

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON      JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2021  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**



**PASTOR** – Rev. Kate Bottorff  
**LITURGIST** – Alice Hepburn  
**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

Greensleeves (What Child Is This) Arr. Sylvia Rabinof  
Traditional English Carol

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On January 17<sup>th</sup> we will hold a Congregational Meeting directly after the service. This meeting will be review the Pastor's Terms of Call. It should not take a long time, please stay online with us that day if you can.

## OPENING PRAYER

We sing aloud with gladness, O God, raising our voices in praise of your name. You have not withheld your love from us, but sent forth a messiah to deliver us. As Christ came to earth to embody your love, so now we gather as his body to make our joyful response to such wondrous love. Filled with your Spirit, made alive by your presence, we come rejoicing as we greet your new day. Amen.

## 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!"

Refrain:

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

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]

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]

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We have been called from north and south, from east and west, so that we might receive:

**Grace and glory, truth and light!**

Some of us come with questions and doubts, hoping to discover:

**Grace and glory, truth and light!**

We have come to labor and blossom and serve our God, so we might produce:

**Grace and glory, truth and light!**

We open ourselves in joy today, so that we might become:

**Grace and glory, trust and light!**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Breathing, speaking, singing God, your words breathe out of silence into being, becoming oceans and lands, planets and stars, creatures and peoples. You breathe your love on us. Forgive us, God:

**when we have hoarded your love for ourselves  
and denied it to others;**

when we have failed to cherish the gracious gift of your wisdom sent to guide us, to lead us, to rescue us as in days of old;

**when we have not recognized in each person our brother  
or sister, your child, adopted and loved by you.**

*(time for silent confession)*

Forgive us. Lead us back to intimate shelter of your loving arms. We pray in Christ's name.

**Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

No one has ever seen God. Yet Jesus Christ, God's own child, has revealed God to us. Know therefore our sins are forgiven.

**We have seen Christ's glory full of grace and truth.**

Know, therefore, that our sins are forgiven.

**In him we have received grace upon grace.**

## GLORIA PATRI - #581

***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

from Colossians 3:15, 16

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, and let the word of God dwell in us richly. Let us share that peace and words of love with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

ANTHEM

*I'm Gonna Live, So God Can Use Me*

THE READINGS

From the Old Testament:

Jeremiah 31:7-14

From the Epistles:

Ephesians 1:3-14

From the Gospels

John 1: (1-9)10-18

SERMON

Kate Bottorff

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 #827

*"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"*

1. O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacobs line, King David's son,  
our lord and Savior, you have won  
our hearts to serve you only!  
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious,  
all victorious, rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!
2. Lord, when you look on us in love,  
at once there falls from God above  
a ray of purest pleasure.  
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
refresh our souls with heavenly food.
3. You are our dearest treasure!  
Let your mercy warm and cheer us!  
O draw near us! For you teach us  
God's own love through you has reached us.
3. What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
and end and the beginning!  
He will one day, o glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning  
Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness! We are yearning  
for the day of your returning.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The Old Year Has Gone Away*

JS Bach