



HARVEY BROWNE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A community of believers making a difference by making disciples.



**The First Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021
10:30 AM**

Bold text is read in unison.

Notes regarding safety for those worshipping in-person today:

- *Please wear your mask at all times.
- *Be sure to maintain six feet social distance.
- *Singing with masks is allowed. Feel free to use your hymnals.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Savior of the Nations Come

Baker

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Can one be homesick for something you've never known?

**We are homesick for a just world,
for peace like rivers,
for the end of suffering.**

Yes, we are homesick—

**for joy that is contagious,
for nations that feel like neighbors,
and for hospitals that run empty.**

We are homesick for the world God promises.

We are homesick, but we are on our way.

God is here. God is still creating.

Come, Lord Jesus. Guide us home.

***HYMN 92**

While We Are Waiting, Come

WAITING (Cason)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come. 2. With power and glory, come;
with power and glory, come. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting come. 3. Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
while we are waiting, come. |
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LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Koenig Family

We hope for a world...

... where all people feel at home—in their body, in their church, in their home.

We hope for that world. We long for that world. We are homesick for that world.

Today we light the candle of hope because hope keeps our hearts alive as we wait.

May this light be a reminder that we do not wait alone.

We are close to home. May we carry hope with us. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

We find ourselves with two options every day—

to stay homesick for the world you had in mind, or to allow cynicism to win.

Do we hope against hope, or do we throw in the towel?

Do we insist on a better world, or do we assume it's impossible?

Forgive us for the days when cynicism wins.

Forgive us for numbing our homesick hurt instead of using it to fuel a better world.

Kindle in us a hope that won't let go.

Gratefully we pray, amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 88) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rob Fohr

THE FIRST READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Savior of the Nations, Come

Burkhardt

Chancel Choir

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

THE SECOND READING

Luke 21: 25-36

The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Katherine Kupar

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

SUNG RESPONSE

Come Now, O Prince of Peace

O-SO-SO

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

PRAYERS 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 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

***HYMN 82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.
2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Advent

Knight

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