



DECEMBER 18, 2022 AT 8:30 A.M.

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EARLY WORSHIP SERVICE

## Gathering & Greeting

*(moment for silent reflection)*

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

One: My soul magnifies the Lord;

**All: my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

One: The Mighty One has done great things...to all generations.

**All: Come, Lord Jesus, come! You bring hope and peace to the poor and oppressed. Let us see the world through your eyes that we would love the last and the least, that we would work for justice, that our lives would bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand, and the work we do would serve to draw people to your salvation. Amen.**

## Hymn #100 | “Canticle of the Turning”

### \*†Litany for Advent | O Antiphons

In Latin, the first letters of their seven images of Christ—Sapientia (Wisdom), Adonai (Lord), Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse), Clavis David (Key of David), Oriens (Radiant Dawn), Rex Gentium (Ruler of the nations), and Emmanuel (God with us)—make up a backward acrostic, spelling *ero cras*: “tomorrow I will [come].”

○ Wisdom...teach us the way to salvation.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

○ Adonai...with outstretched arm to save us.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

○ Root of Jesse...Come quickly to deliver us.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

○ Key of David...Come to set the prisoners free.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

○ Radiant Dawn...in the shadow of death.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

○ Ruler of the nations...whom you formed out of clay.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

○ Emmanuel...O Lord our God.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

## Scripture Readings | Isaiah 7:10-16 | Matthew 1:18-25

### Message

**Offering #88 (vv. 1, 3, 6, 7) | "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"**

### Prayers 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 #1 | "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!"**

### Blessing

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The FPC Food Pantry** needs instant potatoes and pie filling. Please drop off the items at the church office or by the pantry door in Fisher Hall.

**Volunteers Needed!** There are 2 breakfast teams that are in need of team members to help with food prep and serving on Wednesday mornings. The teams are on a 5 week rotation arriving about 6:30 and finishing up around 8:00. If this could fit into your schedule to join a team or even to substitute occasionally, please let us know. The Community Outreach Breakfast is an amazing program.

**Join us for a special service, The Longest Night,** TONIGHT at 5pm in which we remember loved ones who have died, as well as our own need for healing and wholeness and light that only Christ can provide.

Our **Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service** is this Saturday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary!

**Join us for our Christmas Day Service!** We will be hosting a single, abbreviated, combined service at 10:30am in the sanctuary for all who may come. Scripture, prayer, and hymns will mark this holy day together as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the light of the world.

**January 1st is the first Sunday of Christmas,** and a combined service of worship where we will gather for the much-loved "Lessons & Carols."

Our next **Red Cross Blood Drive** will be Sunday, January 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Presby Place. Sign up to donate by contacting Ray or Maxine Coffey [rcoffey9@cox.net](mailto:rcoffey9@cox.net).

**Parents' Night Out is back!** Our next P.N.O. event "Snow Day" is Friday, January 27th from 6PM to 8PM. Sign up your kids by contacting Susana Vick at [susana@firstpresmanhattan.com](mailto:susana@firstpresmanhattan.com) or by phone at (785) 537-0518.

**Offices will be closed** at noon on December 23rd, all day on December 26th-27th, and at noon on December 30th.