not alone.

MPC Christmas Luncheon: Join us for a Christmas luncheon on Thursday, December 15th at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, $5 per person. Enjoy a delicious Chef Cheryl meal, the fellowship of friends, and a presentation by Jay Smith about a Christmas kerfuffle surrounding decorating the church for the Advent season. **Register here: bit.ly/ChristmasLuncheonJaySmith2022** or email Rev. Dr. Susan Rose for more information, srose@memorialpcusa.org**.**

Dine with Nine: A rotational dinner program. Let's share a meal, meet new people and grow in God's love. This is a simple gathering with nine (or so) people, some couples and some singles, some new to the church and some life-long members, some older and some younger. Each group determines when, how, and where monthly dinners will take place. Four dinners will be held, one each month, starting in January and ending in April. Why not **s**tep out of your comfort zone for an opportunity to make lasting friendships? We will grow deeper in our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ and with God. Sign up here https://bit.ly/DineWithNineWinterSpring2023 or contact Linda Allen-Hawkins, lhawkins123@hotmail, (804) 241-1531; or Judy A. Thomas, judyaathomas@gmail.com, (770) 906-7619 for more details. When registering on-line, please double check the contact information we have for you and make sure it's up to date. Groups are forming now. Registration ends on December 5, 2022. We hope you will join us!

Advent Devotionals: There are Advent Devotional booklets available at the exits for any families who would like to take one home.

Stewardship 2023 Update: Thanks to God's grace and the generosity of our members and friends, we are making excellent progress toward our budget goal of $1.2 million for 2023. We will finalize the budget based on pledges received by December 11, so greatly appreciate your prayerful consideration of making your commitment for 2023 by that deadline. Pledges can be made by turning a paper pledge card into the offering plate or the church office; extra pledge cards are available at each entrance to the sanctuary as well as in the church office. Also for the first time, pledges can now be made online by clicking the "Pledge Now" button at https://memorialpcusa.org/give/. Many thanks to each of you for your faithful financial support of our thriving church!

Just Coffee: A Christmas Gift for the Coffee Drinker who has everything! One thing you can be sure of, coffee drinkers always need coffee. What better gift than one that gives and gives like shade grown, organic Just Coffee that helps Mexican coffee growers do what they love, grow coffee for you and your loved ones. It also pays them a fair price for their coffee which has led to many former undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. to return home.

1. A pound or two of our coffee varieties all at a price of $13.00 per pound.
2. Two pounds of coffee and the book Just Coffee: Caffeine with a conscience which tells the phenomenal story of Just Coffee for $30.00 (saves $10)
3. Two pounds of coffee, the books: Just Coffee: Caffeine with a conscience and Presbyterians on the Frontier by Dr. Parrish Jones which tells the story of the PCUSA mission—Presbyterian Border Ministry which is now celebrating its 40th year for $40.00 (saves $16)
4. Both books for $25.00 (saves $7.00)

Presbyterian Day School Weekly Update: At Memorial PDS we are excited about Advent and are looking forward to all the fun Christmas activities coming up! We have Happy Birthday Jesus parties this month and will sing for our families and any interested church members on December 16th at 10:45 a.m.

Confirmation Class: Registration for our 2023 confirmation class is open. Please visit www.memorialpcusa.org/ministries/youth to register. For more information email Rachael at rmcneal@memorialpcusa.org.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING? **You are not alone.** *Call the church office 904-829-6451 and make an appointment with one of our pastors.*

Gentle Yoga: Please join us for yoga! We meet on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. (weather permitting – not raining.) For more information or to register, please contact Rev. Amy Camp at acamp@memorialpcuas.org.

Need Prayer? Prayer Request Cards are back in the pews and you can place the prayer card in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services or you can email amycamp@memorialpcusa.org for private prayer or krissings@yahoo.com for MPC's public prayer chain.

Al-Anon at MPC: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:

Bayview: Bill Bacon
The Ponce: John "Jack" Schwieger
The Legacy, Lincoln, NE: Joyce Walter
Riverside Cottages: Bette Upchurch, Neal Smith, Helen Masters
Silver Creek: Howard Kenney
Symphony Memory Care: Mattie Hart, Dick Morgan
Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN: Sue Holder

Recovering at Home:

Gil and Deb Ashbridge, Lou Brotherton, Vickie Gard, Janet Giordano, Jim Griffith, Betsy Haynes, Daisy Holt, Bob Smith and Karen Harvey

Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:

Private 1st Class Jackson Arthur Sharpe serving at Ft. Hood, TX

Christmas Eve Services

3:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols with Candlelight, childcare will be offered
5:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols with Candlelight, service will be livestreamed
7:00 p.m. Traditional Communion Service with Candlelight

CHURCH CALENDAR		
Sun. 11-27-22	8:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Service Sunday School Ukirk College Coffee Chat - FH Worship Service Seekers Group Study – Zoom
Mon. 11-28-22	6:45 pm	Session Meeting – FH and Zoom
Tues. 11-29-22	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Al-Anon - Room 205 SACC Rehearsal – FH
Wed. 11-30-22	10:00 am 11:15 am 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:15 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Gentle Outdoor Yoga Gentle Outdoor Yoga Ukirk College Ministry – FH Parlor Grab 'N Go Meal Pickup Feast Dinner - FH Feast Programs Youth Decorate for Christmas – St. Francis House Adult Choir Rehearsal – FH Choir Room 213
Thurs. 12-1-22	8:30 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Sew & Sow/Days for Girls – FH Stewardship Meeting – FH Parlor Handbell Choir Practice – Room 211
Fri. 12-2-22	10:00 am 11 – 3:30 pm	Investment Committee Meeting – Chapel History Room Sanctuary Open for Tours
Sat. 12-3-22	9:00 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205

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DRAW IT

The prophet Isaiah describes the Lord's mountain, saying all kinds of people will go up the mountain to learn about the Lord and the Lord's ways. Isaiah says it will be a place of peace, where swords and spears - tools normally used to fight people - are turned into farming tools - what we use to nurture and harvest the earth. **What do you imagine this mountain looks like? What do the people climbing the mountain say to each other while they walk?**

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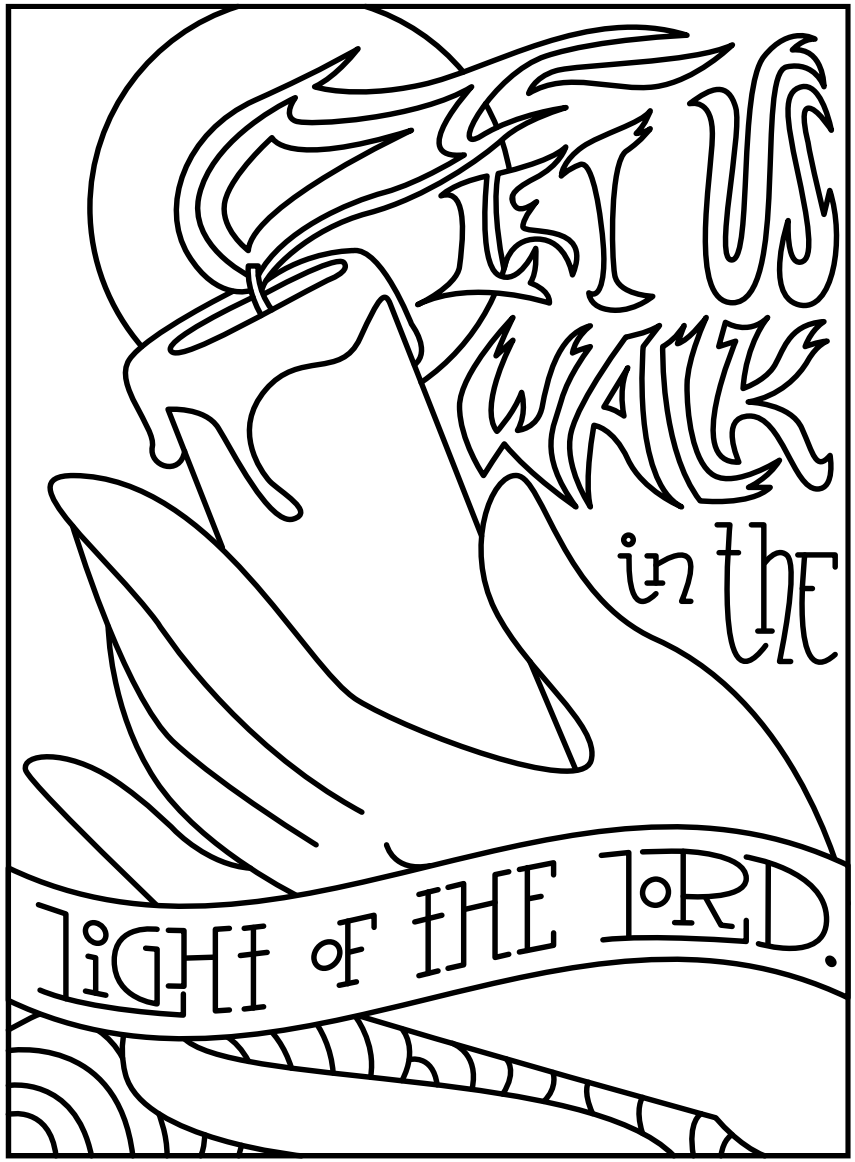
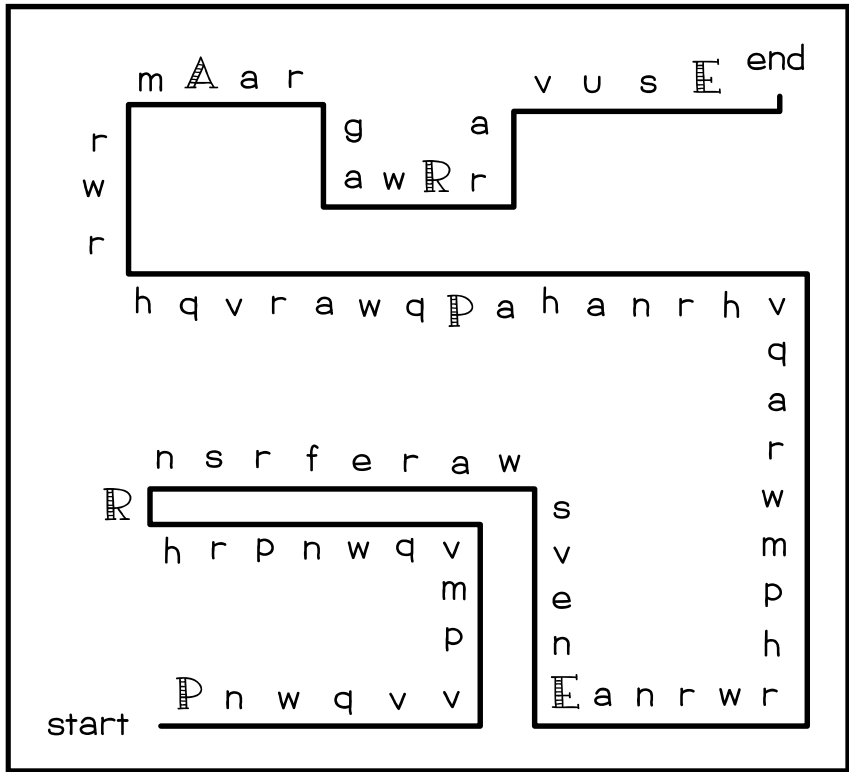
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Matthew 24:36-44, Psalm 122 and Isaiah 2:1-5.



FOLLOW the PATH

What does Jesus tell people to do in his teaching from Matthew 24 about the end of time? **Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see what message is spelled out below.**



WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 122 in the word search below. Words may go up OR down and forward OR backward.

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CITY	JUSTICE	REJOICE
DAVID	LOVE	THANKS
FRIENDS	PEACE	THRONE
GATES	PILGRIMAGE	TRIBES
HOUSE	PRAY	UNITY
JERUSALEM	PSALM	WALLS