

WE WAIT FOR THEE
By Victor C. Johnson
Sean Evanick Conducting

Dark is the night and empty the sky as the ground lies still and cold.
We pause in solemn anticipation as we wait for the promise of old.

Come, thou Prince of Peace; come, great Lord of lords; come, set Your
people free.

Come, Desire of the nations, come. With joy and hope we wait for
Thee.

Revive our hearts and renew our minds, come, and bring us peace to
endure.

Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Emanuel, God with us!

Come, thou Prince of Peace; come, great Lord of lords; come, set Your
people free.

Come, Desire of the nations, come. With joy and hope we wait for
Thee, wait for Thee, with joy and hope we wait for Thee!



WELCOME TO
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP

**First Presbyterian Church
Worship December 3, 2023**

Welcome! Here at First Presbyterian Church,
Masks are Optional

- **Prelude** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus* Burkhardt

- **Welcome and announcements**



- **Hymn #133** *O' Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

- **Scripture, Sermon, Kids Time, Advent Candles**

Advent Candle Lighting: The Fisk Family

Leaders: As people of faith, we watch and wait for Christ's arrival.
To honor this, we light candles of Love, Hope, Peace, and Joy.

All: We also live with God's Love, Hope, Peace, and Joy in our hearts.

Leaders: This year, we light the first candle for Love. [Light the first candle.]
Together, we remember these words of Scripture, from First John, Chapter Four:
"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.

All: Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

Leaders: Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us:

All: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

Leaders: God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. God has given us this command:

All: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Leaders: Let us pray: God of Hope, Prince of Peace, Help us live as people of your Love, so that we may be called children of God, and bring light to the darkness.

All: Amen.

- **Kids Dismissed to Godly Play**

- **Hymn #436** *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

- **Choir Anthem** *We Wait for Thee*
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- **Passing of the Peace**

- **Offering and Doxology**



- **Pastoral Prayer**

- **Hymn #135** *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

- **Benediction**

- **Postlude** *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* Saint-Saens

[Choir Anthem Lyrics On The Back]