

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON NOVEMBER 29, 2020
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT



PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell
LITURGIST – Alice Hepburn
VOCALS, GUITAR – Steve Muller
PIANO – Sue Nelson

You are invited to participate with us.
Bold words are spoken together.
Bold Italic words are sung together.

PRELUDE *Variations on 'Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah'*
(*Tif in Veldele*)

Karl Osterlund

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN THANK OFFERING

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #82

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

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| 1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee. | 2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring. |
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Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Gary, Diana and Kaylee Zimmerman

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 64 and Mark 13

We are waiting. In the dark of the year, we are waiting.

We are waiting for the potter to shape our lives.

We are waiting. We are waiting to see clearly what lies hidden in darkness.

We are waiting, awake and alert.

We are ready for God to arrive.

In the darkness a candle is lit. The light comforts our waiting.

The light reminds us of the one who is to come.

Let us worship the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Isaiah 64 and Mark 13

You call us to wait, to watch, to be ready.

But we are so easily distracted, busily doing other things.

We grow drowsy and complacent.

Give us wisdom, as we prepare for your arrival.

Forgive our foolishness and our impatience.

Restore us by your grace.

Look upon us with your favor, that we might know your presence.

**Shape us into vessels of blessing,
for we your children, long to touch your Spirit.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Psalm 64

God is the potter. We are the clay. God shapes, molds and renews us with love.

Join me in these words of forgiveness: **By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.***

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.***

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

God calls us into fellowship with Jesus and with one another.

God is faithful and will strengthen us, giving us peace.

Let us share this peace with our sisters and brothers.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

People, Look East

1. People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able; trim the hearth and set the table.
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there. Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled. Even the hour when wings are frozen, God for fledging time has chosen
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim, shining beyond the frosty weather, bring as sun and moon together.
5. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the lord is coming.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13:27-37

SERMON

Hope in the Middle of This

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN 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.

HYMN #93

Lift up Your heads, Ye mighty Gates

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.
2. Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.
3. Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me thy inner presence feel;
thy grace and love in me reveal.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide
(O Heiland, Reiss die Himmel Auf)

J Wayne Kerr.