

**First
Presbyterian
Church** IN VICTOR
WHOEVER YOU ARE.
HOWEVER YOU HAVE COME.
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.



First Presbyterian Church

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Communion & Advent Candles: John & Sue Toomey

Order of Worship **December 10, 2023, 10am**
2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace
(*Please stand if you are able.)

Prelude “Come, Emmanuel” arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath** *John & Sue Toomey*
The nations shall beat their swords into plow shares, and
their spears into pruning hooks
**Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore**
The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie
down with the kid,
**The calf and the lion and the fatling will lie down
together, and a little child shall lead them**

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** *Psalm 85 (trans. Nan Merrill)*
O Beloved, How gracious You are to your people
You Restore the soul time and time again
You forgive their iniquity when they wander far from You
You give new life
Yes, You bless them and raise up new hope
You awaken hearts of love

***Opening Hymn No. 13** “Prepare the Way, O Zion”

Gathering Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession

**God of the future, you are coming in power to
bring all nations under your vision of love. We
confess that we have not expected your kingdom,
for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised
judgement. We accept lies as truth, exploit
neighbors, abuse the earth, 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.**

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing the Peace**

Time with Children

Prayer of Illumination

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings *(Insert)*

Sermon "Appearing in the Wild"

***Hymn of Response** *GTG No. 103*
"Come Now, O Prince of Peace"

Offering
***Doxology**

Communion Hymn *GTG No. 507* "Come to the Table of Grace"

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is truly right...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest.**

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Gracious God, pour out...

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

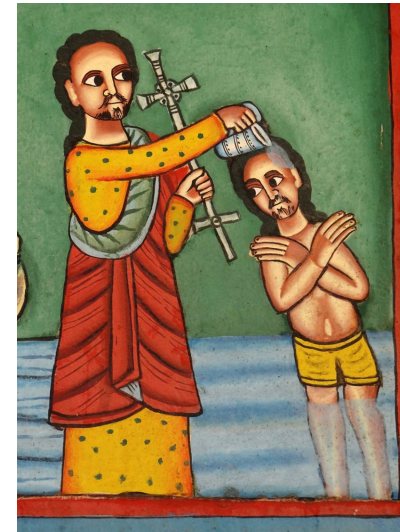
God our hope, we give you thanks
that you have given us this foretaste
of the justice, righteousness, and peace
of your promised new creation.
Strengthen us with this heavenly food
as we seek to serve your holy realm.
Lead us to live in joyful expectation
of the coming again in glory
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***Closing Hymn** *No. 29* "Go Tell It On the Mountain"

Benediction

Postlude

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
arr. by Benton Price



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