

**WELCOME TO THE
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF DUNELLEN, NJ**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: HOPE

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Advent Reading for HOPE

LEADER: Today we enter the season of Advent, a time to prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of the Jesus, our Savior and King. For centuries God's people were sustained by HOPE as they awaited God's promised Messiah who has now come! Now our HOPE is in Jesus' promise to return and make all things new. So then, "Let us hold unswervingly 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

ALL: Gracious God, we thank you for the HOPE you give us in Jesus. You are faithful and we trust your promises. Keep us focused on you this Advent. Prepare us for your coming as we worship you. O come, O come Emmanuel. God with us! Amen!

SONG *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Hymn 133

CONFESSION 1 John 1:9-10

LEADER: Lord God, our lives are filled with sin. We forget our neighbor's needs and do not love you above all else. Forgive us God & make us ready for Jesus. (Silent Confession)

ALL: O come, O come, Savior of the world. Amen

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.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

WELCOME & GREETING

MISSIONS EMPHASIS SUNDAY

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

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

SCRIPTURE *Mark 6:45-52*

SERMON: Open Up Your Heart to See His Fullness! Rev. Carrie Knospe

SONG *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* Hymn 171

PROFESSION OF FAITH Hebrews 10:23

ALL: Let us hold unswervingly to the HOPE we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING. OFFERTORY, DOXOLOGY & DEDICATION

SONG *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* Hymn 157

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* Hymn 140

POSTLUDE

SERMON NOTES

Open Up Your Heart to See His Fullness!

MARK 6:45-52

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