

**From Generation to Generation...
There's Room for Every Story**



Genealogy of Christ by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025

Cove Presbyterian Church

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Linda Kurtz Burch

INTROIT

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Martin Luther

CALL TO WORSHIP & ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Linda Applegate

What gives you hope?

Sharon Bateman

Today we light the candle of hope

to remind ourselves that God is at work in this world.

Hymn 91

Come, come, Emmanuel, come, Emmanuel.

Come, come, Emmanuel, come, Emmanuel.

From generation to generation, God has brought good news
of love and compassion, justice and community.

Let us rest and abide in that good news.

HYMN 102

Savior of the Nations, Come

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of today and God of tomorrow,

you say, "Bring your full self. There's room for you here."

But we say, "Our lives are too messy."

You say, "Bring your hopes and your dreams.

There's room for you here."

But we say, "It's too risky to hope."

You say, "Bring your grief and your prayers.

There's room for you here."

But we say, "Some things are easier to forget."

God of today and God of tomorrow,

we know in our hearts that there's room for us here.

Forgive us for withholding our full selves from you.

Forgive us for giving only our Sunday best.

Help us remember, today and tomorrow,

there's room for every story. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ we are held, forgiven, found, and welcomed.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE, Hymn 82 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*
Come, thou long expected Jesus, born a child and yet a king,
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.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 2:1-5
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Come, thou Redeemer of the Earth* St. Ambrose

THE SECOND READING Matthew 1:1-17
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in a God
who promised to Abraham, who wrestled with Jacob,
who walked with Ruth, who spoke with Moses,
who grieved with Bathsheba, who danced with David,
who dreamed with Joseph, and who hoped like Mary.
We believe in a God who has been
loving, inviting, transforming, and challenging us

from generation to generation.
And we believe that same God
is here with us now,
saying, “Come on in; there’s room for you here.” Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

SENDING

HYMN 103 *Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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Today’s liturgy is adapted from liturgy by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed |
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Our church clean up day is next Saturday, December 6, at 9:00
AM. There are projects indoors and outdoors for all ages! We’ll
have lunch together before Linda Blondel’s memorial at 1:00 PM.

Mark your calendars for Caroling at Cove Church: Sunday,
December 14 at 12:30 PM. Bring your requests for your favorite
Christmas carols!

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