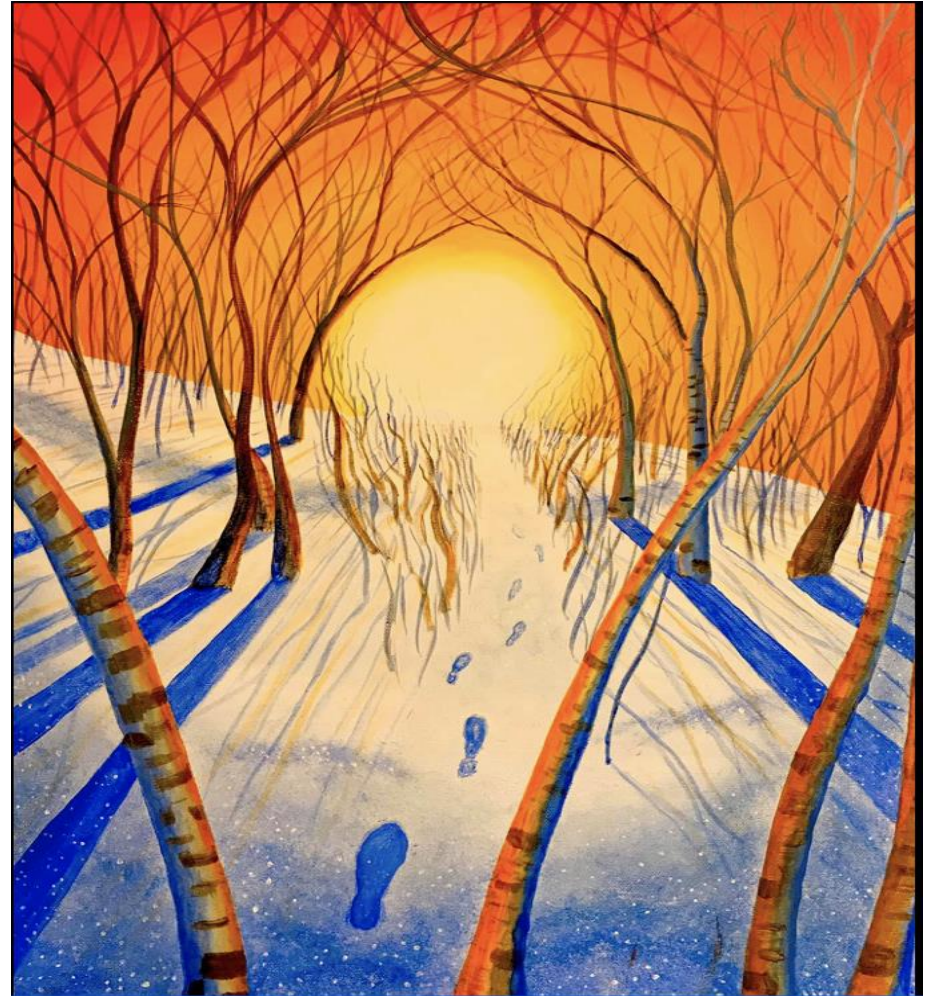


- Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Supper
- "How is it with your soul?"

- Hymn # 532 *Be Thou My Vision*

- Benediction

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



Isaiah 40:31: "those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength"

**WELCOME TO FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

First Presbyterian Church
Worship December 1, 2024
Welcome!

- **Prelude** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People* Paul Manz

- **Welcome, Announcements, and Invitations**



- **Call to Worship**, (based on Isaiah 9: 2) Dennis Berry

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

All: Those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them a light has shined.

Leader: Come, let us worship God

All: Whose light brings hope to a weary world.

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

- **Time for Reconciliation**, from "First Sunday of Advent Prayers & Litanies"

Leader: Holy and loving God,

All: We have dwelt in darkness, and preferred it to the light;

Leader: We have been proud of our accomplishments

All: and despaired over our shortcomings.

Leader: Smooth down the mountains of our pride,

All: and lift up the valleys of our doubts.

Leader: Open a path in the wilderness of our lives

All: so that we might find our way to you again.

Refine us and prepare us once again for life in your kingdom.

All: Hear our prayer, O Lord. Amen.

Leader: We pause for a moment of silence, to privately confess our sins to God, and to forgive those who have sinned against us.

Moment of Silent Confession

Leader: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ, all is forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

- **Response: Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be

World without end, amen, amen.

- **Passing of the Peace**

- **Choir Anthem** African Advent Carol
By Michael Barrett

- **Kids Time / Lighting of the Advent Candle**

- **Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 40:1-5

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her

that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

5 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Luke 3:2-6

...the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth,

6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

- **Sermon: Extra-somatic Communal Memory**

- **Hymn # 132** *Comfort, Comfort Now My People*

- **Offering -**
- **Doxology**

