



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

10:30am

GATHER

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

You are invited to greet those around you and share signs of Christ's peace.

GATHERING SONG

Wait for the Lord

No. 90

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong; take heart!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Susan Canavello, *liturgist*

Family of faith, God is at work!

God is healing and creating,

redeeming and dreaming,

calling and sending,

listening and loving.

Yes, indeed, God is at work!

So may we worship our God who never gives up.

May we worship our God who holds onto hope. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

No. 106

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

Hymn numbers correspond to the pages in the red or purple *Glory to God* hymn book in the pew rack in front of you.

The Call to Worship, Advent Candle Lighting, Confession and Pardon, Prayer for Illumination, Affirmation of Faith,

Great Thanksgiving, Prayers of Intercession and Prayer after Communion were adapted from prayers written by

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Prayer of Confession

**On-the-move God,
we have every reason to hold onto hope.
We have every reason to believe that spring will come,
that flowers will bloom, that the sun will rise.
And yet, too often hope slips through our fingers.
With anxious hearts we cry out to you,
“Will change ever come? Will things ever get better? Will I ever make a difference?”
Soothe our wandering hearts and show us the places where the sun is shining. Show us the
places where you are on the move.
With open hearts we pray, amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

**Response to Pardon* Creator of the Stars of Night *stanza 4* No. 84

**To God the father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
praise honor, might, and glory be, from age to age eternally. Amen.**

*During the Response to Pardon, the young (and young at heart!) are invited to come forward to sit in
the front row of chairs by the piano in preparation for the Time with Children.*

PROCLAIM

TIME WITH CHILDREN

*Following the Time with Children, young worshipers
may remain in worship or choose to attend Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Hebrew Bible Reading Isaiah 43:19-21 NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Matthew 11:1-11 NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE All for Nothing? Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

RESPOND

HYMN OF RESPONSE Comfort, Comfort Now My People No. 87

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH written by Sarah Are Speed

We have seen the valley.

We have seen a sky without stars. We have seen the longest night, and still we believe.

We believe in a with-us God. We believe in the hope of tomorrow.

**We believe that good news is louder than fear. We believe this good news is for all people.
So even when our knees shake, even when our voice trembles,
even when fear is all around us, we will hold onto that good news.
We will reach for each other.
We will look for God in our midst. We will sing songs of joy.
We will proclaim: Unto us, love is born.
We have seen the longest night, and we have seen unimaginable love. So still, we believe.
Amen.**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE

- Make a donation (money or food/presents) to support immigrant families this holiday season.
- Volunteer to help put on our Christmas Eve service (4:30pm on 12/24) - contact Jennieserra@gmail.com.
- Make a call or send a card to someone you know would appreciate hearing from you.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

During this time, you are invited to make a financial contribution to LPC. You may do so by placing cash or a check (payable to "LPC") in the offering plate, or give by credit card by using the QR code to be directed to our online giving page. You are also encouraged to be in prayer about how you can use your time and talents to serve God and neighbor this week.



*HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *stanzas 1-3*

No. 347

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

...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 debts¹ as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Breaking of the Bread and the Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

**Loving God, In a world racked with fear, you gather us together.
You set the table. You meet us here. You nourish our bodies as you nourish our spirits.
You remind us that this is a joyful feast, and that fear cannot win every time.
So with renewed courage, renewed hope, and renewed conviction,
send us out into the world. Help us to feed others as you have fed us.
With gratitude we pray, amen.**

¹ When saying the Lord's Prayer, some prefer to use the words "forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" or "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Please pray as you feel led.

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*SENDING HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *stanza 4*

No. 347

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Worship may be over, but our **service** has just begun.

*We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us.
Lakeview Presbyterian Church brings God's word to life
in a welcoming atmosphere of worship, prayer, and fellowship,
while spreading the love of Jesus Christ
through Christian education and outreach, wherein all are welcome.*

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