

WESPERERS

GOD

with
us.



Wednesday Advent Vespers

6:00 to 6:45pm
December 1, 8, 15
CPC Sanctuary & Live-stream



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Advent Vespers

Welcome! Please take a moment to silence cell phones and other electronic devices.

Responsive readings: Leader/**People**

Musical Prelude

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

trad. carol

Winter Snow

Audrey Assad

Born in the Night

Geoffrey Ainger

What Child is This

trad. Carol, arr. Lauren Daigle

Call to Worship

Jessica Patchett

Opening Carol

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Hymnal #88

Verses 1

Advent Wreath

We are a people who walk in darkness.

We long for Christ's light.

We are a weary people.

We long for God's strength and hope.

We are a people who carry broken hearts.

Comfort us. Awaken us. Help us watch for the coming of Christ.

Advent Song

Christ, Be Our Light

Hymnal #314

Verse 1, Refrain, Verse 2, Refrain,

Verse 3-4, Refrain, Verse 5, Refrain

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Let us kneel in the darkness,

Until we see God's light emerge.

Let us ask for forgiveness,

And let the little Christ child lead us.

Let us wait with hope-filled hearts,

As Christ's image grows within us and
shows us life.

Let him speak to us and teach us love,

**Until we open our hearts to be
his home.**

Even now—yes, even in this very moment,

God comes to us,

bringing hope,

bringing forgiveness,

bringing grace as freely offered gifts to us.

**May we open our hearts to the God who is
with us,**

**and receive the gifts which have been
offered to us.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

(Silent prayer is offered)

Response of Praise

What Child is This (alternate verse by David MacGregor)

What Love is this who feels our pain,
our sorrow and our weeping,
Who comes among us, for us, hold us
always in His keeping?

Christ comes, Emmanuel,
God with us, the ages tell
Live, live in Jesus' love,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Scripture

Isaiah 41:9-10

Meditation

Peter Blanchard

Reflective Music

Atheist Christmas Carol

Vienna Teng

It's the season of grace coming out of the void
Where a man is saved by a voice in the distance
It's the season of possible miracle cures
Where hope is currency and death is not the last unknown
Where time begins to fade and age is welcome home

It's the season of eyes meeting over the noise
And holding fast with sharp realization
It's the season of cold making warmth a divine intervention
You are safe here you know

Don't forget, don't forget I love, I love, I love you

It's the season of scars and of wounds in the heart
Of feeling the full weight of our burdens
It's the season of bowing our heads in the wind
And knowing we are not alone in fear, not alone in the dark

Don't forget, don't forget I love, I love, I love you

Meditative Prayer

Closing Hymn

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

*Hymnal #123
Verses 3-5*

Blessing

Postlude

Participants in Tonight's Service

Rev. Dr. Jessica Patchett

Rev. Dr. Sharol Hayner

Peter Blanchard

Sarah Glomski

Natalie Handley

John Itson

Bob Clark

Steve Porter

Join us again!

Sunday, December 19

God with Us Forever—the Weary World Rejoices

Contemporary Worship 9am

Classical Worship 10:30am

Sunday, December 26

A service with lessons and carols

Combined Worship 10am

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

Family Contemporary Worship 4pm

Classical Candlelight Worship 9pm

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***We are a community centered in Christ, gathering in love,
growing by grace, and going forth to serve.***

Await God's Presence

(hands cupped)

Allow God to speak

(arms reaching up)

Accept what God has to say

(hands over heart)

Attend to God's invitation

(arms reaching out)