

## WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

### \*Offertory Prayer for Tithes Received

Leader: Blessed God, we stand before you as your people, offering to you what we can in anticipation of your coming again to earth.

People: **You give us much, we give you little - yet, you are gracious to bless what we give.**

Unison: **Please accept these small gifts and transform them into the work of your reign on this earth, as we make ready for the newborn Christ. Amen.**

\*Doxology      ***“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”***      Hymn#706  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Hymn                      **“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”**      Hymn #132

### SENDING

### \*Benediction

\*Response                      **“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**      Hymn #98  
To Christ shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,  
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove.  
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is Love.

Postlude                      **“Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall Come”**      - Denton

**Prayer Concerns:** Heather Beczo, daughter-in-law of Tibor and Ilona Beczo; Tibor Beczo; Jean Brown; Ron Carter, brother of Jean Brown with cancer; Bill Conner; Joe Dablock; family of Jimmy Dale Higgins; Steve Hoffman, friend of Nancy Davis with cancer and transplant need; Charles and Trudy Jordan; Julie Olson; Vivian Sackhoff, mother of Jeff Sackhoff; Jodie Stone, cancer; Mark Turner, surgery to remove benign tumor; Phil and Cheryl White, father of Nancy Davis’ daughter-in-law with heart trouble; Jeff and Jenny Whitehead, friends of Joe and Sue Dablock.

# Grace

Presbyterian Church

*By Grace Alone By Faith Alone By Scripture Alone*

*In Christ Alone Glory to God Alone*



**Second Sunday of Advent — December 5, 2021**

2nd Sunday of Advent  
December 5, 2021—10:30 a.m.

## GATHERING

**Gathering Hymn**      **“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**      Hymn #98  
**Hail to the Lord’s anointed, great David’s greater Son!**  
**Hail in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!**  
**He comes to break oppression, to set the captives free,**  
**to take away transgressions, and rule with equity.**

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**      **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”**      - arr. Smith

**\*Call to Worship**  
**Reading**

Isaiah 9: 6-7

**The Lighting of the Second Advent Candle (Peace)**      Erin Tucker

### Congregational Response

**Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”**

**Prayer**    Eternal God, we thank you that through all the years you have given peace to your people. Help us to have your peace in our lives. In this Advent season, we pray that by what we do we may show your presence to the sick, the hungry, and the lonely, so that they too may have peace. **Amen.**

**\*Hymn**      **“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**      Hymn #107

## CLEANSING

### Prayer of Confession

**God of peace, who sent light into the world in the coming of Jesus Christ: We confess that we have not followed the light given to us. We have not searched for signs of your love or trusted the goodness of your good news. We have failed to praise your Son’s birth as we have refused his peace on earth. We have expected little and hoped for less. As the nights grow longer, our patience grows shorter. Teach us, holy God, the way to wait. Ready our hearts to receive you, for you are the way, the truth, the life. Still our anxious worry and let us see clearly**

**what can be accomplished in the precious minutes that are really a gift from you. Hover near us and speak of a deep joy and a lasting peace. Forgive our doubt and renew in us all fine desires so we may watch and wait and once more hear the glad story of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the Lord. (Time of Silence). Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

**\*Gloria Patri**      Hymn # 704

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.

## THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination

Lord, look mercifully on us, and grant that we may choose the way of peace. Rescue us from the captivity of the sins which have oppressed us, that we may attain the dwellings of the heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### First Reading

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Children’s Moment

Pastor Terry Simm

### Hymn of Preparation

**“Child in the Manger”**

Hymn #112

### Second Reading

Ephesians 2: 11-22

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

**“A Peace Like No Other”**

Ephesians 2: 14

### \*Affirmation of Faith

**“The Apostles Creed”**

### Prayers of the People with The Lord’s Prayer