

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – DECEMBER 19, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL
MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER AND STEVE MULLER
LITURGIST: VALERIE BARROWS CONNER

- 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 *"Bon Jour, Mon Coeur"* and *"Exurge, Domine"*
Flute - Caty Clifton and Cathy Muller,
Violin - Viet Bloch and Emily Muller-Cary

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Christmas Joy Offering
GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #123

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Vss. 1-4

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH – Love

Children and Youth

Responsive Prayer Following the Lighting-

God of hope, God of peace,

God of joy, and God of love,

Teach us how to love one another

as reflections of your light in the world.

God of promise, God of love, into our darkness come.

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Luke 1

When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth,
their lives were forever changed.

**Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit
and Mary proclaimed faith in God.**

The children they carried in their wombs
heralded expectation and hope for the world.

We are heirs of this expectation and hope.

We are heirs of this promise of God.

Come! Let us worship the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

From Luke 1

It is hard to wait patiently, O God, for the gift of your promised salvation.

**We long to nurture the joyous expectation
that Mary and Elizabeth discovered in their greeting.**

But we have grown accustomed to living with disappointment.

**We yearn to feel our hearts leap within us as your Spirit
stirs our slumbering souls, but we have allowed
ourselves to find solace in lesser things.**

Fill us with your grace, that we may give birth to peace, hope, joy, and love.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Luke 1

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

God will lift us out of complacency and fill our hearts to overflowing.

Rise in joy and hope, for God's promises are sure,
and Christ's salvation is at hand.

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 Mic 5; Luke 1

To be followers of Christ is to share the peace he brought into the world. Let us share signs of this love and peace with one another as beloved children of God.

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

Were You There on That Christmas Night

Bells of Joy

By Natalie Sleeth Arr Martha Lynn Thompson

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"A Children's Nativity"

Congregational Carols

#88 O Come, O Come Emmanuel.....Verses 1 and 4

#98 To a Maid Whose Name was Mary.....Verses 1, 5 and 6

#143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory.....Verses 1, 3 and 4

#121 O Little Town of Bethlehem.....Verses 1 and 2

#117 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks..... Verses 1, 3,4

#151 We Three Kings of Orient Are..... Verses 1 and 2

#145 What Child Is ThisVerses 1, 2 and 3

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 #128

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus

Flute - Caty Clifton and Cathy Muller

Violin - Viet Bloch and Emily Muller-Cary

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

7:00 PM Lessons and Carols Worship Service

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day

Sunday December 26

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

The flowers this week are in loving memory of Sue Nelson from George Nelson, Laurie Nelson & Glen Metzler, Mike and Gemma Nelson, Darcey Ridgway, Casey Currin and Elizabeth Currin, and MaryAlice Ridgway.

Program Roles

Narrators:

Elizabeth Currin

Morgan Currin

Charlotte Hansell

Eloise Hansell

William Hunt

Logan VanLeuven

Riley Williams

Kainen Zimmerman

Kaylee Zimmerman

Mary – Charlotte Hunt

Head Angel – Eloise Hansell

Joseph – Andrew Williams

Innkeeper – Caleb Currin

Person with Scroll – Morgan Currin

Shepherds – Caleb Currin, Deacon

Hawkins, Colston Zimmerman

Animals with Shepherds – Gunnar

Hawkins, Grayson VanLeuven

Angels – Cora Hansell, Brynn

VanLeuven, Parker VanLeuven, Kinley

Zimmerman, McKenna Zimmerman

Three Kings – Morgan Currin, Logan

VanLeuven, William Hunt