Welcome to the Sacred Season of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany!



Jesus Our Neighbor
Advent, Christmas, Epiphany
Liturgy: Kairos Palestine Letter
Exploring the Humanity of the Christmas Story
Sunday Nov. 29 Advent begins
Advent Activity after Worship!
Snack Luck Fellowship
Sunday December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent + Communion
Sunday December 13 3rd Sunday of Advent
Congregational Mtg after Worship
Sunday December 20 4th Sunday of Advent
THURS DEC 24 – Christmas Eve
4:00 Candles, Carols, Community **Start planning & inviting**

Worship 10:30 Sundays
in person, livestreamed (FB & website discoverypc.org), recorded, mailed out
Study Text of the Week. So that all may learn & grow.
Study on own or Wed. 6:30 Zoom Fri. 1:30 [onsite/hybrid as needed]
Be the Body of Christ – by being connected
to God – through prayer and guidance
to God's word – through study & practices
to the Spirit within us – through soul & Spirit listening
to other people – through prayer, support, study and care
to church – through all forms of communication; being together and being creative; sharing through weekly electronic newsletter or USPS packet. Also: website discoverypc.org or Facebook discoverypres or our pastor sarah@discoverypc.org.
to God's work in the world – find and practice your call to serve
to ministry together here – fresh opportunities each week
E-newsletter (Wednesdays) Posted on discoverypc.org
Subscribe to it there or within any newsletter you see posted.
USPS Packet Posted on Fri/Sat to non-emailers & others
Subscribe by calling church 402-731-7222
Share insights, help or needs with Pastor Sarah
Financial offerings – *Thank you!* Drop off or Mail to church

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Welcome to Worship!

Service of the Lord's Day
Discovery Presbyterian Church Omaha, NE
Sunday November 29, 2026 ♦ Jesus Our Neighbor
10:30 AM Worship Service
Broadcasted Live stream on Facebook – Discoverypres
& Website **Discoverypc.org**

Gathering Music

Welcome to Worship!

***A Cry from Bethlehem** Inspired by Kairos Palestine, Intro, section 1 & 2; 1.18; 2.1
Hear this cry of faith, hope and love from Bethlehem:
Birth and struggle are about human dignity.
The Spirit speaks from within our neighbors—
Is the world, is the global Church listening?
Descendents of the first Church say directly to us:
Many empires have passed over our land—
Tyrants have disappeared and are buried in the dust of history—
Yet the bells of our churches continue to ring bearing witness to the truth and proclaiming resurrection every day.
We hear and answer their call to truth and solidarity:
Emmanuel! God is With Us!
Jesus is our Neighbor! So is everyone else!
Jesus's story of Christmas humanizes us.

***Hymn #141 vss 1,2 & 4 On This Day Earth Shall Ring**
Bells honor faithful churches and witnesses in war zones.

***The Truth About Jesus's Birth** Lk 2:1,7,8 Mt 2:13-16 Kairos, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.11; 1Pe1:3
Jesus was born in an occupied land, denied shelter, honored by nightshift workers, targeted by a jealous tyrant—fleeing as a refugee to Egypt.
God stands with and takes the side of the oppressed and the downtrodden, the victims of all forms of injustice and tyranny from every nation regardless of race, religion or nationality.
How can we talk of Christian fellowship and stay silent or remain inactive when we know the plight of our neighbors?
Sin is a process that begins when we deny the image of Jesus within us and other people.

Freedom begins in trusting a merciful God who knows us and invites us to new life in community.

Since God is loving and just we and our society can have honest reflection, vulnerable conversations and practice costly solidarity.

We experience the miracle of new birth into a living hope.

We receive Christ's joy of salvation.

In song and in silence let us grow in empathy, the Good News that lives in the heart of God and expands our souls.

***Hymn #158 Born in the Night, Mary's Child**

Words help us remember we and our neighbors are not alone in suffering. Jesus walks here now.

***Time for Silence –** *Let the Spirit renew the image of God within*

***Assurance of Pardon** Kairos 4.1. 2.11, 2.12

Faithful people from war-torn lands remind us today:

Place your hope in the God of the poor, the oppressed and the downtrodden.

In spite of all the things that can strip our dignity,
God is holy and just.

To the children and youth we say: You are the living Church, a treasure of hope. We believe in you. We see your frailty and your strength

We do not call you to naïve optimism,
but to hope that is rooted in action.

To the grown ups we say: You are not alone.

There are those who stand with you in Palestine and around the world. Even if silence is imposed now, the day will come when your voices will be heard.

The global church reminds us: Our voices matter.

The global church encourages us: Express yourselves.

We see in you the promise of a better future.

Write. Sing. Create. Organize. Resist with creative love.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ ringing like bells through the voices of our neighbors.

Let us sing our thanks and praise!

***Hymn #155 Raise a Song of Gladness**

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be within you. **And also within you.**
Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

A Time for Discovery

Scripture: **Romans 12:3-10 & Matthew 16:13-19**
Confession of Belhar: Unity in Diversity

Response: This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music: Choir

Message: Rev. Sarah Dickinson

***Hymn #88 vss 1,2,4 & 5 O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

Prayers of the People Communal & Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer uses "debts/debtors" Full text on the screen.

We are a Mission Church, We are a Generous Church

Reminder: You may return 2027 pledge cars in the plate

We pledge ourselves to live generously. Financial gifts may be placed in the plate at the back of the sanctuary. This helps us make a mission impact.

***Mangers of Hope-filled Witness** Rev 3:20; Kairos 2.11, 2.15, 3.1, 4.3 4.5 Ps 85:10

Jesus our Neighbor is knocking on our door.

His voice is heard through voices of neighbors.

His birth, life, death and resurrection mean salvation for all.

From his knowledge we bear witness with our lives.

We believe the final word belongs to life, light and truth.

Hope is our act of resistance.

We steadfastly refuse harm and injustice.

The Spirit makes us cradles of love and mercy.

From us may faith spread to the ends of the earth—

To a future free of war.

From deep in our hearts we join the prophetic cry, working for the common good where righteousness and peace embrace.

We are the mangers, we are the nightshift workers, we are the neighbors Jesus calls forth.

***Hymn #112 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing**

Postlude **Please rise in body or in spirit*

Accompanist: Yulia Kalashnikova Choir Director: Bruce Bender
Pastor: Sarah Dickinson

Please join in Fellowship after Worship



Everyone's a Neighbor 2026-2027