

Presbyterian Church of Easton



Our Purpose is

“To live and love like Christ”

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF EASTON

Order of Morning Worship

November 27, 2022

10:00 A.M.



THE CHURCH GATHERS

WORDS OF GREETING

LITURGIST

Good morning and welcome to the Presbyterian Church of Easton. On this first Sunday of Advent, we proclaim: Jesus is coming soon! It is good to be in the house of the Lord. We welcome both those joining us by streaming and those present in our sanctuary. Please join us following the service for coffee / refreshments and to greet our worship leader, the Reverend Kimberly Long.

PRELUDE

“Prelude on DIVINUM MYSTERIUM”

SOS

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

THE PARKERS: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. As the Lord has promised, in days to come...The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

**Please stand.*

ALL: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

(candle lighting)

WREATH HYMN

“Go Up to the Mountain”

refrain

Go up to the mountain, joyful bearer of good news;
shout with a full voice: our God is near.

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THE PARKERS: God of justice and peace, from the heavens you rain down mercy and kindness, that all on earth may stand in awe and wonder before your marvelous deeds. Raise our heads in expectation, that we may yearn for the coming day of the Lord and stand without blame before your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

***HYMN** *“Come, Lord Jesus”*

Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
come, Lord Jesus: come and be born in our hearts.

Come, O Prince of Peace, come, O Prince of Peace,
come, O Prince of Peace: come and be born in our hearts.

**Please stand.*

Our hearts are open, our hearts are open,
our hearts are open: come and be born in our hearts.

Come, Immanuel, come, Immanuel,
come, Immanuel: come and be born in our hearts.

*Composed by Carey Landry.
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CALL TO CONFESSION

LITURGIST

A voice is crying out in the wilderness: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LITURGIST

ALL: God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world.

SILENT PRAYER

**Please stand.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LITURGIST: The wilderness will rejoice; the dry land will blossom. The people of God will return with joy and singing. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

***GLORIA PATRI** *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* PH#23 refrain

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;
Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

*French Carol, James Chadwick, Edward Barnes (GLORIA).
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THE PEACE

LITURGIST: Just as God has forgiven us in Christ, let us also forgive one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

ALL: And also, with you.

(Greet each other with a sign or handshake, whichever you are comfortable with.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LITURGIST: Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit, prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so that we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled,

**Please stand.*

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2: 1-5

LITURGIST: Listen for and to the word of God.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

LITURGIST: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 24: 36-44

LITURGIST: Listen for and to the word of God.

**Please stand.*

“But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

LITURGIST: The Word of the Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC *“The King of Glory Comes”* **TAIZE ENSEMBLE**

*Composed by Rev. Willard Jabusch, Traditional Israeli folk song (KING OF GLORY).
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MESSAGE **“While We Are Waiting”** **REV. LONG**

**Please stand.*

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

REV. LONG

(Let us stand together and affirm our faith.)

ALL: 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 the 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.

***HYMN** *“Prepare the Way of the Lord”*

GG#95

Prepare the way of the Lord. Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.

Composed by Taizé Community, Jacques Berthier.

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

**Please stand.*

OFFERTORY *“Offertory on Gloria”*

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DOXOLOGY *“In the Bleak Midwinter”*

PH#36, st.4

What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him: Give my heart.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

REV. LONG

(The offering plates come forward, take them, and place them on the table.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and 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.

**Please stand.*

***HYMN**

“While We Are Waiting, Come”

GG#92

While we are waiting, come;
while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come;
with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

Come, Savior, quickly come;
come, Savior, quickly come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come.

Composed by Clare Cloninger, Don Cason.

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***BLESSING**

***BENEDICTION**

“Goodbye, My Friends”

TAIZE ENSEMBLE

Israeli round.

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**Please stand.*

***POSTLUDE**

“Postlude on BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN”

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Today's flowers were donated by Anne McNulty with prayers for her brother.

We welcome and thank our liturgist, Don Bowman, the Taizé Ensemble, and Rev. Kimberly Long for leading us this Sunday morning.

**Please stand.*