

*You are invited to share your joys and concerns with the congregation. Please place them in the prayer basket at the back of the sanctuary (prayer request sheets are in the basket), or if online use Zoom Chat or Facebook Comments. Please indicate if the request is not public (i.e., for the pastor alone). Your financial offerings can be placed in the offering box at the back of the sanctuary. Restrooms are found near the kitchen, to the left as you exit the sanctuary.*



## **Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church**

**Pastor – Rev. Diane Hoppe Hugo**

*The mission of Mid-Coast Presbyterian Church is to be in partnership with God to transform ourselves, our communities, and our world.*

**Service for the Lord's Day – November 30, 2025**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**Welcome**      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

### **Lighting of the Advent Candle**

We shall light the Advent candles, praying that our preparation for Christmas may help us to look outward in love, and to look forward in hope.

**Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.**

Let us pray that waiting for Christmas may show us how to be patient when things take time, how to live for Christ day by day, and how to wait for promises not yet fulfilled.

**Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.**

. . . neither shall they learn war any more. (*Isa. 2:4*)

**Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.**

**Sung Response (please remain seated)      Come and Fill Our Hearts**

*The accompanist will play through the tune once, and we will sing these verses two times.*

**Come and fill our hearts with your hope. You alone, O Lord, are holy.**

**Come and fill our hearts with your hope. Alleluia!**

### **Time of Silence for Companionship with God**

#### **Prelude**

#### **The Call to Worship (responsive)**

Jesus is coming but for now: **We wait**

Light is coming but for now: **We wait**

The angels will sing 'Glory to God in the highest' but for now: **We wait**

Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain made low but for now: **We wait**

But we are not as those who wait in vain: We wait in hope, in peace, in joy and in love.

**Hymn of Praise GTG 734 (please rise)      Hope of the World**

#### **The Invitation to Confession**

*The season of Advent allows for anticipation and growing excitement but also for each of us to consider 'Is there room at the inn for Jesus... where the inn stands for my heart?'*

#### **The Prayer of Confession (responsive)**

Loving God, our songs ring out, echoing through the rafters and vaulted ceilings . . .

... we allow You to be buried under rolls of wrapping paper and overstocked larders.

**Forgive us, Lord, that we leave so little room for You**

Merciful God, our world prefers empires and emperors rather than the ways of the shepherd;

. . . taken pride of place and have ensconced themselves in the castles of our hearts.

**Forgive us, Lord, that we leave so little room for You**

Gracious God, in as much as we have chosen our own ways over Yours, **forgive us.**

In as much as we have thought there was another way, **forgive us.**

In as much as we chose Christmas but wanted to skip the hard yards of Advent, **forgive us.**

In as much as we have opted for crowns instead . . . making room for You as if for the first time.

**Servant King, the door is open. There is room in our hearts.**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

#### **Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

**Savior God, guide us by your Word and Spirit that we might hear your truth,  
heed your call and be prepared for Christ's coming this Christmas. Amen.**

#### **Scripture Lessons**

*Matthew 24:36-44 and Isaiah 2:1-5*

Come, Holy Spirit (*silence is kept for reflection*) This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Sermon**

*Are You Living Unconsciously?*

#### **A Confession of Our Faith**

*From "A Brief Statement of Faith", Book of Confessions (PCUSA)*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

#### **Hymn of Response GTG 360** (*please rise*)

*Christ is Coming!*

#### **Sharing Joys & Concerns & The Prayers of the People**

**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.**

#### **A Time of Offering & Dedication**

**Christ calls us to live generous and grateful lives. Take our offerings today, O God, and use them to the fulfillment of Christ's ministry. May our offerings help to free the captives, heal the sick, comfort the lonely, feed the hungry, heal the wounded. As Christ's hands and feet, use us in service to building your beloved community. Amen.**

#### **Hymn of Sending GTG 647** (*please rise*)

*Give Thanks*

**God is Good—All the Time. All the Time—God is Good.**

#### **Charge, Benediction & Postlude**

*Please join us for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall*

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