



**and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.  
Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

B.C.W.

**God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule.  
We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives,  
ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse  
the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us  
wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ  
comes to judge the world.**

*(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)*

KYRIE - HYMN No. 578

*O Lord, Have Mercy*

ORE POIRIAJU VEREKO

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

Friends, believe the good news: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the Lord guide your way, strengthen you in all holiness, and make you abound in  
love for one another and for all.

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

No. 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (stanza 1)*

HYFRYDOL

***Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy  
humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure,  
unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.***

\*WELCOME and RITUAL of FRIENDSHIP

A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN

Stephanie Brader

*The congregation is invited to sing as the children come forward*

***Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.***

***Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.***

***Jesus loves the little children of the world.***

ANTHEM

*"For the Colors of the Rainbow"*

Nancy Raabe

**THE WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Psalm 25:1-10*

**God our salvation, there is wisdom, peace, and joy for those who keep your Word.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit, lead us in your truth and teach us to do your will;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING – *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

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The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – *1 Thessalonians 2:13, 3:9-13*

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The Word of the Lord

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\*HYMN No. 88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (stanzas 1&2)

VENI EMMANUEL

\*GOSPEL READING – *Luke 21:25-36*

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The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O, Christ.**

\*HYMN No. 88

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (stanzas 5&6)

VENI EMMANUEL

SERMON

*No Chicken Soup*

Rev. Charles M. Webster

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Scots Confession 1560*)

**We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.**

## THE RESPONSE

CONCERNS and CELEBRATIONS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kili Wenburg

Adult Education and Spiritual Formation

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING (*All loose coins in the offering plate will go to PCUSA Hunger Fund.*)

Offertory

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

James Pethel

\*DOXOLOGY

VENI EMMANUEL

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

\*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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.**

**SENDING**

\*HYMN No. 97

*Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

ABERYSTWYTH

\*CHARGE and BLESSING

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

No. 88                      *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (stanza 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.*

\*POSTLUDE

*"Reflection on an Ancient Plainsong"*

Michael Ryan

**Next Sunday, December 6**

***Second Sunday of Advent***

**Scripture:** Luke 3:1-6

**Sermon:** Prepare the Way of the Lord

**Holy Communion**

**Announcements:**

**The radio broadcast** is in memory of Les & JoAnn Seiler.

**Today's service may be seen on Channel 181** Tuesday, 1:00 p.m., or Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**For those living at Good Samaritan Village the service will be broadcast on Channel 3** on Sunday at 12:00 noon and on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

**Greeters:** Gary & Carol Grummert

**Ushers:** Dennis Asmus, captain, Dave Fisher, Ed Lockwood, Phil Odom

**Youth Ushers:** Arich Fruehling, Josh Brooks

**Acolytes:** Campbell Schukei, Jack Howe

In honor of St. Andrew's Day (November 30) may we all affirm the opening words of the Scots Confession (1560) as our affirmation of faith this morning.

Stop in the church Parlor and let the bidding begin! Help support the Go and Serve trip.

Please help support those living in our community with severe mental illness by taking a tag from the Giving Tree in the Memorial Room. Gift(s) are to be returned by Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Memorial Committee.

Greeters are still needed for regular worship service on December 20<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing and able, please contact the office.

Katie Kingsley will be performing a variety of Christmas songs this Wednesday beginning 11am at the PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$5 and everyone is welcome!

**Need a ride to Taize service?** The next Taize service will be Thursday, December 10, at 7:00 p.m. Call the church office if you'd like a ride.

Shop our Christmas Event, and give a gift that keeps on giving! Unique and handcrafted fair trade items made and produced by artisans and farmers from around the world will be available in our FPC Store **Hands Around the World** open Saturday, December 12, 9am – 1pm.

**Save the date!** Christmas caroling and soup supper. All voices needed: young, old, and in between! Sunday, December 13, 4:00 p.m.

Poinsettias may be purchased from the office in honor or memory of a loved one for \$10 each. Approximately twenty will be ordered and the remainder of the funds will be remitted to Salvation Army utility assistance program. Your purchase will help this continuous local need.

Tomorrow, November 30<sup>th</sup>, is the last day to turn in an application for the Chip Essex Memorial Scholarship. Applications are available in the church office, online at [www.fpchastings.org](http://www.fpchastings.org), or by emailing Traci Boeve at [tboeve@hastings.edu](mailto:tboeve@hastings.edu).

PLEDGES FOR 2016 ARE NOW BEING RECEIVED. Everyone's commitment is essential. Extra pledge cards are available on the table in the Memorial Room.

**This Week ----- November 29 – December 5**

- Sun, Nov 29                      Bid Board Sunday in the Parlor –and- ACT Giving Tree
- Mon, Nov 30                    11:15    Staff Meeting
- Tues, Dec 1                    12:00    Usher Captains meet, brown bag luncheon, Anderson Conference  
   1:00    Quilters
- Weds, Dec 2                    7:00    Breakfast Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
   11:30   PW Luncheon in Fellowship Hall featuring Katie Kingsley  
   4:00    Wednesday Night Live