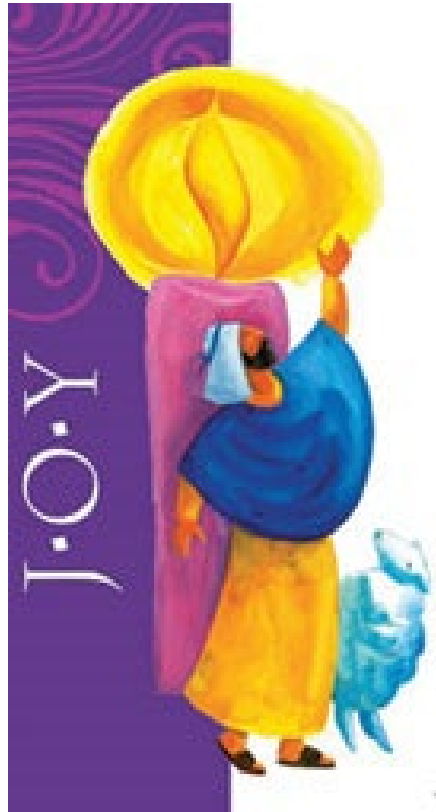


THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – DECEMBER 12, 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL
MUSIC: CARLY ELDER AND STEVE MULLER
LITURGIST: EMILY AND RILEY WILLIAMS

- 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

A Walton Sacred Melody

Derek Remes

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – JOY

Patterson Family

Responsive Prayer Following the Lighting- *Isa. 12:2-4, Phil. 4:4*

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid,
for the LORD is my strength and my might;
God has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, Rejoice!

Sing praises to the LORD, for God has done gloriously!

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Zeph. 3, Isa. 12, Phil. 4

Let all who love God rejoice.

**Let all who thirst for justice
draw water from the well of God's salvation.**

Let all who long for Christ sing for joy.

**Let all who hunger for righteousness
return home to the living God.**

Let all who seek the Spirit shout aloud.

**Let all who yearn for mercy
fall on their knees before the throne of grace.**

Come, let us worship the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that, in the midst of your glorious creation, we have neglected our role in its care.

**We ignore the cries of the hurting and the lonely,
those on the margins and those who are oppressed.**

We focus on our own desires,
while forgetting the needs of our neighbors.

**We have not prepared a way for the Lord
through our words deeds, actions or thoughts.**

Grant us your mercy in forgiveness; and lead us to act with compassion
and justice, guided by your glorious light.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Zeph. 3, Luke 3

The one who loves us with a fierce tenderness
takes away our guilt and leads us in the ways of life.

The one who guides us with justice and mercy
restores our fortunes and leads us home.

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 Phil. 4

As we receive forgiveness, joy enters our hearts.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding guards our
hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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

The First Nowell

Bells of Joy

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 4:4-9

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:7-18

SERMON

Fire and Joy

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*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Sunday, December 12

10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary – 3rd Sunday of Advent

11:00 AM Sermon Discussion on Zoom

Wednesday, December 15

6:30 PM Blue Christmas Service

Sunday, December 19

10:00 AM Christmas Pageant Worship – 4th Sunday of Advent

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve – Office Closes at Noon

7:00 PM Lessons and Carols Worship Service

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Sunday December 26

10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary – First Sunday of Christmas

Monday, December 27 – Office Closed