



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

First Sunday of Advent • November 30, 2025

10:30 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

J. S. Bach

WELCOME/*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the darkness, we wait, not in fear, but in faith.

For God's light is already stirring beneath the horizon.

The prophet dreams of a day when nations will learn war no more.

We come to learn the ways of peace and walk in the light of the Lord.

Christ is coming. The dawn is breaking.

Let us awaken the world with love.

*OPENING HYMN #82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Guibor Family

Dear God, You speak to us through Your prophet Isaiah, saying, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." Come, Emmanuel, God with us. Come, Dayspring, and cheer our spirits by Your advent.

RESPONSE HYMN #88, *verse 1*

VENI EMMANUEL

**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.**

During this season of Advent, we await the coming of our Lord, Emmanuel. We light one candle to prepare our hearts to receive the hope of the world. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

RESPONSE HYMN #88, *verse 6*

VENI EMMANUEL

**O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and promise, we confess that we often live as though the night will never end.

We let cynicism dull our hope, fear shrink our compassion, and busyness crowd out Your presence.

Forgive us when we choose distraction over devotion, comfort over courage.

Awaken us to Your nearness, and teach us to walk in Your light with hearts open to hope. Amen.

WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH, ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST, INVITING ALL TO CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE.

**Please stand*

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE OF PRAISE HYMN #119, *verse 6*

CHRISTMAS

All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;
good will to all from highest heaven begin and never cease, begin and never cease!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

André Thomas

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON

Hope—The Dawn is Breaking

Rev. Marc Oehler

HYMN #107

Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn

REJOICE, REJOICE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

ADVENT MISSION CAMPAIGN

Genevieve Lowry

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Thou, That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion
Gabrielle Cintron, alto solo

G. F. Handel

*DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God #607*)

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN #314

Christ, Be Our Light

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata on VENI EMMANUEL (Improvisation)

Steven Seigart

Please join us for fellowship following the service.