



COVENANT
presbyterian church



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LORD'S DAY WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 30, 2025



Prelude

Announcements

Musical Introit | *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

Advent Reading | Micah 5:2-5a

Howard and Ann Snyder

Call to Worship | *from Isaiah 25:6–9*

Leader:

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make a feast of rich food
for all peoples.

And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering
that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away
tears from all faces,
and take away the reproach of his people from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

People:

**Behold, this is our God;
we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord;
we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**

Hymn of Adoration

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Prayer of Adoration

Joy to the World (#195)

Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns:
let men their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found,
far as the curse is found,
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness
and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

CONFESSION



CALL TO CONFESSION | **Daniel 9:4-5, 7-8**

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness. To us, O Lord, belongs open shame, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against you.

CONFESSION OF SIN | *from Psalm 130*

**Lord our God, all creation groans in expectation,
longing for full redemption of your coming kingdom.**

**O Sovereign Wisdom, come now and teach us the way to salvation,
for we have sinned and fallen short of your glory. Come quickly to deliver us.**

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

**Lord our God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart
and mind and strength.**

**O Immanuel, desire of the nations and Savior of all, come with outstretched arm to
save us. Without your grace, we are bound to sin and we cannot save ourselves.
Come quickly to deliver us.**

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

Lord our God, our worship is marked by selfishness.

We turn away from the brightness of your glory.

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light.

Come, shine on those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Come quickly to deliver us.

*Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel. Come, Emmanuel.
Come, and be born in our hearts.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON | **Luke 1:67-69**

And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,
“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people
and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David.”

HYMN OF ASSURANCE - Page 5 | *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus (#196)

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing
news, glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;
by his life he brings us gladness,
our redeemer, Shepherd, Friend,
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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Prichard (1830) CCLI#1095616/20146299

FORMATION AND COMMISSION



Congregational Prayer | Aaron Steelman, Elder

Reading of the Word | Luke 1:5-25

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

#735 | 2nd-Century Traditional | Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Sermon

The Long Advent | Rev. Mike Kelly

Tithes & Offerings

Meditation | *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

The Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**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 Spirit,
and 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sursum Corda

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is good and right to do so.

Advent Doxology

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Cups in the outer ring contain grape juice; remaining cups contain wine.

The Lord's Supper and Closing Songs are on pages 8-10.

Benediction

Postlude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (#193)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood;
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (#194)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Refrain

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight

Refrain

O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

Text Source: Latin antiphons, 12th cent. Latin hymn (1710); Translator: John Mason Neale (1851; Alt. 1951) | Tune: VENI EMMANUEL; Arranger: Thomas Helmore (1856)

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
In the dawning of the King;
He the theme of heaven's praises,
Robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness,
Now the light of life has come;
Look to Christ, who condescended,
Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
He the perfect Son of Man;
In His living, in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam,
Come to save the hell-bound man;
Christ, the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law; in Him we stand.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
Christ the Lord upon the tree,
In the stead of ruined sinners,
Hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption,
See the Father's plan unfold;
Bringing many sons to glory,
Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come, behold the wondrous mystery,
Slain by death the God of life;
But no grave could e'er restrain Him,
Praise the Lord; He is alive!

Sing twice:

What a foretaste of deliverance,
How unwavering our hope;
Christ in power resurrected,
As we will be, when he comes.

CALENDAR & EVENTS

Details about events available at cpcissaquah.org

SUNDAY

9a - Sunday School

10:15a - Morning Worship (*also livestreamed*)

Evening Prayer will resume on 12/7.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Advent Reflection

Friday, December 5 | 7p

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Saturday, December 13 | 8a

Dan Norman will be speaking on the fruit of the Spirit, *self-control*.

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