

In Preparation for Worship

“It takes strength to choose joy.
It takes strength to push the covers
Off our weary bodies morning after morning,
To plant weary feet on solid ground,
And look for signs of beauty...” - Sarah Are, “All in All”

Gathering Prayer

Prelude

Prepare the Royal Highway

Welcome and Announcements

At this time, please take a moment to let us know you are worshiping online with us by sharing your name in the “comments” on our video feed, as well as filling out the [online friendship pad](#) at [slpres.org](#).

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

The Strickland Family

Worshippers are invited to light a candle with us, a reminder that we are connected by the Holy Spirit. #SaintLukesConnected

Hymn #106*

Prepare the Way, O Zion

**Hymns will be provided on the screen.*

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
We wish that peace was something we could buy.
We wish that peace could be ordered in a subscription service,
found on a map, downloaded in an app, or voted for in a ballot.
We wish that peace was as easy as a one-time choice when we are feeling our best.
However, what we have found is that peace involves everyday decisions over and over,
whether or not we are feeling our best.
So today we confess, together as a community of faith,
that we need your help in this Advent season.
Prepare the way for greater peace, and teach us how to be a part of it.
Hear also our personal confessions that we offer in silence... *(Silence is kept for personal reflection.)*

Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Passing of the Peace of Christ

We encourage you to pass the peace with your fellow worshippers in the “comments” of the video feed and to take time today to reach out and share Christ's peace with your friends, neighbors and family.

Prayer for Illumination

The Fogarty Family

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:1-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Tell Us Our Story

Catherine Anne Thomas

Affirmation of Faith

LiturgyLink, Submitted by Rev. Rebecca F. Harrison, PCUSA

We are an Advent people, a people of hope.
 For us, Advent is a time of waiting, and so we wait.
 We wait for the coming of the One
 who is the fulfillment of God's promise,
 the fulfillment of hope,
 the declaration that we have been redeemed.
 Even so, we are not a naïve people.
 We know that the world in which we live
 will continue to be filled with pain and sorrow.
 We know that hatred and violence will continue to exist.
 We know that death and separation will continue to be a part of our lives.
 But because we are an Advent people,
 we know that none of these things will win in the end.
 The Holy One is coming,
 to make holy once again
 all that was, is, and ever will be.
 And in our waiting and our hoping,
 we work and worship,
 pray and play,
 in all things hoping that peace, love and joy will reign
 in our lives and in our world,
 now and forever. Amen.

The Offering

*Giving is a tangible sign of worship. During this interesting time in our world, we encourage you to continue to share your time, talent and treasure. You may also "Text to Give" to **73256**. The body of the text needs to start with the keyword GIVETOSLPRES followed by the amount.*

Song of Thanksgiving

Doxology

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son, glory to the Holy Spirit, glory to the Three in One. Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart as we glory in your presence giving from a grateful heart.

Holy Communion**Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

Words of Institution**Communion Music**Partita on "In Dulci Jubilo" *James Vivian***Hymn #105,* stanzas 1, 2, 6 and 7**

People, Look East

**Hymns will be provided on the screen.*

Benediction**Postlude**

Savior of the Nations, Come