

We are an imperfect community striving to live into the beautiful story of God in our wonderful yet broken city. As an historic church with a vibrant future ahead we invite you to join us as we seek God's glory and neighbor's good together!

WORSHIP NOTES:

- Welcome! If you would like to find out more about our community or speak with one of the pastors, text WELCOME to 773.645.9335 or email Pastor Aaron (aaron@rescov.org). We'd love to connect with you.
- Children are welcomed and encouraged to join us in the worship service. We provide a nursery for infants (unstaffed) on the main floor and childcare for toddlers in the basement for the duration of worship.
 - Pre-K Activities: Following the Passing of the Peace, Pre-school through Kindergarten aged children are invited to line up in the Narthex for class lasting until communion.
- Cantic of the Turning" is a song by Rory Cooney (who lives in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago) that he wrote for Advent based on Mary's Magnificat. He wanted to underscore the revolutionary nature of Mary's prayer that calls for the radical re-ordering of the world's power structures.
- "O Day of Peace" is a hymn text written by Episcopalian priest and Boston University School of Theology professor Carl Daw. The first two stanzas depict peace as the absence of violence while the second two move on to a vision of shalom—the peace that comes from enacting justice.
- Come Now, O Prince of Peace (O-so-so) is a song written by Korean Kon-yong Yi. It is a prayer for reconciliation of all creation, but also specifically for the reconciliation of North and South Korea.
- The bulletin art is entitled "Melting Berry Abstract Print" my former ResCover Elizabeth Ahlem Clark. The paint is made from sarcococca berries and snow foraged near her home in Bellingham, WA. To see more of her work, visit <https://collectingcolorways.com/>

Advent (meaning "coming") is the season of anticipation, waiting, and preparation that marks the four Sundays preceding Christmas. During Advent we not only remember how the people of Israel waited for a Messiah to come and deliver them from foreign occupation, but we also wait for and anticipate the second coming of Christ when he will come to inaugurate God's kingdom of love, peace, and justice. We live in hope of Christ's coming, preparing ourselves and the world for God's kingdom. The colors of Advent are royal blue and purple, signifying the royal colors that befit the coming Messiah.

Aaron Johnson, Dave Bjorlin, Jen Gillan, and
Kyle Mecher serve as our pastors.



UNEXPECTED REVERSALS



ADVENT

GATHERING

Epistle Lesson Romans 13:11-14

Call to Worship*

Wake up!

Wake up!

Salvation is drawing near. Wake up!

Wake up!

The day of the LORD is at hand. Wake up!

Wake up!

The unexpected reversals of Christ's reign are coming soon. Wake up!

Wake up!

Wake up, O sleepers and rise from the dead,
and Christ will give us light. Wake up!

Wake up!

Wake up and worship Christ our Light.

Procession and Lighting of the Advent Candle

(during the lighting we sing the refrain of "Canticle of the Turning")

Song of Faith and Praise*

Canticle of the Turning

O Day of Peace

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

Poem

An Appendix to the Vision of Peace, Yehuda Amichai

Prayer of Confession

(response: Lord/Christ, have mercy)

~silent confession~

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Song*

Ososo/Come Now, O Prince of Peace

Gospel Lesson*

Matthew 24:36-44

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Pastor Jen

RESPONSE

Hymn*

The Prophets Caught a Vision (see insert)

Prayers of the People

Lord's prayer *(debts, debtors)*

Offering

Doxology

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.

Holy Communion

SENDING

Life Together

Charge & Benediction*

*Stand, as you are able