

first presbyterian church



ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent // The Tree of Jesse

November 27, 2022 // 10:00am

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

INTROIT

While We Are Waiting, Come

Don Cason

LIFE AT FIRST

Please take this time to sign the red Friendship Pad found on the pew near you.

RINGING THE BELL

PRELUDE

To a Wild Rose

Edward MacDowell

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

One: The first candle is the candle of Hope.

All: We are waiting for our hopes to be fulfilled.

Sing: For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits; truly our hope is in you. (x2)
#89 Refrain

One: Watch and wait for Christ's coming!

All: Rejoice, for the light is near.

One: Come, let us worship God.

***HYMN #82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#90 *Wait for the Lord*

One: God of Life, we long to find rest and comfort in you. Where else could we turn?

All: The world works to distract us, to lead us astray, but the ways of the world leave us empty.

One: Open our eyes and our ears to hear the good news of what truly makes us whole: Your grace and love and peace.

All: **Teach us to wait for you, and as we wait, may be prepared for the one who brings your grace and love and peace.**

#90 *Wait for the Lord*

PRAYER OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

An Advent Acclamation

Stacey Nordmeyer

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Soon and Very Soon

**Soon and very soon we are going to see the king (x3)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the king.**

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 11:1-10

SERMON

Christmas Stump

Rev. Paul Van Kempen

*HYMN #129

Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Some choose to begin this prayer, "Our Creator" or "Our Parent."

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

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

THE GIVING OF OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND LIVES

*OFFERTORY SONG #654 *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN #314 *Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Barbara Boertje

Worship Leaders: Rev. Paul Van Kempen, Rev. Linda Male, Chuck Norris, FPC Choir,
Dave Zessin, Beth Magennis, Olney Family.

Thanks to: Technical Support Team, Greeters and Ushers, Bus Drivers,
and M&M Café Providers



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Event Today // Following worship this morning an 'all-generation' gathering will take place for a time of preparation for Advent. The entire church is welcome to attend. *See you there!*

Outreach Speaker // Travis Steinhoff from [Lakeshore Habitat for Humanity](#) will be joining us at the Outreach Kiosk before and after the service today. Stop by and get an update on the latest news about Habitat's work and how you might help.

Decorate the M&M Cafe // Worship and Arts council is inviting members of the congregation with small or medium creche/manger scenes to help decorate the M&M Café. If you still would like to contribute your creche, please bring it to church and feel free to set it up or put it in the office.

Knitters Announcement // A reminder the Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting Group will meet Monday, December 19 from 1-3pm in the Ontario room.



Advent & Christmas

December 15 at 7pm - Quiet Christmas Service

Do you ever want to simply unplug yourself from the Christmas scene - the advertisements, shopping, soliciting, and constant barrage of glitter and glee?

Some prefer to celebrate Christ's coming in contemplation rather than cheer.

For those who have recently lost a family member, a job, a dream, a quieter more intimate celebration can be a better "fit".

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

6pm - A family celebration for all ages, children's pageant and FPC Choir.

11pm - A Service of Holy Communion and candlelight inviting Christ into our hearts and lives.

December 25 - Christmas Day Service

A link to a pre-recorded service will be emailed to you on Christmas morning.

The link also will be posted on our Facebook page and on the church website

For You, O Lord, My Soul 89

in Stillness Waits

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain Am Dm F G A B^b C Am7 Dm *Fine*

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

 Dm Am Dm Am Dm

1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;
 3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,
 4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age;
 5 Come, let us bow be - fore the God who made us;
 6 Here we shall meet the Mak - er of the heav - ens,

 Am Dm Am Dm Am

your ra-diance shines in all who look to you; come, light the
 our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your word; come, make us
 and in your ad - vent, draw us all to you, our hope re -
 we ev - er seek, yet un - ful-filled re - main; o - pen to
 let ev - ery heart be o - pened to the Lord, for we are
 Cre - a - tor of the moun-tains and the seas, Lord of the

 Dm Am G C Am7 Dm Am Dm *to Refrain*

hearts of all in dark and shad - ow.
 whole, be com - fort to our hearts.
 born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
 us the path - way of your peace.
 all the peo - ple of God's hand.
 stars, and pres - ent to us now.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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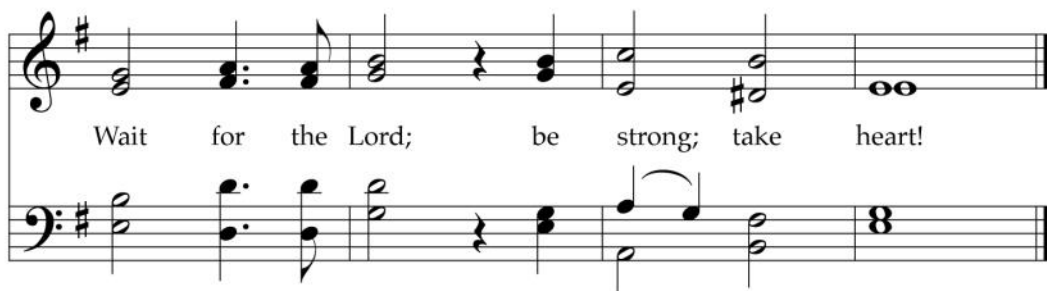
Wait for the Lord

(Psalm 27)

Refrain



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

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.

In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful 654

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff and a piano accompaniment in the lower staff. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es; the Lord is near." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. There are triplets in the piano accompaniment in the second and third systems.

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Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.