

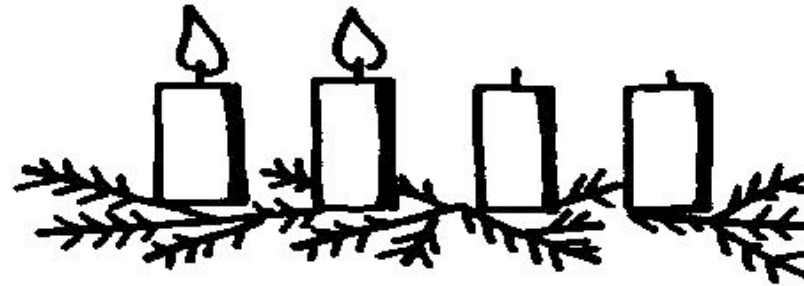
* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, *unless otherwise noted*.

A lectionary is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study. This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.



Lectionary Year A for the Second Sunday in Advent,
December 4: *Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.*

Lectionary Year A for the Third Sunday in Advent,
December 11: *Isaiah 35:1-10, Psalm 146:5-10, Luke 1:46b-55, James 5:7-10, Matthew 11:2-11.*



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We are an ecumenical congregation in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.

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We are a Hunger Action Congregation.
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022 10 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Centering Music *Of the Father's Love Begotten*
- arr. Mark Hayes

Lighting of the Advent Wreath The Janna Brown family

*** Opening Hymn** *The People Who Walked in Darkness*
Song sheet

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Living, loving God, we confess that we often choose discord instead of peace, seeking to prove a point instead of listening with empathy. Sometimes we settle for a shallow peace, keeping our feelings buried and avoiding painful truths. But your way is the narrow path; the path of telling the truth, feeling our emotions, and listening with compassion. Forgive us, God, and help us to strive for true peace within ourselves and with our neighbors. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

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Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you can, both now and after the service.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

*** Sung Response** *Prepare the Way of the Lord*
Song sheet

First Scripture Reading *Isaiah 2:1-5*

The Lay Reader today is David Hensley.

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *See, Amid the Winter's Snow*
- Dan Forrest

Katie Long, soprano; Rebecca Oden, piano

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now go to Children's Church, a time of worship designed especially for them. They return to the sanctuary after the Message.

Second Scripture Reading *Psalms 122*
New Century Version

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message Dr. Kyle Goodman

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer
King James version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if your words differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
- arr. Thomas Keesecker

*** Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Song sheet

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Sending Hymn** *O Day of Peace* Song sheet

* Charge and Benediction

Closing Music