

Peace United Church of Christ

November 29, 2026

Advent Communion

Please have the elements for Communion ready before viewing the service.

Welcome

Opening Hymn **"Lift Up Your Heads"**

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits;
The King of kings is drawing near, The Savior of the world is here;
Life and salvation doth He bring, Wherefore rejoice and gladly sing:
We praise Thee, Father, now! Creator, wise art Thou!

Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
Let me Thy inner presence feel, Thy grace and love in me reveal.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, Until our glorious goal be won!
Eternal praise and fame We offer to Thy Name.

Prayer of Confession (praying together)

This is a day of new beginnings.
As Advent opens, we confess that we are preoccupied with what has been,
and worried about what will be.
God, bring resolution to our struggles with the past,
and plant hope in our hearts for the future. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Prayer (unison) ***Plant in us seeds of hope and promise this day, God.***
Then, plant us in the world, proclaiming the coming of Messiah to the weary world. Amen

Scripture Readings Isaiah 64: 1-9
Mark 13: 24-37

Meditation

Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)

Gather at the Welcome Table: Holy Communion

Invitation
Communion Prayer
Words of Institution- Breaking the Bread/Blessing the Cup
Sharing the Meal
Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the nourishment of spirit, mind, and body we receive in this meal
and for the hope it plants in us, we give thanks.
Encourage us in these shadowy days to seek the light,
and through the long nights of this season,
may your hope carry us until the Dawn arrives once again.
In the name of the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen

Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit, Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Benediction & Blessing