



Come,
O C O M E
Emmanuel

**First Sunday of Advent
Elder Mark Van Bruggen
December 1, 2024
9.30am**

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

Psalm 25:1-10 p. 545

🔔 The Bells of Kirkpatrick

Hymn of Promise by Natalie Sleeth, 1986

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering of the People

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING – HOPE

Linda & Frank Hults

Please join with us today as we light the first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope.

We put our hope in the one to come, the promised one who comes from God to bring good news of salvation. We hope in the one who will lead us to walk in the light of the LORD. We hope he will not let us live in dark valleys, but on the high mountain of God.

We light this candle in Hope.

All: On this day, we remember to hopefully look for the coming of Christ.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm ##)

Liturgist: Our souls magnify the Lord,

People: **and our spirits rejoice in God our savior.**

Liturgist: God has done great things. Holy is God's name!

People: **God's mercy is for all who fear the Lord,
God's love from generation to generation!**

*GATHERING SONGS

"Canticle of the Turning"

Rory Cooney

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison **Advent God, come among us.**

Awaken us to your presence, and fill us with your love.

Forgive us when our hunger for justice gives way to our hunger for power.

Forgive us when our hope for peace is swallowed by our fear of failure.

Forgive us when our songs of faith are drowned out by the shouts of the world.

Advent God, come among us, and make all things new.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn #813

*Please stand if you are able

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 33:15-16
Luke 21:25-36

p. 787
p. 1043

SERMON: "Living the Hope of Christ"

Elder Mark Van Bruggen

Responding to the Word

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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CALL TO OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Unison **God Most High, receive the gifts of our lives
as an offering of gratitude for your grace.
Overshadow us with your Holy Spirit
and let it be with us according to your word,
for nothing is impossible with you. Amen.**

***DOXOLOGY**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Sending

***SENDING HYMN**

"All My Hope"

David Crowder and Ed Cash

CHARGE AND BLESSING

*Please stand if you are able

Announcements

Welcome back Elder Mark Van Bruggen and thank you your leading our worship today.

Prayer Concerns - If you are worshipping with us online, please use the chat feature to type your prayers and we will include your concerns.

Staff Vacation: Pastor Barbara is on vacation today.

Food Ministry: Saturday, Nov. 23, was our Thanksgiving Grocery Giveaway. We ended up giving away 37 bags of food plus turkeys, pies, bread and butter. Thank you to all the organizations and individuals that helped us: Living Waters Lutheran Church, Larison's Corner Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church of Lambertville, Athletes in Action, Boy Scout troop 65, the Women's Auxiliary of the Firehouse, individuals in the community, South Hunterdon Regional High School, and our wonderful congregation.

Our next Giveaway will be our Christmas Grocery Giveaway on Dec. 21. We will again hope to give everyone all the fixings for a Christmas dinner. At the moment, we are either out of or low on tuna, boxed potatoes, pancake mix, jelly, syrup, canned fruit or applesauce, and cereal. If you earn a turkey or ham you don't need, we will gladly take it, small ones preferred.

December 8th Holiday Table Arrangement Class by Abby Danner. Cost \$40, includes lunch from 11 to 11:30, and project supplies. We will have desserts after the class. Please let Norma know if you'd like to bring a dessert. Please register with Norma Z 908-635-1044 or enzimmerman@comcast.net, limit 15.

December 14th @ 3pm. Music Mountain Theatre in Lambertville production of "A Christmas Carol". Please see Kathy for the tickets.

Prayers of the People If you would like to receive the weekly email with today's prayer requests, please let Chris know and she will update the list.

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