



REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
November 30, 2025
9:30 am Worship Service

Multiplying disciples one life at a time.

Today's Speaker: Dr. David Kieffer, Senior Pastor

Worship Leader: Kevin Tiemann, Ruling Elder

Organist: Courtney Brooke

PRELUDE *We Gather Together Medley* (Hymn 363)/ E. Rogers

WORDS OF GREETING

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD

Philippians 4:4-5, 8-9 (ESV)

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say rejoice.

People: **The Lord is near.**

Leader: Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is anything excellent, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

People: **And the God of peace will be with you.**

IN PRAYER

***WE PRAISE OUR GOD**

HYMN OF PRAISE 98

Now Thank We All Our God

WE CELEBRATE THE COMING OF CHRIST

THE ADVENT CANDLE: Hope

Kaylor Fogie, Reader

***WE CONFESS OUR FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

**Unison: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things
visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten
Son of God, begotten of his Father before all
worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God
of very God; begotten, not made, being of one
substance with the Father, by whom all things
were made; who for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven, and was incarnate by
the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made
man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third
day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the
right hand of the Father; and he shall come again,
with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and
giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son; who with the Father and the Son
together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by
the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic¹
and apostolic church; we acknowledge one
baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for
the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

¹meaning *universal*

***WE EXALT OUR LORD**

WORSHIP SONGS

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Angels from the Realms of Glory (Emmanuel)
Doxology (Romans 11)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
WELCOME TO VISITORS

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

Noel
Aviendha Myra, harp

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:1-17 (ESV)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³ and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram ⁴ and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷ and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸ and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹² And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

¹³ and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of

Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵ and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

SERMON

Wait & Hope

Advent series: *God Weaves in Grace*

Dr. David Kieffer

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **196**

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

*WORDS OF PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Come, O Wondrous Child/ G. F. Handel

Song Lyrics

98 *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son and Him who reigns
with Them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

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Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King
God is with us, even now His love is here.
Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King
God is with us, even now His love is here.
His love is here!

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
You are the God who saves us, worthy of all our praises
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Come have Your way among us, we welcome You here, Lord Jesus
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel!*

Romans 11 (Doxology)

Oh, the depth of the riches
of the wisdom and knowledge of God
How unsearchable His judgments
How untraceable His paths

Who knows the mind of our God
and who can bring counsel to Him?
Who has given to God
that God should repay?

For from Him, and through Him
and to Him, is everything

To God be the glory forever and ever
To God be the glory forever, amen

196 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear Desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Dayspring from on high, appear;
come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
of thy birth we long to hear!
O'er the hills the angels singing news,
glad tidings of a birth:
"Go to him, your praises bringing,
Christ the Lord has come to earth."

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
he whose glories knew no end;

By his life he brings us gladness,
our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.
Leaving riches without number,
born within a cattle stall;
this the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.