



## Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

9:00 am

### Gathering Around the Word

**Prelude**

“As Lately We Watched”  
The Handbell Choir

Arranged by Sondra K. Tucker

**Opening Words**

Deannine Shipman

**Introit**

#### Watch and Wait

Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Ned Wetherald

Watch and wait for \_\_\_ Christ's com-ing. Light can-dles of hope,  
peace, joy, and love. Re-mem-ber-ing the pro-mis-es of God in prayer.  
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**Advent Candle Lighting**

The Schaufler Family

**\*Hymn No. 79**

“Light Dawns on a Weary World”

**Prayer of Preparation**

Susan Sanders

### Hearing the Word

**First Scripture Reading**

Luke 1:46-55

Susan Sanders

**Anthem**

“ Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”  
The Chancel Choir

Arranged by Howard Helvey

**The Sacrament of Baptism for Ryan Edward Gilmore**

Allison Maus

Presentation

Questions to Parents

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Questions to the Congregation

Leader: Do you, as members of the Church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Ryan,  
by word and deed, with love and prayer?

**People: We do.**

Leader: Will you encourage him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his  
church?

**People: We Will.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Baptism

Prayer and Welcome

The congregation is invited to join in singing the Baptism Response:

**See what love God has given**

**That we should be called Children of God,**

**See what love God has given**

**That we should be called Children of God,**

**Children of God and so we are.**

Presentation of Gifts

**Time for Children**

Deannine Shipman

See “Children in Worship”

**Song After Children’s Time**

“Away in a Manager”

Hymn No. 115, v. 3

**Second Scripture Reading**

Matthew 11:2-11

Allison Maus

**Sermon**

“Not Just a Season: A Message of Mercy”

Allison Maus

**Responding to the Word**

**\*Hymn No.107**

“Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn”

**Welcome and Announcements**

Reed Dressler

**Minute for Mission—Christmas Dinner and Hekima Christmas Offering**

Cheryl Price

**Call to Offering**

Reed Dressler

**Offertory**

“Wake, Awake”

Edwin T. Childs

**\*Doxology Hymn No. 145, v. 3**

“What Child is This”

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Susan Sanders

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

Allison Maus

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

Allison Maus

**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.**

**\*Hymn No. 129**

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Allison Maus

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

Allison Maus

**Postlude**

“Emmanuel, Rejoice! ”

The Handbell Choir

Arranged by Linda Scholes

**Christmas Candlelight Service This Afternoon**

The 95th Annual Christmas Candlelight Service will be this afternoon at 4:00 pm. We are preparing “What Sweeter Music” – a cantata of arrangements of Christmas tunes to be performed with orchestra. Childcare will be available in Room 101.

**Ushers this Morning:**

**Head Usher:** Jennifer Creighton

**Ushers:** Scott Banfield, Curt Dell, Betty Macdonald, and Katie Stone

**Information Desk:** John Marsden

**Communion Table Flowers:** The sunflowers on the Communion Table are in honor of Ukraine and her people.

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The sanctuary flowers are in celebration of this wonderful and holy time of the year given by Meg and Clark Moose.

**Greeters this Morning:**

**Fraser Street:** Linda Edvar

**Parking Lot:** Marti Sawyer

**Coffee Hour:**

**Host:** Jamey Perry

**Assisting:** Betty McDonald and Carrie Miller

**Adult Offerings Today**

**December 11 ~ A Three Part Series ~ "What Are We Waiting For? Reflections on Advent" with Daniel Falk in Westminster Hall** In the midst of trees, cookies, and Hallmark movies, the Christmas narrative is so familiar as to become a banal but warm and fuzzy children’s story. It can be difficult to hear the dangerous and subversive messages that the Gospels of Matthew and Luke were telling. Daniel Falk will lead a three-part series.

**“Connect”** is an invitation to deepen your relationship with others and with God by contemplating scripture, lyrics, writing, poetry, and other topics. Come to Room 10, as you are to listen, share, grow, and be!

**Christmas Dinner Volunteer Opportunities and Reservations are Open**

There are many volunteer opportunities along with food donations available. Also—Reservations are open for a sit down dinner on Christmas day from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm. There is also an option for pick up and delivery. You can view the sign up geni-uses via the QR codes below or on our church website, [www.scpresby.org](http://www.scpresby.org).

Red = Help  
Green = Eat



Please deliver your wrapped **Angel Tree** gifts to the church office no later than **tomorrow, Monday 12/12**

We could use a few more "elves" to deliver gifts to agencies on Thursday 12/15 and Monday 12/19

Our 2022 Christmas Offering is going to support the children of Hekima Place in Kajiado, Kenya

Donate in a pew envelope, or online

**STUDY SPACE** Our space is your space with free food, WIFI, and hugs (optional) during finals week.

December 11th 11am-9pm and December 12-14th 8am-9pm in the Fireside Room (Lower Level)

**Second Sunday Membership Opportunity—TODAY**

Anyone interested in becoming a member of our church family is invited to the Martin Room after the worship service today at 10:15 am. You’ll meet the pastor, several elders from our Session, and be received into membership if you wish. Questions? Contact Martha Trout ([marthascpc@gmail.com](mailto:marthascpc@gmail.com)).

### Sunday, December 11th

#### **Baptism—Minute for Mission**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children and Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour for All Ages
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:15 am Invitation to Join—Martin Room
- 11:15 am Young Adult Lunch—Social Hall
- 11:30 am—9:00 pm Study Space—Fireside Room
- 1:00 pm Youth Advisory Team Meeting—Zoom
- 4:00 pm Candlelight Service

### Monday, December 12th

#### **Angel Tree Gifts Due**

- 8:00 am—9:00 pm—Study Space—Fireside Room
- 4:00 pm Stay and Play Santa Party—Social Hall
- 5:30 pm SJMT—Zoom
- 6:00 pm Pastoral Visioning Team Meeting—Martin Room
- 6:00 pm Stay and Play Advisory Team Meeting—Zoom
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts—Room 10
- 7:00 pm Men's Bible Study—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm Scouts—Westminster Hall
- 7:00 pm Virtual Centering Prayer—Zoom

### Tuesday, December 13th

- 8:00 am—9:00 pm—Study Space—Fireside Room
- 12:00 pm Congregational Prayer Meeting—Zoom
- 12:00 pm Staff Christmas Lunch
- 4:00 pm LOGOS Geckos
- 5:00 pm LOGOS Chrysalis
- 7:15 pm Christmas Dinner Planning Meeting—Martin Room

### Wednesday, December 14th

- 8:00 am—9:00 pm—Study Space—Fireside Room
- 12:00 pm Wednesday in the Word—Room 10
- 12:15 pm Advent Organ Recital
- 6:00 pm FISH
- 8:15 pm POLO Women's Bible Study—Zoom

### Thursday, December 15th

#### **Angel Tree Gift Distribution**

- 7:00 pm Men's Covenant Group—Martin Room

### Friday, December 16th

#### **PresbyPost Deadline**

### Saturday, December 17th

### Sunday, December 18th

#### **Christmas Dinner Reservation Deadline**

- 8:30 am Childcare Available—Room 101
- **9:00 am Worship Service**
- Creative Movement & Music and Children & Worship—After the Children's Message
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour
- 10:00 am Exploration Hour for All Ages
- 10:15 am Adult Opportunities
- 10:30 am YoPro Bible Study—Tower Room
- 11:00 am Connect Lunch—Social Hall
- 4:00 pm Pastoral Visioning Team Meeting—Room 10

### **Children in Worship**

**9:00 am Worship** - Children of all ages are invited to come forward for the children's message. Following this time, children 3 years old by September 1, 2022, through grade 3, are welcome to leave for special programs.

**Creative Movement and Music (Ages 3-K)** meets in Westminster Hall.

**Children and Worship (Grades 1,2, & 3)** meets in Room 11. Unless parents make other arrangements, these children will be taken to their Pathways classrooms at the conclusion of these programs. Infant and Toddler Care (through age 3) are available in Room 101 throughout the morning.

#### **Exploration Hour**

**PATHWAYS (Preschool and Elementary)** meet in separate age groups, and begin around 10:00 am  
3's,4's, and K meet in Room 103, main level - we provide a light snack to our pre schoolers.

1st- 5th Grade meet upstairs in Room 210

Once a month we will combine all children for a special MUSIC experience with our own Ned Wetherald.

**THE OASIS (grades 6-12)** meet in the Fireside Room at 10:15 am each Sunday, with both Middle School and High School ages together until the group grows too large!

For more information about the church and our programs please visit our website at [scpresby.org](http://scpresby.org)

If you are an online attender we hope you will "sign the pew pad" virtually on Sunday mornings by texting "check in" during the welcome and announcement time so we know you're watching! The phone number is:

833-234-1326.



To give via our Online Giving site, scan the QR Code.

