

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



First Presbyterian Church

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Order of Worship December 17, 2023, 10am
3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy
**Please stand if you are able.*

Prelude "O Come, Emmanuel", arr. by Samuel Butler

***Lighting of the Advent Wreath** Sue & Dave Delmonico
The nations 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.**
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 the little child shall lead them.**
The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert
shall rejoice and blossom.
**Like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.**

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** Psalm 126 (trans. Nan Merrill)
When Divine Love enters the human heart,
All yearnings are fulfilled!
For gladness will radiate out for all to see,
So great is your Presence among us.
May all who go forth weeping tears of repentance,
bearing seed for sowing.
**Come home to You with shouts of joy,
leaving sorrow behind.**

***Opening Hymn No. 411** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!"

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

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives
and release to the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.
They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.
For I, the Lord, love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
Their descendants shall be known among the nations
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.
I will greatly rejoice in the Lord;
my whole being shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

Scripture Readings (cont.)

Luke 1:46b-55

And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant.
Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed,
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;
indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his child Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Sermon

“The Mother of God”

*Hymn of Response No.600 “My Soul Gives Glory to My God”

Offering

*Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Closing Hymn No.53

“What Child is This”

Benediction

Postlude

“The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came”
arr. by Anna Laura Page

