

ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Sunday of Advent

A Service by the Congregation of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church
November 29, 2020

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of power unexpected, we want you to tear open the heavens and come down; to make mountains quake, water boil, and stars to fall until all nations tremble at your presence! But you, you will not perform according to our wants and whims. Instead you come like the sound of sheer silence: Thin. Quiet. Instead you are born among us as an infant. Instead you show us how love is made perfect in weakness. So, we will stay alert, or at least we will try, because we are your people and there is no other God besides you. Amen.

PRELUDE

Comfort, Comfort These My People

setting M. Burhardt
Sara Hoey, Organ

INTROIT

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Richard Cook
Jonathan Yount

WELCOME AND POURING OF WATER

Rev. Eileen Lindner

DEACON'S MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kerry Jones

CALL TO WORSHIP

Erin Lambie

O that God would tear open the heavens and come down!

Of that day or hour, no one knows, only God.

Be alert! Keep awake!

The time is drawing near:

**The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The Wittmann Family

We shall light the Advent candles,
praying that our preparation for Christmas may help us
to look outward in love,
and look forward in hope.

**Living Christ, light of the world,
give us the warmth of your love.**

Reading by the family

Candlelight brings us together
as we talk and laugh and listen.
**Living Christ, light of the world,
give us the warmth of your love.**

Reading by the family and the lighting of the first candle

Let us pray:
Living God, come to our world.
**When you hide your face, help us,
to trust your promises and wait in hope.**

HYMN *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*
**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.**

CALL TO CONFSSION

PRAYER OF CONFSSION
**God-with-us, even in Advent,
we confess that you can seem far away.
You are hidden when we need you near.
In our hurt, doubt, and fear,
we do not try to draw closer to you;
instead, we lash out-**

against you, our neighbor, even those we love.
Forgive us, we pray, and come to save us!
Let your face shine until our tears are dried,
our sins are faded, and our hope is restored.
After all, we belong to you,
and in your hands, we can be made new.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE

While we are waiting, come
While we are waiting, come
Jesus our Lord, Emmanuel,
While we are waiting, come

Come, Savior, quickly come
Come, Savior, quickly come
Jesus our Lord Emmanuel
Come, Savior, quickly come

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates Jonathan Yount

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:24-37

This is the Gospel of Christ!
Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

Stay Woke

Rev. Eileen Lindner

HYMN OF MEDITATION *The Days are Surely Coming*

**The days are surely coming, says God to all the earth,
when you will see my promise: salvation come to birth.
My righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and you will be delivered by my almighty hand.**

**The days are surely coming, says Christ, the promised one,
when you will read my warning in moon and stars and sun.
Though earth and heaven tremble, stand up and do not fear,
for I am your redeemer, and I am drawing near.**

**The days are surely coming when we will know at last
the fullness of God's presence, God's promise, come to pass.
The righteousness and justice will spread throughout the land
and we will be delivered by God's almighty hand.**

PRAVERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 OF DEDICATION *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*
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.

**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.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The King Shall Come

Burkhardt
Sara Hoey, Organist