

Feeling a chill? Help yourself to a knitted scarf from the back – two are hanging on rockers

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 – December 7, 2025 Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome

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

Lighting of the Advent Candle

We are lighting 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.

In Isaiah 11:9, the prophet declares, They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the sea.

(Light the second candle.)

...As we pray and work for truth, compassion, justice and peace, near and far—

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

(#466 GTG)

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

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

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. 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 88 (please rise)

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vss. 1, 5-7)

Invitation to Reconciliation

It is Advent. It is the season in which we prepare our hearts to welcome Christ, who is the bringer of all peace. Let us confess the ways in which we block the peace of Christ in our lives.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O promised Christ: We are a world at war.
Our peace depends on your coming.
We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming.
We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;
our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it.
Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon,
and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

The good news of this Advent season is forgiveness of sin and new life.

Let us commit our lives to Christ's way of hope and peace.

**Thanks be to the Advent God, who comes among us,
setting us free to love and serve.**

Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

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

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

Gracious God, your vision of peace and wholeness comes to us in sweeping revelations and in tiny signs of hope. Kindle our hearts, that we might be a hopeful people. Keep us from growing weary of waiting so that we do not miss the glory of your appearing. Even so, come quickly, O God. Amen.

Scripture Lessons

Matthew 3:1-12 and Isaiah 11:1-10 & 40:1-11

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

Sermon

Comfort – Now and Forever

Hymn of Response GTG 517 (*please rise*)

Here, O Our Lord, We See You

Sharing Joys & Concerns (*The Prayers of the People are offered during the Lord's Supper today*)

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.

Gathering Around the Lord's Table

The Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving & Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you.

And with your Spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise you and join in the never-ending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

(Prayers ending with)...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.**

The Words of Institution and Prayer of Consecration

Therefore in remembrance of all your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we give ourselves
in praise and thanksgiving as a living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for the world
as we declare:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Sharing the Bread and Cup *The bread and cup will be brought to each worshipper.*

*The bread is gluten free and only juice is served. Please hold the elements and we will all partake together
at the direction of the Pastor.*

[as the bread is shared] The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Thanks be to God.**

[as the cup is shared] The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

Thanksgiving after the Meal

**We thank you for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Send us into the world in peace for we have seen, have heard, and been fed
by your grace. Keep us faithful and alert for signs of Christ's coming and
lead us to live lives marked by truth and light, so that we may eat and drink
together in your eternal kingdom of hope, peace, joy and love. Amen.**

Hymn of Sending GTG 87 (please rise)

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

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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