

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG *Go Tell It on the Mountain* Hymn 151

[**Refrain:**] Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

1 While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [**Refrain**]

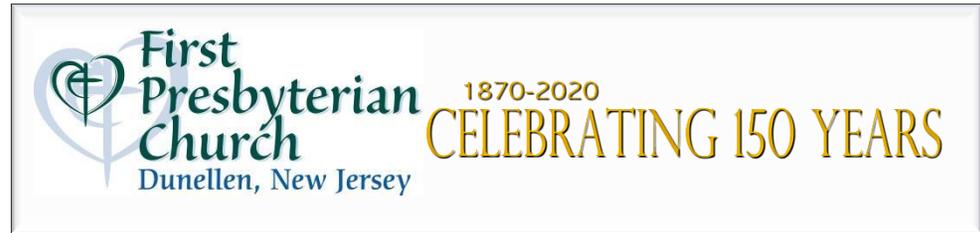
2 The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [**Refrain**]

3 Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born, and God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [**Refrain**]

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* Hymn 140

POSTLUDE



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - 9:00 AM

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

First Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

CALL TO WORSHIP Advent Reading for HOPE
LEADER: Today we enter the season of Advent, a time to prepare our hearts for the Christmas celebration of God's gift of a Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. For centuries God's people were sustained by HOPE as they waited for the messiah God promised in scripture. We know that Jesus, the Messiah, has come. In His ministry Jesus launched the Kingdom of God in our midst. On the cross He suffered and died to pay the penalty of our sin. In the resurrection Jesus conquered death that all those who trust Him might have life in His name. Now our HOPE is in the promise that Jesus will come again to make all things new. All those in Christ will be raised to life and we will be alive with Him forever in the renewed creation. So then, "Let us hold unwaveringly to the HOPE we profess, for He who promised is faithful." (Hebrews 10:23) Today, as we light the first candle on our Advent wreath: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

ADVENT PRAYER

Gracious God, we thank you for the HOPE you give us. You are faithful and we trust your promises Help us to keep our eyes and hearts and minds focused on you, through this Advent season of

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preparation, and as we worship you this day. O come, O come Emmanuel. God with us! Amen!

SONG *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymn 135

1 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 every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

2 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.

CONFESSION

ALL: Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. We need a Savior. Help us to be ready for Jesus in our own hearts. O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON based on Isaiah 40:1-2

LEADER: Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Your sins are pardoned. The penalty is paid.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

SONG *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* Hymn 520

1 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word, just to rest upon his promise, just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

2 O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood, just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!
(Refrain)

3 Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,

just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
(Refrain)

4 I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend, and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
(Refrain)

SCRIPTURE Judges 6:23-24

SERMON **Trusting God when I Feel Anxious**
Rev. Carrie Price-Knospe

SONG *Trust & Obey* Hymn 523

1 When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

[Refrain:] Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2 Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil he will richly repay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross, but is blest if we trust and obey. *(Refrain)*

3 But we never can prove the delights of his love until all on the altar we lay; for the favor he shows and the joy he bestows are for them who will trust and obey.
(Refrain)

4 Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will go—never fear, only trust and obey. *(Refrain)*

PROFESSION OF FAITH Hebrews 10:23
ALL: Let us hold unswervingly to the HOPE we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

OFFERING, DEDICATION AND DOXOLOGY