

# Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday, December 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

**Gathering of God's People**

**Choral Call to Worship**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle** Carmie Heritage Family

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

L: Come! Let us gather for worship all who seek God's Holy salvation.

**P: Let our hearts proclaim the fulfillment of God's promise.**

L: For so it is written that Savior would be born.

**P: So it is also written that the hearts of humankind should know God's peace.**

L: This day then let all who can hear our voices know that the Christ is coming.

**ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!**

**+Morning Prayer**

**+Hymn of Praise** "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

**+Call to Confession**

**+Prayer of Confession**

When we look at our lives, merciful Father, we find much that needs mending. We have done those things that we ought not have done and left undone those things which we ought to have done. We know sin too well. And yet, when we have heard that voice of judgement, we have gone about our own business.

When we have heard the words spoken by one wandering in the wilderness, we have turned a deaf ear. This day, O Lord, give us the courage to own our lives and shortcomings, so that we might get to work on making the crooked paths straight and the rough places smooth. Give us, O Lord, the steadfastness to open our lives before the One who even now is coming, that we might be prepared to welcome Him. (Silence) Amen.

**+Assurance of Pardon**

**+ Passing the Peace**

Our Life Together

Announcements

**Children's Time**

**Anthem**

**"Choir"**

**Service of the Word**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture** Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 and Matthew 3: 1 - 12

**Sermon** "Road Rage" Rev. Bodisco Massink

**Responding in Faith**

**+ Hymn of Adoration** "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry"

**+Affirmation of Faith** (based on 1 John 3:22 - 4:12 and John 3: 16)

We believe in God, who is the Lord of life and the Creator of the world and God loved the world so much that God sent His Son, Jesus the Christ, into the world.

We believe that God destined His Son to be the Savior of all humankind, by making Him the pure and sufficient sacrifice that took away our sins and restored us to wholeness.

We believe that God dwells within us by the power of the Holy Spirit. And within the community of the Spirit, God calls us to be the Church of Jesus Christ, and to love and serve another for Christ's name's sake. Amen.

**+ Gloria Patri**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

**+The Doxology**

**+Prayer of Dedication**

**The Celebration of the Lords' Supper**

**Sending Out into the World**

**+ Hymn of Commitment** "Angels We Have Heard on High"

**+ Benediction**

**+Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**

**+ Please stand as you are able**

**+ Today we are Live Streaming**

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