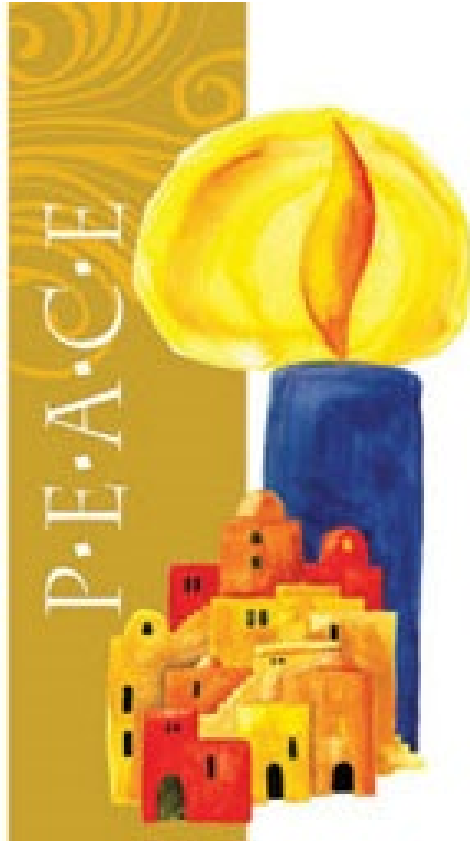


THE ORDER OF WORSHIP  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON – DECEMBER 5, 2021  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL  
MUSIC: CARLY ELDER, EMILY MULLER-CARY, AND STEVE MULLER  
LITURGIST: THERESA ULRICH

- We are required to wear masks at this time.
- **Bold words are spoken together.**
- You are welcome to sing softly with us.
- \* Indicates to stand, as you are able.
- The nursery is open for children age 0-5.
- Sunday School starts after Passing of Peace

PRELUDE

*St Columbia*

Derek Reves

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN #134

Joy to the World

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH - Peace

Sims Family

Responsive Prayer Following the Lighting-

...Help us embody your peace and live as peacemakers that we may called children of God.

**God of hope, God of peace, into our darkness come.**

CALL TO WORSHIP From Malachi 3; Luke 3:4

A messenger calls, "Prepare the way of the Holy One.  
Make a pathway for God straight into your hearts."

**Blessed be the Holy One,  
who brings light into the deepest shadows.**

A prophet proclaims, "Make way in the desert  
for the coming of God to live in our midst."

**Blessed be the Holy One,  
who comes to live among us in peace.  
The one who comes in peace will purify us like gold and silver  
with a refiner's fire.**

**Let us prepare for the coming Day of God  
Let us worship the one who calls us into light.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION From Malachi 3; Luke 3

God of light and love, your prophets call us  
to prepare for your coming,  
and to open our hearts to all  
who seek compassion and relief.

**Too often, we close our ears to cries of pain,  
closing ourselves off from the healing power  
of kindness and love.**

Your messengers call us to straighten the paths  
of all who might stumble,  
and to make a way in the wilderness,  
where there seems to be no way at all.

**Too often, we close our eyes**

**to the sight of those in need,  
fearing that justice for others  
will bring loss to ourselves.**

You call us to bring light into the shadowy places,  
and to be messengers of your coming  
into a world of death and despair.

**Forgive us when we are unwilling to bear your light,  
when we close off the pathways of our hearts  
to those who are in need of your good news.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON From Luke 1

Hear the good news:

When we cannot find our way through the gloom,  
God gives light to those who sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death.

God guides our feet into the way of 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 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 Luke 1

As we prepare to welcome Jesus as the light of the world,  
let us share light with one another by exchanging signs of peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

Look to your neighbor, wave to your neighbor, and share God's peace  
with one another.

ANTHEM

*Come unto Me*

J. E. Roberts

Carly Elder, Emily Muller Cary Acc.

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:1-6

SERMON

Peace in the Wilderness

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 #5118      *Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**The Invitation to the Lord's Table**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion of the People**

\*HYMN #147              The First Nowell Vss. 1-4

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE                      *Nearer, My God, to Thee*                      Bethany Mason

**Sunday, December 5**

10:00 AM              Worship in the Sanctuary – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
approx. 11:00              Sermon Discussion on Zoom  
4:00-6:00 PM              Advent Family Meal in the Rogers Room

**Sunday, December 8**

9:30 AM              Presbyterian Women Bible Study on Zoom

**Sunday, December 12**

10:00 AM              Worship in the Sanctuary – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
approx. 11:00              Sermon Discussion on Zoom