

Sending

* **Sending Hymn** *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*
Song sheet

***Charge and Benediction**

Closing Music

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the ministers stand at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship.

Lectionary Year C Scripture for the First Sunday of Advent, **November 28: Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, Luke 21:25-36.**

Lectionary Year C Scripture for the Second Sunday of Advent, **December 5: Malachi 3:1-4; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 1:68-79, 3:1-6.**



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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021 10 a.m.



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We are an ecumenical congregation in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action Congregation.

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Lay Reader today is Kathy Medder.

Opening Music *The King Shall Come*
When Morning Dawns

- arr. Thomas Keesecker

Lighting the Advent Wreath

***Opening Hymn** *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

Song sheet

Confession and Reconciliation

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your arrival. We live in sin, as though there were no justice. We live in fear, as though there were no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Show us your mercy and steadfast love. Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

Passing of the Peace

We invite everyone to share Christ's peace with your neighbors. Greet those near you from your seat, if you are with us in person. If you are with us online, send a message or make a call to share peace. We encourage everyone to share Christ's peace with all your friends and neighbors, in whatever way you can, after the service.

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

***Sung Response** *Joy to the World* Song sheet

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let every heart prepare him room,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sing,
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing!

The Word

First Scripture Reading *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Come, Emmanuel, Come* - arr. Jay Rouse

Children's Message

Children from age 4-5th grade may now leave the sanctuary for a worship time designed for them. They will rejoin us after the Message.

Second Scripture Reading *Luke 21:25-36*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message *Black Friday Beasts and Advent Grinches*
Dr. Kyle Goodman

Thanksgiving & Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our God in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

There are many ways to say the Lord's Prayer. This ecumenical phrasing is inclusive and expansive, because God is bigger and wider than our human understanding. Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if what you say is different than your neighbor.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>. We encourage you to mail your pledge card to the church office; or email Finance Coordinator Dana Adams (dana@alamancechurch.org) with your pledge details.

Offertory *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
- arr. Dan Forrest

***Doxology** *Praise God,* Song sheet
from Whom All Blessings Flow
(tune name *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known:
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!