

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Northside Presbyterian Church – November 28, 2021  
*(Please pick up a hymnal if you prefer to use one when singing)*

GATHERING MUSIC – Pat Fullen

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

INTROIT – “*Make a Joyful Noise*” - Adult Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP\* *(adapted from Psalm 25)*

*When will God’s promise be fulfilled? **The days are surely coming.***

*When we will be saved? **The days are surely coming.***

*How will we know the signs to take place? **The days are surely coming from David shall come forth to execute justice and righteousness in the land.***

*What shall it be called? **The Lord is our righteousness.***

HYMN\* “*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*” (88, v. 1, 7)

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;  
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven’s peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

THE CANDLELIGHTING – Kolter Bradshaw

*Advent is here, and the wait for the birth of the Christ has begun.*

*As we light the first candle, we are reminded of God’s promise of a Savior. The prophet Jeremiah said: **The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.***

**God’s promise of hope is for all people; together we anticipate the day of his coming.**

*Let us pray. **Holy God, you have promised to bring salvation and justice to your creation. As we wait for the arrival of the Savior, may we live as those who have already been saved by your grace—and may we share that grace with others. Amen.***

CANDLELIGHTING CAROL (Handchimes Choir rings 1 verse, then congregation sings)

**Candles glowing, promise showing the great hope that calms our fear.  
Darkness scatters, worry shatters, Christ will always draw us near.  
Calms our sighing, hears our crying, helps our trying, love undying:  
Christ will always draw us near! Christ will always draw us near!**

CONFESSION

**Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in rebellion, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT – Jeremiah 33:14-16 – Sandi Webster

OFFERING OF MUSIC – “*Will We Know Him?*” – Adult Choir

GOSPEL – Luke 21:25-36

SERMON – “*Time to Go Home*”

HYMN\* - “The People Who Walked in Darkness” (86, v. 1, 5)

**1 The people who walked in darkness awaken to see a great light.  
The people who dwelt in the land of the shadow rise to a star shining bright.  
His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Father forever, Prince of Peace.**

**5 How vast is our God’s dominion! How far truth and mercy extend.  
The zeal of the Lord will accomplish its purpose: justice shall reign without end.  
His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Father forever, Prince of Peace.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG (110, v. 1)

**Love has come; a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; hear how their song of joy arises!  
Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior. Love! Love! Glory to God on high!**

*Please be in prayer for:*

Revathi Balakrishnan	Drew Taylor & family	Wayne Brill	Gavin Adams
Edd Stoops	Susan Dickerson	Andy & Jean Robeson	Betty Simpkins
Ron Pearson	Wava Bowles	Susan Miller	David Meincke
Wanda Price	Frances Hutcheson/Dowdy	Dennis Sweeney	Philip Tompkins
Jeff Kallas (Bronwyn Robinson’s husband)		Jerry Robinson	Harvey Sowers
Tammy McClintock	Larry Loughborough		Louise Bloss

All those suffering with Covid or grieving the loss of a loved one

Musicians: Marya Katz, Charles Bostian, Ann Marie Conner, Jack Webster, Pat Fullen (varies)

Video Technicians – Marshall Chaney, Bruce Harper, Alex Chaney