

**ADVENT 1**  
**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**  
**9:30A.M. IN-PERSON & ONLINE**



**PASTOR AMBER CRAIG**  
**PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

## GUEST INFORMATION

### OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT

“Claimed by grace, we seek to welcome all, worship joyfully, grow spiritually and share God's love.”

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

In love we proclaim Jesus Christ to the world. We affirm faith in God through community life as reflected in our joyful fellowship of word and sacrament. With the help of the Holy Spirit we enthusiastically witness to and embrace all of God's Creation.

### OUR VISION STATEMENT

Prince of Peace is a community that exists to **INVITE** people to faith and **INSPIRE** people with God's love so that they may **GROW** in faith and **SHARE** their gifts with integrity in the name of Jesus Christ.

### OUR VALUE STATEMENTS

Prince of Peace is a Christian community that exists to reflect God's love and forgiveness for all people as revealed in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are committed to...

**WORSHIP** as a joyful experience of communion with God through Word, Sacrament, music and Christian community.

**WELCOMING** all people\*, especially children and adolescents, regardless of where they are on their spiritual journey.

**LEARNING** as a life-long process to increase each person's confidence and joy in Jesus Christ through prayer, bible study and active service in our church, community and world.

**LEADERSHIP** that is inspired by the Holy Spirit and shared by our Pastor, staff and lay leaders as we strive to live as a Christian community with integrity.

*\* Our understanding of our stated value of "welcoming all people" leads us to proclaim that we are a Christian congregation called to unite people from diverse backgrounds, enabling them to grow in the love of Jesus Christ. We therefore respond to the vision to which God has called us – to proclaim this good news and to welcome into full membership in our congregation all people without regard to cultural or ethnic backgrounds, physical or mental abilities, family status, sexual orientation, gender identity or age. We pledge to ourselves and all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. This affirmation leads us to a commitment to ensure that the decisions and actions of our congregation will be based, without bias, upon the Christ-driven spirit of being an all-encompassing body of believers.*

**OUR USHERS** are available to help you with directions or questions. Just ask!

**RESTROOMS** are located in the adjacent corridor and can be found by exiting the Welcoming Area through the west side doors. Restrooms are on your left at the end of the first corridor and also across from the kitchen as you continue toward the Northcrest Drive exit.

**HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are available. Please ask an usher.

**OUR PASTOR GREETES GUESTS** after services at the main exit. Please take a moment to introduce yourself.

**PRAYERS** If you would like something added to Sunday prayers, you can send an email to [office@poplutheranchurch.org](mailto:office@poplutheranchurch.org) You may also add your prayers to the comments during the Facebook Live service. God hears our digital prayers.

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES** We welcome all people at Prince of Peace and do our best to maintain a safe environment for everyone. We will continue to follow the CDC guidelines at Prince of Peace. Communion will be offered both up front, or if you prefer in your seat with a communion kit.

**WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING:** During the offering, we join millions of other Christians around the world in worshipping our God through the giving of financial resources. If you are a first-time worshipper with us, please know that there is no expectation around your giving; simply give as the Holy Spirit leads you or let the plate pass you by. For those who worship with us regularly, our friends and members, your joyful and generous giving supports all we do to build God's kingdom here at Prince of Peace. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

# INVITE

## PRELUDE WELCOME

**OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT** “Claimed by grace, we seek to welcome all, worship joyfully, grow spiritually and share God’s love.”

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (by Rev. Nancy J. <http://ruminari.wordpress.com/2010/11/27/advent-1a-call-to-worship/>)

One: Listen to the Spirit urging us to get ready—

All: **Our calendars are jam-packed full.**

One: Listen to the Spirit calling us to wait—

All: **We’ve already been waiting; there’s a line everywhere we go.**

One: Listen to the Spirit inviting us to walk in the way of the Lord—

All: **This is good news!**

One: The way of the Lord is the path of peace.

All: **We are glad to be in the house of the Lord!**

One: May the Advent blessing of peace be with you.

All: **We rejoice, for we are blessed to walk in the light of God!**

## GATHERING HYMN

### “Awake My Soul, and with the Sun”

ELW #557



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and  
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -  
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with  
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.  
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
Music: MORNING HYMN, François H. Barthélemon, 1741–1808

## CONFESSION

One: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who alone does wondrous things.

All: **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

One: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.  
Let us confront our sins,  
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

One: God of new beginnings,

All: **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire**

**and set us again on your way of love,**

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**

**and welcome your coming among us.**

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: People of God,  
a new thing is growing in our midst,  
a tender branch, a living sign.  
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.  
You have put on † Christ,  
and your sins have been washed away.  
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## KYRIE



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    Ⓑ Christ, have mer - cy.  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓑ Lord, have mer - cy.  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

One: Let us pray,  
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

## INSPIRE

CHILDREN'S TIME and BLESSING Congregational Deacon Eileen Bryant

Lighting of the Advent Wreath. "O Come O Come Emmanuel" ELW# 257



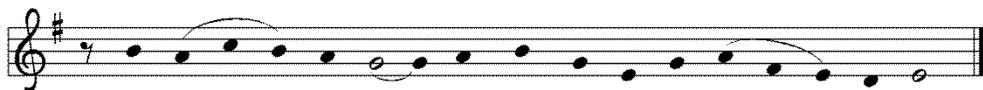
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

All: CHILDREN OF GOD, LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE OTHERS THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

## Candle Litany

One: In a world of where so many despair,  
God lights a candle of hope in our hearts.  
We wait together for a Saviour,  
who will be Immanuel, Christ the Lord.  
Hear the word of the Lord:

All: **By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.**

Psalm 65:5

**READING: Romans 13:11-14 (NRSV)**

*<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44 (NRSV)**

*[Jesus said to the disciples,] <sup>36</sup>“About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup>For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. <sup>42</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”*

*P: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** Surprise...It's Later than You Think” Synodically Authorized Minister Jim Netzer

**SILENCE FOR REFLECTION~**

## GROW AND SHARE

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

One: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

All: **And also with you!**



**WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING** *An alternate way to give:*  
*“Instructions for use found in the Faithworks”*

### **Choir Anthem**

#### **PRAYER OF BLESSING**

One: Eternal God,  
you make the desert bloom  
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.  
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, and money,  
and make us messengers of your mercy and love  
for all in need of your healing and justice.  
We ask this through Christ our Savior.

All **Amen.**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

One: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

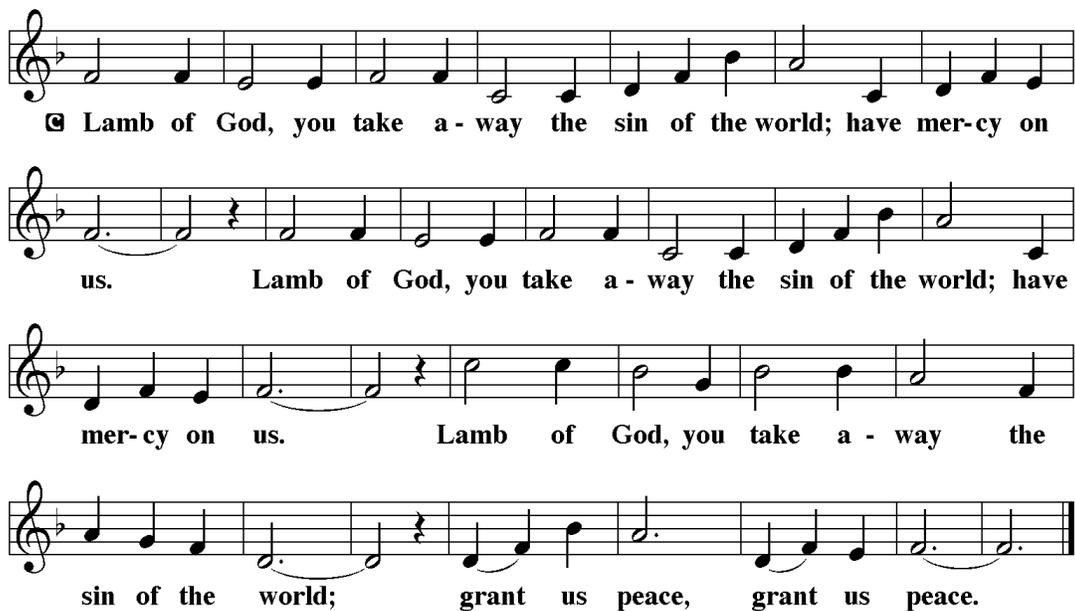
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

One: Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God, who has come to save you.  
All: **Thanks Be to God.**

## DISTRIBUTION

### LAMB OF GOD



**L**amb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

And now as you go from this place, go knowing that you are saved by grace, you are justified, you are forgiven, you are sought out, beloved, hidden in Christ and made for the glory of God. You are known, you are never forsaken, you are held in the palm of God's hand, you are loved. May the peace and power of our God be with us until we gather again, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .  
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



*Refrain*  
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

Text: Rory Cooney, b. 1952, based on the Magnificat  
 Music: STAR OF COUNTY DOWN, Irish traditional  
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**DISMISSAL**

**One:** Go in peace, serve the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.



*“O Come O Come Emmanuel” “Canticle of the Turning”*

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AMBER CRAIG, PASTOR; TYME BAEZ, ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR; EILEEN BRYANT CONGREGATIONAL DEACON

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SERVE PRINCE OF PEACE; TODAY AND EVERY DAY!**