

**Carmel Presbyterian Church**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 10, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m.**

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

**BOLD** type is for congregation's participation

**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

***Pastoral Welcome and Announcements***

***Prelude*** *Once He Came in Blessing* Wilbur Held

***ADVENT JOURNEY FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT***

**Choral Introduction:** My heart shall sing of the day you bring  
May the fires of your justice burn  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
And the world is about to turn.

**Reading and Candle Lighting** Pawlowski Family  
Mel, Ian, Steven, Soiyer

**Scripture Reading by Drama Team** Isaiah 40:1-11

**Hymn 9**, Stanza 1 and Refrain *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Veni Emmanuel

**Prayer**

**Congregational Response** *Canticle of the Turning* see Insert  
Stanza 2 and Refrain

***\*Call to Worship***

L: I look from afar, and I see the power of God coming

**P: Is this the one who will rule of Israel?**

L: No matter who you are, rich or poor, old or young, go out to meet him.

**P: This may be the shepherd that was promised; God's kingdom breaking forth.**

L: Stir up your strength, O Lord, come to rule over your people.

**P: I see the power of God coming...getting closer...closer...**

***\*Hymn #433*** Stanzas 1, 4-6 *There's a Spirit in the Air* Lauds

**\*Prayer of Adoration, Exultation, and Confession**

L: Prepare the way of the Lord

**P: Make his paths straight**

**\*Silent Prayer**

**\*Choral Response**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

**\*Declaration of Forgiveness**

L: In this season of waiting, the Good News is this: mercy, new life, hope, and joy are the gifts we receive from our God.

**P: Thanks be to the God of Advent, who came in the Child, who is with us in the Spirit, who will come again in glory! Amen.**

**\*Gloria Patri #579**

*Glory Be to the Father*

Henry W. Greatorex

**\*Passing of the Peace**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

***Prayer for Illumination***

Elder Nancy Pinkowicz

***Scripture Lessons***

2 Peter 3:8-15a

NT page 224

Mark 1:1-8

NT page 32

***Sermon***

"Comfort Food"

Rev. John M. Diller

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*Hymn#11**

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?*

Valet will ich dir geben

***Celebration of the Lord's Supper***

***Call to Offering***

***Offertory***

*People, Look East*

Malcolm Archer

Sanctuary Choir, text on insert

***Presentation of the Elements***

***The Great Thanksgiving***

L: Prepare the way of the Lord

**P: And all people will see the salvation of our God**

***Sanctus Hymn 581***

Joseph Roff

**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!**

***The Lord's Prayer***

***The Serving***

*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*

Robert Lau

***Unison Prayer* Thank you for filling us with your gift of love. Through Word and  
Sacrament you have given us your Son, true bread from heaven and food of  
eternal life. Strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our  
thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**WE TAKE THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

***\*Hymn #8***

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Wilbur Held

***\*Charge***

Thom Shuman

L: As you were present with us through your Word, O God:

**P: May we be present to others who will come to us this week.**

L: As you fed us with peace, Bread of Life:

**P: May we grace others with your peace in the coming days.**

L: As you welcomed us to your Table, Spirit of hope:

**P: May we welcome those you send us who have no hope.**

***\*Benediction***

***\*Chimes***

***\*Postlude***

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