

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON DECEMBER 13, 2020
3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT



PASTOR – Rev. Jonathan Mitchell
LITURGIST – Tina Kennedy
VOCALS – Steve Muller
PIANO – Sue Nelson

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

PRELUDE

Do You Hear What I Hear?

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN #119

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate deity,
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel. [Refrain]

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn king!”

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Kennedy Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

From John 1 and Ps. 126

Come! Rejoice in our God. Let us give thanks, whatever life brings.

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Let us prepare our hearts and our world for the Prince of Peace, who is coming.

May all who weep come home with their mouths filled with laughter.

Prepare the way of the Lord, and make straight the path for God’s arrival.

In prayer, song and service, let us prepare for the birth of love.

Come, let us worship the Lord!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the prophets, we give thanks for the voices that cry out and demand our attention.

They call us to put our trust and hope in you.

Forgive us when we close our eyes to your vision, and when we stop our ears to your promise.

Heal our weakness when we give up on ourselves, on one another, and on you.

Free us from hopeless living that we may joyfully love and serve others in your holy name.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From John 1

May love live in us and through us, that all may know God's peace.

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.

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

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

From Ps. 126

The Lord has done great things for us.

We have received the Lord's forgiveness and peace.

Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

ANTHEM

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

HEBREW LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

GOSPEL LESSON

Mary's Song

Luke 1:46-55

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 #132

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

1. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!
2. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!
3. Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

PRAYER AND BLESSING

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT Twelve Days of Christmas

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“Twelve Days of Christmas” by Gail Gaymer Martin produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service, Colorado Springs, Colorado.