

ORDER OF WORSHIP

* *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (No. 194, v. 1-2)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Welcome and Announcements

James Buckner, Pastor

* Call to Worship from Isaiah 40:3; Philippians 4:4-5

Leader: A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." As we worship today, let us anticipate God's dramatic work in our hearts, in our community, and in all of creation.

All: Let us worship God.

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always.

All: We will say it again: Rejoice!

Leader: The Lord is near. Rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming.

ALL: Let us worship God!

* Prayer of Invocation

Matt Roberson, Elder

* *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (No. 194, v. 3-5)

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Key of David, come
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Confession of Sin

Psalm 32:1-5

Leader: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

All: 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. We believe, Lord. Cast out our unbelief! Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession of Sin

* Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

* May the Peoples Praise You

You have called us out of darkest night into your glorious light,
That we may sing the wonders of the risen Christ.
May our ev'ry breath retell the grace that broke into our strife,
With boundless love and deepest joy, with endless life.

*May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad.
All your blessing comes that we may praise,
may praise the name of Jesus.*

All the earth is yours and all within, each harvest is your own,
And from your hand we give to you to make Christ known.
May the seeds of mercy grow in us for those who have not heard;
May songs of praise build lives of grace to spread your Word.

(Refrain): *May the peoples praise you, let the nations be glad.
All your blessing comes that we may praise,
may praise the name of Jesus.*

This our holy priv'lege to declare your praises and your name;
To every nation, tribe and tongue, your church proclaims. (Refrain)

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.
Worthy, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.
All creation praise your glorious name. (Refrain 2X)

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - Small Talk

Children ages 3 years old – 5th grade are invited to join the speaker on the Sanctuary steps.

Pastoral Prayer

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

You may also give online or mail your check to the Church Office.

Musical Offertory

Kelley LeBlanc, with Amy Bouman,

Jerry Mills, Lynn Turlington, Tony VunCannon

Victory in Jesus

*I heard an old, old story how a Savior came from glory,
How he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.*

(Refrain): *O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever.*

*He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him,
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

*I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing.
How he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. (Refrain)*

Scripture Reading

Titus 3

Pew Bible p. 998

Sermon

Christmas Devotion

James Buckner

* Gospel Doxology

Your perfect law exposes me;
I feel my sin and desperate need.
My best good works are powerless
to satisfy your righteousness.

But there is One who lived for me;
his life, my only victory.
His death forever sealed in time
that I am his and he is mine.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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* Benediction and Dismissal

Elders are available after the service to speak with you and pray with you.

The flowers are placed in the church today by the Fleming family
with thanksgiving to God for the 60th wedding anniversary
of Sam and Phyllis on December 2.

UPCOMING DATES

November 27 – Student Ministry Christmas Decorating
November 28 – Monday Evening Women's Bible Study
November 29 – Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study
December 04 – New Sunday School quarter
Student Ministry Christmas Party
December 08 – Women's Fellowship: Christmas Music Bingo
December 11 – Christmas Concert
December 18 – Christmas Brunch

See weekly email or announcement sheet for details!

OUR VISION

As a family called by God's grace and led by God's Word, we seek to welcome all people as part of God's kingdom work, both locally and globally, by prayerfully extending the praises of Christ to our neighbors and communities.

Children's Sunday School Classes | 9:30 – 10:20 a.m.
Youth & Adult Sunday School Classes | 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Worship Service | 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you are unable to attend our weekly worship service,
you may watch our live stream at ardenpres.org/live-webcast

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Financial Update as of 11/22/22; Weekly Offering \$29,486

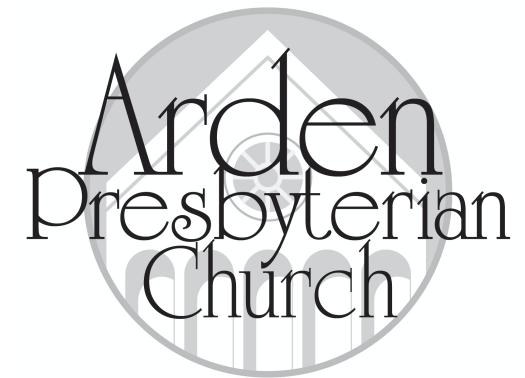
	October Giving	YTD Giving	YTD Expense	YTD Diff.
General Fund	\$58,855	\$869,720	\$861,322	\$8,398
Mercy Fund	\$4,659	\$25,765	\$26,798	(\$1,033)
Faith Promise	\$14,915	\$162,334	\$193,592	(\$31,258)
Building	\$1,375	\$17,460	\$29,508	(\$12,048)



WEEKLY EMAIL

Scan this QR Code to subscribe to our weekly email.
The email comes each Friday and highlights pertinent
information about our church and ministries.

This week's prayer requests, missions moment, and announcements are
available at the welcome center and in the weekly email.



*Following Christ, proclaiming his praises,
and engaging our community with his grace.*

**November 27, 2022 | The First Sunday of Advent
10:45 a.m.**

Welcome to Arden Presbyterian Church! We hope your time in worship with us is a blessing to you. For all **first-time guests**, we have a gift for you at our **Welcome Center** located in the **Lobby**. Please drop by and see us!

There are a few different options for your children. Children of all ages are welcome to remain with their parents in worship. We have bags with activities for children as you enter the Sanctuary. The activities may be taken home. We offer **Nursery** (Sanctuary Building Lower-Level Room 2) for birth through age 4 for both **Sunday School** (9:30-10:15 a.m.) and the **Worship Service** (10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.).

Devices for the hearing impaired are available at the lobby welcome center.

COVID-19: The Balcony is available for those who are immunocompromised or have any kind of health risk along with those who have heightened concerns. Along with remaining socially distanced, masks are required for those who choose to sit in the balcony. Masks are available at the balcony entrance.

Learn more about our church family by visiting the Welcome Center in the lobby or our website: ardenpres.org



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