November 29, 2026

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: This morning, we hear a story that sounds too good to be true.
People: But with God, all things are possible!
Leader: This morning, we stand with our ancestors in both awe and joy.
People: Because with God, all things are possible!
Leader: This morning, we worship God, in word, song, silence, and with a spirit of curiosity as we ask, "Now what?"
People: Rejoice, for God makes all things possible! Let us worship our unexpected God!

*OPENING PRAYER

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

*HYMN #82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Christ Jesus, we confess that we doubt. It is hard to believe the unbelievable when we have been let down so many times before. We don't want to suffer disappointment again. In these moments of suspicion, give us eyes that are open to Your wonder. In these moments of uncertainty, give us hearts that beat with a fierce love for You. In these moments of unbridled awe, give us the faith. In these moments that seem so surreal, remind us of Your promises once again. Remind us that through You, with You, and because of You, anything is possible. Amen.
Leader: Let us continue our confession together in silence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Friends, God speaks into our world not to condemn us, but to bring us Good News. God speaks into each of our lives to remind us that we are Beloved, we are known, and we are always forgiven
People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

First Reading
Malachi 3:1–4
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM Carols of Hope and Light ERPC Choir

Second Reading
Luke 1:5-25
Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
People: Now what?

SERMON Into the Silence

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPONDING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN #105 People, Look East

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Click **ERPC - Prayer Request**

OFFERING
Click: **Giving**

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING IN GOD'S NAME

*CHARGE AND SENDING

POSTLUDE

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“Liturgy adapted from Chattering Chapel’s Advent Liturgy”

Join us for an Advent Bible Study called “Advent Words of Comfort and Hope,” facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Gregg Meserole.
Where: ERPC library from 10-11 am.
When: Advent 1: Tues. Dec. 1, Advent 2: Tues. Dec. 8, Advent 3: Tues. Dec. 15, Advent 4: Tues. Dec. 22

Christmas Carol Sing-Along ☕ Sunday, Dec. 13, 5:30-7:00 PM
Festive & Ugly Sweater Contest- Cocoa, Cider & Treats!

The ERPC Deacons will be sending a small gift to our college students. Please reach out to Emma Kate at elander@erpc.org or 410-858-7311 so we can make sure your college student is included!

Blue Christmas Service: Monday, December 21st at 6:30 PM
Christmas Eve Services: 4 PM Service: All Ages Candlelight Service and Pageant
7 PM Service: Traditional Candlelight Service
