



All Saints Presbyterian Church

November 30th, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

**Congregation Stands*

***Gathering Song** (10:25 AM) Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse's lineage coming,
as men of old have sung.
It came, a flow'ret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half-spent was the night.

This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
with sweetness fills the air,
dispels with glorious splendor
the darkness ev'ry-where.
True man, yet very God;
from sin and death he saves us
and lightens ev'ry load.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind;
with Mary we behold it,
the virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright
she bore to men a Savior,
when half-spent was the night.

O Savior, child of Mary,
who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
who dost our weakness know,
bring us at length, we pray,
to the bright courts of heaven
and to the endless day.

*St. 1-2 By Theodore Baker, St. 3-4 by Harriett R. Spaeth, St. 5 by John C. Mattes
German Hymn, Arranged by Michael Praetorius
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Entering into the Worship of God

Lighting of the Advent Candles ————— Hez and Sharon Nanda

Reader: "Advent" means "coming." In this advent season, we light candles as a sign of the light of salvation that has come into our dark world with the first coming of Jesus Christ to re-establish God's loving reign as king in our lives. As those who have experienced this salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, we are now waiting for his second coming to bring the fullness of God's kingdom, and all the blessings of his salvation, including the resurrection of the dead and the renewal of the whole creation.

“Jesus Christ fulfills what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: ‘Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved with whom my soul is well pleased. I will put my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles. He will not quarrel or cry aloud, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets; a bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory; and in his name the Gentiles will hope’” (Matthew 12:17-21).

Today we light the candle of hope, in the hope of our coming Savior, Jesus Christ.

Welcome ————— Rev. Adam L. Brice, *Pastor*

***Call to Worship** ————— Caleb Shea

Based on Psalm 130:5-7

Leader: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his Word I hope. My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

Everyone: There is no darkness with you, O Lord!

Leader: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plenteous redemption.

Everyone: There is no darkness with you, O Lord!

Leader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Everyone: There is no darkness with you, O Lord!

Leader: O Come, let us worship the Lord!

***Song of Praise:** Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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.

Joy to those who long to see thee,
Day-spring from on high, appear;
Come, thou promised Rod of Jesse,
Of thy birth we long to hear!

O'er the hills the angels singing
News, glad tidings of a birth:
“Go to him, your praises bringing;
Christ the Lord has come to earth.”

Come to earth to taste our sadness,
He whose glories knew no end;
By his life he brings us gladness,
Our Redeemer, Shepherd, Friend.

Leaving riches without number,
Born within a cattle stall;
This the everlasting wonder,
Christ was born the Lord of all.

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.

*Words stanzas 1,4: Charles Wesley
Words stanzas 2-3: Mark E. Hunt
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*Prayer of Invocation — Caleb Shea

Confession of Faith — Caleb Shea

The Westminster Larger Catechism, Question 56

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), we wholeheartedly affirm the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms as the doctrinal standards for our church. While the Confession and Catechisms are not to be equated with God's infallible Word, they are a faithful summary of the Bible's teaching, and a useful tool to unite us in our thinking as a church and to help guide us in our Christian life and ministry.

Leader: How is Christ to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world?

Everyone: Christ is to be exalted in his coming again to judge the world, in that he, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the full manifestation of his own glory, and of his Father's, with all his holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.

*Song of Praise: Christus Victor

O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed
us

Led us through mighty waters
Our strength our song our sure
salvation

Now to the Lamb upon the
throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By Your blood You have
redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior

Who lived who died who rose
victorious

Chorus

Now to the Lamb upon the
throne

Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle You have won
Hallelujah!

With every tribe and every
tongue

We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah! Amen.

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with
splendor
On that day who will not tremble

When You stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever

Chorus

Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen

Chorus

Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah! Amen. Amen.

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Corporate Confession of Sin ————— Caleb Shea

Leader: When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart (1 Corinthians 4:5). Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins:

Everyone: Heavenly Father, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son again this Christmas season, we confess that we are often distracted from the true meaning of his first coming by the stress and busyness of all our activities. Forgive us for all the ways we fail to live in light of the truth of his life, death, and resurrection. Forgive us for all the times we have failed in our interactions with the world to bear witness to the gift of salvation in Christ. Forgive us for grumbling and complaining when we have so much for which we should be thankful. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, in this Advent season, to live in the joy of Christ's first coming and the hope of his second coming, so that we might bring glory to you in all that we say and do. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon ————— Rev. Adam L. Brice, *Pastor*

Leader: Hear the promise of God in these words of the Apostle Paul. "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Christian, know that you are free in Christ. Rest in the freedom of his forgiveness.

Everyone: Praise God for his redeeming grace!

***Song of Gratitude: Breaking of The Dawn**

What is this coming of a child,
In Bethlehem's manger, meek
and mild?

For those who live in shadows
deep,
A cursed, condemned, tormented
sleep -
The murky blackness of the night,
Shot through with rays of dazzling
light
The early strains of morning's
song,
So comes the breaking of the
dawn

For those beneath that awful rod,
The fearsome anger of their God
This child now sleeping in the hay,
Our Prince of Peace has made a
way
To wash our crimson evils white,
And clothe us in His perfect light
Rejoice! The crushing weight is
gone!
So comes the breaking of the
dawn

For those who drink from empty
wells,
Whose gods are twisted, broken
shells
This child of whom the angels
sing,
Has led us to the Spring of
Springs
Which will not falter or run dry,
A fount of everlasting life

For those who walked in
blindness long,
Now comes the breaking of the
dawn

For those who with creation ache,
To see the curse of evil break
Who weep for all that is not right,
And strain to see the promised
light
This humble child in swaddling
clothes,
Whom prophets spoke of long
ago
Will heal our wounds with Gilead's
balm,
So comes the breaking of the
dawn

This is the coming of a gift,
To heal the deep and painful rift
Between the sinner and his Lord,
A total pardon to afford
And more than pardoned we are
heirs,
To endless joys beyond compare!
So come adore this baby boy,
And know the thrill of ransomed
joy
The heavens ring with morning's
song,
So comes the breaking of the
dawn

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***Extending Peace to One Another** — Caleb Shea

3-5 year olds are welcome to join Teach Me To Worship downstairs at this time

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Everyone: And also with you.

You are encouraged to connect with whom you need to in order to make peace before coming to the Lord's Table, or extend the peace to others, particularly newcomers.



Hearing the Word of God

***Scripture Reading:** Matthew 24:1-35 (ESV) — Steve Baldwin

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴ And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. ⁹ "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. ¹⁵ "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, ¹⁸ and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. ¹⁹ And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! ²⁰ Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. ²² And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. ²³ Then if anyone says

to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand. ²⁶ So, if they say to you, 'Look, he is in the wilderness,' do not go out. If they say, 'Look, he is in the inner rooms,' do not believe it. ²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather. ²⁹ "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. ³² "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³ So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁴ Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Everyone: Thanks be to God

Prayer for Illumination ————— Rev. Adam L. Brice, *Pastor*

**Everyone: Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait all the day long (from Psalm 25:4-5).**

Sermon ————— Rev. Adam L. Brice, *Pastor*

"The Return of Christ"

Responding to the Grace of God



Congregational Prayer

Caleb Shea

At the end of the congregational prayer, we will corporately pray the Lord's Prayer:

Everyone: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.



Tithes and Offerings (Teach Me To Worship children return)



Celebrating the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ as a way for Christians to worship until he returns. When we eat and drink this meal by faith, Jesus himself is present with us by his Holy Spirit, and he nourishes and strengthens us to live as his disciples in the world. It is a meal that unites all believers in Jesus Christ, and thus we invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who are members of a Bible-believing church to participate with us. Children who have professed faith and have been admitted to the Lord's Supper by the leaders of your church are also encouraged to participate.

If you are not yet a baptized Christian, or if you have not been joined to a church, we want you to know that we are so glad that you are here! And yet, we ask that you refrain from participating in this meal. If you are interested in knowing more about what it means to follow Jesus and join his people in the church, any of the pastors or elders would be delighted to meet with you. We also encourage you not to participate if you have an unresolved conflict with another member of the church, and are not pursuing reconciliation, as this meal is to be a sign of our love and unity in Christ.

While not all will eat and drink (because we know that not all here have taken those first steps of faith and obedience to Jesus), we do encourage everyone to join the circle that will form around the sanctuary as a sign that you are all an important part of our church community

Prayers of Meditation for Those Not Partaking of the Sacrament:

If you are not able to receive Communion because you have not yet entrusted your life and eternity into the saving hands of Jesus Christ, you can select a prayer that best describes your current place in the spiritual journey and meditate on it

A Prayer for those who cannot believe in God

God, I have doubted your existence. I have reasoned you away or associated you with a Being that either does not love me or does not have the strength to show me that you care. And yet, I see today that there are many people who have experienced the same hardships and disappointments in life that I have, yet they believe in you. They say they see your care in their trials and they experience your strength in their hardships. And they say that it all must be true because of the resurrection of Jesus. God, this is all strange to me. Therefore, if you really exist, if you really are the caring and sovereign God these people and their Bible say you are, reveal yourself to me personally through this resurrected Jesus. Amen.

A Prayer for those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

A Prayer of Belief and Commitment

Lord Jesus, I admit that in and of myself I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared to believe, but in you, oh Christ, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. I commit myself to be baptized into union with you and to follow you all my life as a committed disciple of Jesus, no matter what the cost.

Song to the Cross: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood,

he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
"Allelulia alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!"

*Liturgy of St. James,
Adapted by Gerard Moultrie
Arr. By Ralph Vaughan Williams
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O, Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

Chorus

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O
Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of
might,
Who to Thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
In ancient times didst give the law
In cloud and majesty and awe.

Chorus

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;

From depths of hell thy people save,
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Chorus

O come, thou Day-spring from on
high,
And cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to
flight.

Chorus

O come, thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on
high,
And close the path to misery.

Chorus

*John Mason Neale, Thomas Helmore
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***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

*Thomas Ken, Louis Bourgeois
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***Benediction:** ————— Rev. Adam L. Brice, *Pastor*

Romans 13:11-12; 15:13

Leader: "Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. . . . May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

All Saints Pulpit

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12/14	The Final Judgment	Matthew 25:31-46	Rev. Adam L. Brice
12/21	The New Creation	Revelation 21:1-8	Rev. Adam L. Brice

Community Groups

Northeast

Kuhfusses & Poelarends
Wed | 6:00 - 7:30PM

Mac-Grove

Kruzeks & Olsons
Wed | 5:30 - 7:00PM

Northern Suburbs

Aarrestads
Sun (1st and 3rd) | 4:30-6:30PM

South Minneapolis

Laus
Tues | 6:00 - 7:30PM

West Side

Stephensons
Tues | 6:30 – 8:00PM

Como Saint Paul

Covingtons
Wed | 6:00 – 7:45PM

Eagan

Wallers & Levenhagens
Sun | 5:30 - 7:30PM

South Minneapolis

Pagels
Wed | 6:00 - 7:30PM

Updates and Information



*events, registrations,
and All Saints info*

Accessing the Weekly Order of Worship

If you would like to see the weekly order of worship prior to the service, you may do so on our website by clicking "Worship" at the top of the page; you'll see an option to listen to the service or view the weekly order of worship. *The full bulletin is not available on the website to protect financial and personal information. If you need a copy of the full bulletin, please reach out to tia@allsaintsmsp.org.

Newsletter

Email newsletter@allsaintsmsp.org if you would like to subscribe to our monthly newsletter, which includes information on events, updates, and announcements for the upcoming month.

Prayers and Praises

Whether you have a prayer request or praise that you'd like to share with the church, or a more private prayer that you'd like to share with only our prayer and pastoral teams, please email prayer@allsaintsmsp.org.

Open Position - Associate Pastor

All Saints is hiring an Associate Pastor! Please direct any interested candidates that you may know to the Pastor Search page on the PCA website to review and apply for the position, or encourage them to reach out to pastoralsearch@allsaintsmsp.org with any questions.



Ministry Events

Event information can also be found on our website: allsaintsmsp.org/events

December 12th - Women's Prayer Event, 6pm

Join together for time a prayer prior to the Women's Advent Tea.

December 12th - Women's Advent Tea, 7pm

Please join the Women of All Saints for our annual Advent Tea! This year the theme is "Christmas Around the World"— expect stories, carols, and goodies from around the globe. Invite your friends, neighbors and coworkers to join us! This event is open to all women including RYF girls, 6th grade and older. Questions? Contact the Women's Team at womens.team@allsaintsmsp.org.

December 18th - Soup Supper, 6pm

Thursday, December 18th, prior to our Lessons & Carols service, everyone is welcome to attend a soup supper in the Fellowship Hall, starting at 6pm. This is a potluck event, so be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet!

December 18th - Lessons & Carols, 7pm

On Thursday, December 18th, we invite you to attend our Lessons & Carols service, which will include Christmas carols, Scripture readings to celebrate the birth of Christ, and a brief meditation.

January 30th - February 1st - Men's Retreat

Save the date for the annual Men's Retreat, which will be held from January 30th through February 1st on the North Shore. More details will be provided soon!

February 20th - 22nd - Women's Retreat

Save the date for the annual Women's Retreat, which will be held from February 20th through February 22nd in Alexandria, MN. More details will be provided soon!