



First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

10:30 AM

THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Approaching God in Praise and Prayer

+All who are able may stand

As you enter this holy space and sacred time, please quiet your mind, meditate on the Scriptures, and pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare you to worship the Living God.

PRELUDE

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod
arr. Edward Shippen Barnes
Suzanne Shick, organ

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 40

Leader: A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

People: Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Leader: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

People: The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

Leader: He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

People: But with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

All: Let us worship the Lord, living in the hope of His promises!

+ HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1-4)

VENI EMMANUEL

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Janice Y. Cook

Holy God, in this holiday season we feel the creeping hustle and bustle that pushes you to the side. We feel the burden of lists and obligations that drain our joy and dull our spirit. We see the flurry of holiday bargains that know not of the holy day that is to come. So we pray: Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come and make your presence known and felt. Come and open our hearts to the unexpected moments of joy. Come and bring your peace into our troubled world, and your love into our lives, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

+ MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR PERSONAL CONFESSION

+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verse 7)

VENI EMMANUEL

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease; fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

+ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

The Powell Family
Tom, Katherine, Lyla, and Bella

*At this time, children 5th grade and younger may meet their Sunday School leaders at the back of the Sanctuary.
Youth 6th grade and older are gathered in the Youth Room.*

VILLAGE LIFE

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Deacon Benevolence Fund

Offering Ourselves to God

OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. Michael Burkhardt

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 115

Away in a Manger

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 debts, 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. Amen.

Receiving God's Word

ANTHEM

Canticle of the Turning

Hal Hopson
Chancel Choir
Calieanne Grossheim, director

THE WORD READ

Matthew 3:1-12 (NT pg. 5)

Katherine Tillit, lay reader

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

"And the World is About to Turn"

The Rev. Dr. Jack W. Baca

Responding to God's Word

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

+ HYMN 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

+ BENEDICTION

+ CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Traditional Sicilian melody

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Picardy"

Gordon Young



The artwork on today's bulletin is titled

"The fresco of Baptism of Jesus in the church Dreifaltigkeitskirche by August Müller (1923).

The Deacon of the Day, Judy Walters, can be found at the Welcome Table after service.

If you desire prayer, prayer ministers are available after worship. Please inquire at the Welcome Table.

This service is being livestreamed.

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Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread; every mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

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Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace;

O direct us and protect us traveling
through this wilderness.