



All Saints Presbyterian Church

December 21st, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Congregation Stands*

***Gathering Song** (10:25 AM) 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
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Entering into the Worship of God

Lighting of the Advent Candles ————— The Clemens Family
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.

The light of the advent candles reminds us of Jesus, the light of the world. The prophet Isaiah announces, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. . . . The nations shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war anymore. . . . The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. . . . The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. . . . 'For behold,' says the LORD, 'I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind'" (Isaiah 49:6; 2:4; 11:6; 35:1-2; 65:17).

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

We also light the candle of love, reminding us of the love that Jesus Christ, our Savior, has for us.

We also light the candle of joy, reminding us of the joy that we have in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And finally, we light the candle of peace, reminding us of the peace that the reign of King Jesus will bring to the world when he comes again.

Everyone: Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation. Let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

Announcements ————— Madelynne Steenwyk

***Call to Worship** ————— Rudy Heuer

Based on Luke 1:46-50

Leader: Our souls magnify the Lord!

Everyone: Our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

Leader: The Mighty One has done great things for us!

Everyone: Holy is God's name!

Leader: Let us worship God.

Everyone: For God is our maker and our redeemer; from generation to generation God gives mercy to those who call upon him.

***Song of Praise:** O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem;
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels!

Chorus

O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven
above;
Glory to God, in the highest!

Chorus

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!

Chorus

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***Prayer of Invocation** ————— Rudy Heuer

Confession of Faith ————— Rudy Heuer

The Westminster Shorter Catechism Questions 27-28 and 37-38

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: Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

Everyone: Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Leader: Wherein does Christ's exaltation consist?

Everyone: Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

Everyone: The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Leader: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

Everyone: At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgement, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

***Song of Praise:** Joyful, Joyful

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before
Thee,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround
Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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Edward Hodges
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Corporate Confession of Sin ————— **Rudy Heuer**

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, you have sent your Son into the world in the likeness of sinful flesh and yet without sin himself, that by his perfect life and his death he might destroy the power of the devil and deliver us from our sins and judgment. You have raised him from death to life, and

crowned him Lord of all creation. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives as we should. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and have failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from our sin, that by the work of the Holy Spirit in and among us, we may be your faithful people, obeying from the heart all the commands of the Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is the head of the church, which is his body on earth. In his name we pray, 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:** Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous
myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous
myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure
fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous
myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous
myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain
Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

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***Extending Peace to One Another** — Rudy Heuer

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:** Revelation 21:1-8 (ESV) — Andrew Albing

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. ⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

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).

"The Second Advent: The New Creation"

Responding to the Grace of God



Congregational Prayer

Rudy Heuer

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: 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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All Glory Be To Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand,
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the
house,
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain,
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn,
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

We'll take a cup of kindness yet,
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus

When on the day the great I Am,
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain,
Is making all things new.
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e're his people be,
All glory be to Christ!

Chorus x2

His will be done, His kingdom come,
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread,
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price

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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.

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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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Community Groups

Northeast

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

Mac-Grove

Kruzezs & 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

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

South Minneapolis

Pagels
Wed | 6:00 - 7:30PM

Updates and Information



*events, registrations,
and All Saints info*

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.

Meeting with Pastor Adam

Pastor Adam is typically available on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 1:00 and 5:00pm, or by special appointment, for meetings and calls. Please email him to set up an appointment.



Ministry Events

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

January 11 - Baptism Sunday

Our next celebration of baptism will take place during the worship service on Sunday, January 11. If you are interested in having your child(ren) baptized, please let us know by emailing staff@allsaintsmsp.org. There will be a dessert reception after the service, which everyone is welcome to attend!

If you have never been baptized and would like to discuss becoming a member of our church and being baptized, we would love to talk with you! Please reach out to our Session by emailing elders@allsaintsmsp.org.

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!