

Welcome to Roland Park Presbyterian Church.
We're glad you're here!

November 28, 2021



For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord,
plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

~Jeremiah 29:11



ROLAND PARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY
November 28, 2021 10:30 AM

CENTERING OURSELVES FOR WORSHIP

Prelude Esther Lee, organ

Words of Welcome

*Thank you for joining us today. We hope that today's service will be meaningful for you.
You can always visit us at our website for the latest happenings and information.*

<https://www.rolandparkchurch.org/>

*If this is your first time with us, you can email Pastor Mark to introduce yourself and
learn more about the congregation: pastor@rolandparkchurch.org*

Today's liturgy is written by the Rev. Teri Petersen for BibleWorm.

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

To those who are far from home:

A word of hope.

To those who have been left behind:

A word of hope.

To those uncertain of the next steps:

A word of hope.

To those counting down the days:

A word of hope.

God is coming, and the world will never be the same!

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

***HYMN #82**

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You are God in every time and place, and you have set us here, calling us to live life to the fullest. We confess that sometimes we get caught up in looking ahead, missing you in this moment. And other times we get so comfortable here in our own ways, we don't want to step out to follow your lead. We forget that your coming will change this world and the next, and what we know, or think we know, is not your norm. Forgive us, and plant in us your hope, that we may grow into the new beginning you have planned. We ask in the name of the One who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.

Time of Silent Prayer

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

Hear the good news from Jeremiah: For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore you. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI FOR ADVENT

HERR, ICH HABE MISGEHANDELT

Glo - ry be to God our Mo - ther! Glo - ry be to God the Son!

Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spi - rit! Great Cre - a - tor Three in One!

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

ANTHEM

As the Dark Awaits the Dawn
Chancel Choir

Carl Schalk

As the dark awaits the dawn so we await your light. O Star of promise, scatter night, loving bright, loving bright, till shades of fear are gone. As the blue expectant hour before the silvering skies, we long to see your day arise, whole and wise, whole and wise, O lucent Morning Star. As the moon reflects the sun until the night's decrease, may we your healing light release, living peace, living peace, unto your holy dawn. Shine your future on this place, enlighten every guest, that through us stream our holiness, bright and blest, bright and blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

You are a God who takes the long view yet never loses sight of the now. Bring our attention to your call for us today, and show us how to live in your presence, wherever we find ourselves. May we not save up hope for the future, but embody it now, for ourselves, for this community, and for generations still to come. Amen.

GOD'S STORY

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God among us,
For the Word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

When Hope is Hard

Pastor Mark

You are invited to light a candle and place it in the candle bowl during the hymn.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT

92 While We Are Waiting, Come

1 While we are wait - ing, come;
2 With power and glo - ry, come;
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.
with power and glo - ry, come.
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,

while we are wait - ing, come.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayer there will be a time for you to give voice to your own prayers, after which the leader will say, "Lord, in your mercy," or "Lord, we give thanks," and the entire congregation responds, "Hear our prayer."

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.

FOCUS ON GIVING

Wayne Fritze

DEDICATING OUR INTENTION AND COMMITMENTS

OFFERING

Offertory

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Emily Gradowski, soloist

arr. William Cutter

*Doxology (Hymn #606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*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. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #97

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night 97

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 1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star as-cends.
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.


 Trav-eler, what a won-drous sight: see that glo-ry-beam-ing star.
 Trav-eler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.
 Trav-eler, shad-ows take their flight; doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.


 Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray news of joy or hope fore-tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, you may go your way; has-ten to your qui-et home.


 Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.
 Trav-eler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, we re-joice to-day, for Em-man-u-el has come!

*Adapted from the hymn "The Watchman" by William H. Burrows.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Following today's service you are invited to join us for a time of fellowship.

POSTLUDE

Esther Lee, organ

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TODAY

*We look to our Lord for strength and healing. We look to each other to see our Lord in action. We remember all those in harm's way, those recovering from natural disasters, refugees and people in conflict, and facing new challenges. Among our church family: **Joan Buttner, Sandy Budd** (daughter-in-law of Margaret Budd), **Jim McBride** (father of Tonya Robles), **Mark Moran** (friend of Mike Robles), the community of Roland Park and **David & Danny Guillaume** along with the staff and children of Kay Papa Nou & Unity House.*

IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

December 5, 2021
Second Sunday of Advent
10:30 AM Worship

Scripture: Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Message: Dry Bones
Lord's Supper



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Pursuing Justice · Practicing Hospitality · Engaging Curious Faith

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Audrey Hanna, Annelise Olsen

* indicates 1st term, ** 2nd term



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