WELCOME TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUNELLEN, NJ

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026

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 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* Hymn 135

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

SONG *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* Hymn 133

SCRIPTURE

SERMON ***EMMANUEL SHALL COME TO THEE*** Rev Tim Osborne

1. Emmanuel, God With Us

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

EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US

Matthew 1:20-23, Isaiah 7:14-16; 8:5-10

What does it mean that Jesus is God with us?

1. God is _____ with us _____ as promised,

_____ what we _____. (Isaiah 7:14-16)

2. _____ shows enemy plans _____ because

God _____ for us in _____. (Isaiah 8:5-10)

3. _____! _____ is With-Us-God who

_____ us from sin & _____. (Matthew 1:20-23)

Hymn 133 Verse 1

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!

FPCD Sermon by Rev. Tim Osborne on 11.29.26 - Advent 1

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