



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Welcome to Worship

NOVEMBER 29, 2020  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

† **Gathering Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

† **Call to Worship** (Isaiah 12:2,4-6)

Pastor: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

**People: The Lord, the Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

**People: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

**Unison: Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.**

† **Hymn: Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne**

† **Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

**Lighting the First Advent Candle**

The Candle of Prophecy  
Sue Work

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Kelly Rende)

### Isaiah 64:1-9 Responsive

<sup>1</sup>Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!

<sup>2</sup>**As when fire sets twigs ablaze  
and causes water to boil,  
come down to make your name known to your enemies  
and cause the nations to quake before you!**

<sup>3</sup>For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

<sup>4</sup>**Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.**

<sup>5</sup>You come to the help of those who gladly do right,  
who remember your ways.  
But when we continued to sin against them,  
you were angry.  
How then can we be saved?

<sup>6</sup>**All of us have become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;  
we all shrivel up like a leaf,  
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.**

<sup>7</sup>No one calls on your name  
or strives to lay hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us  
and have given us over to our sins.

<sup>8</sup>**Yet you, LORD, are our Father.  
We are the clay, you are the potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD:  
do not remember our sins forever.

**Oh, look on us, we pray,  
for we are all your people.**

## Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Responsive

<sup>1</sup> Hear us, Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock.  
You who sit enthroned between the cherubim,  
shine forth <sup>2</sup>before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Awaken your might;  
come and save us.

<sup>3</sup>**Restore us, O God;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.**

<sup>4</sup>How long, LORD God Almighty,  
will your anger smolder  
against the prayers of your people?

<sup>5</sup>**You have fed them with the bread of tears;  
you have made them drink tears by the bowlful.**

<sup>6</sup>**You have made us an object of derision to our neighbors,  
and our enemies mock us.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.

<sup>17</sup>**Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,  
the son of man you have raised up for yourself.**

<sup>18</sup>Then we will not turn away from you;  
revive us, and we will call on your name.

<sup>19</sup>**Restore us, LORD God Almighty;  
make your face shine on us,  
that we may be saved.**

This is the Word of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### † Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.



**things must happen, but the end is still to come.**

<sup>8</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

<sup>9</sup> **“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them.**

<sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. <sup>11</sup> Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

<sup>12</sup> **“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup> Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.**

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**Sermon: Where Can I Find Permanent Security?**

Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

**† Hymn: When the Sun**

**† Benediction**

**Welcome, Announcements and Prayers**

**Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor**

**Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music**

**To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome here among us. Please sign the guest book in the narthex and allow us to greet you. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.**

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**In Need of Prayer**

Pat Grad  
Priscilla Smith, Pat's sister (hospital)  
Dennis Dorman  
Bunny Rector  
Cindy Bemis  
Bruce Hartley, employment  
Kent's sister Lori  
George Donoian and family  
Gail Nastwold  
Jen Freese, lungs. Maya, and new service dog  
Sally Freese, shingles pain  
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes  
Don Rende's brother, Bob  
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
Bruce, friend of the Clay family  
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepaneks  
Linda Szczepanek and other family members  
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger  
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende  
Nancy, friend of Doaks  
Yvonne Ray, assisted living

April Barrett, surgery tentative Dec 2  
Carolyn Schmierer, assisted living  
CeCe, friend of Elaine Clay, lupus and cancer  
Jackie Whiting, mother-in-law of Donna  
Brenda's sister, healing from eye surgery  
Janet Young  
Marie Johnson, Linda & Ray Johnson's daughter  
Nicki, Donna's neighbor, new cancer  
Keely & Josh, daughter/son-in-law of Linda Johnson  
Julie, dear friend of Chernenkoffs  
Alberta Weaver, at home  
Reginia Higgs  
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki  
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin  
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector  
Randy, friend of Bodnars  
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young  
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski  
Kelly Rende's co-worker, new cancer  
Unbelieving children in our families  
Kelly Rende, Linda Szczepanek, grief  
Kristen, Clay family friend, for successful pregnancy

**Please also pray for people who are struggling over mental health issues, particularly brought on by the stresses of Covid-19, unemployment, etc.**

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**Audio Sermons** can be heard on the church website: <http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

**Monthly need: \$17,083.0**

**Giving to general fund last week: \$3,140**

**Giving to general fund in Nov: \$18,390**

**Giving to mortgage in Nov: \$520**

**Our Military:** Justin has returned stateside; Metzners' grandson Bryan; and relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq.

*Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.*

**Heidelberg Catechism:** What did God command us to pray for? **A.** Everything we need, spiritually and physically, as embraced in the prayer Christ the Lord himself taught us.

**Remember to pray for all our church members, some of whom are reluctant to come to our worship service. We miss them and pray that they will remain well.**



**Angel Tree**, a ministry of Prison Fellowship has a new procedure this year to accommodate the Covid-19 restrictions. It will be simple to participate, but you will need directions. If you need assistance, or you do not use a computer, please contact Cheri Boone.



Angel Tree is a worthwhile ministry to children whose parents are incarcerated. This gift of kindness given by you is tagged as coming from the parent and is a way to keep the families connected. The cost per child will be \$42.

**Sponsors (7) are still needed. Please contact Cheri for assistance. Deadline is December 5.**

Your Organization's URL: <https://vat.angeltreetool.org/c9a8d238-a084-43bb-8596-a38ab6e799ce>

Your Organization's Access Code: VCZX0

Procedure:

1. First copy Access Code number above
2. Go to the link that is listed above (URL). You should arrive at the Angel Tree Virtual system
3. Paste in the copied Access Code
4. The children will come up for you to view. Go through and pick a girl or boy at ages provided.
5. Click **choose** on your child, it will turn **green**. Siblings may or may not appear. You may choose one or all for the siblings for extra \$42.00. Tapping choose will unselect the child.
6. Then head to check out.
7. Enter your payment information. Once confirmed you will receive an e-mail receipt.

Please call if you have any problems.

Thank you for supporting Angel Tree.

**Today is the First Sunday of Advent.** Traditionally Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, our Savior. It is a good time to find some daily advent readings or begin to sing the carols of the first coming of Christ as a way to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Here is a suggested resource for daily readings:

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/751-good-news-of-great-joy> which you can read using Facebook, Google, or Apple. Requires sign-up, but it is free.