

Welcome to
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
First Sunday of Advent - December 2, 2018

Opening Responses:

L> Long ago, God spoke to the people of Israel through the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah told them to hope for a descendant of David—who would bring justice and righteousness in the land.

P> We too long for a world of perfect justice.

L> We too wait for God's righteousness.

P> We wait with all creation for God's promise to be born among us.

Hymn: O come, o come, Emmanuel 122 verses 1,4,6

Prayer of Approach & Confession: *(said together)*

O God of hope,
we know there is much wrong with the world.
We know how far it is from what you intended.
In our busy-ness,
we forget to take time to reflect on your love.
In our anxiety,
we neglect to look for signs of your nearness.
In our distress,
we fail to turn to you for comfort.
O God of grace, have mercy on us.
Come to us again.
Be born among us, that all the world may be made new;
in Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

L> In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from in high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**ALL> In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Let us listen for the Word of the Lord.
ALL> Our ears are open.

The Word of God: *Jeremiah 33:14-16*
Psalm 25:1-10
Luke 21:25-33

L> This is the word of the Lord. **ALL> Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Response: L> Lord, in your mercy.

ALL> Hear our prayer.

Communion

Prayer: *(said together)*

Loving God, thank you for bringing us
into communion with our risen Saviour,
and with all who love him in heaven and on earth.
Help us to carry your salvation and joy
to all the world
in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Thy kingdom come--on bended knee 784

Blessing:

L> Now may the God of peace who brought back from the dead
our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep,
by the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do God's will,
working among us that which is pleasing in God's sight,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

ALL> Amen.