

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – DECEMBER 24, 2021
CHRISTMAS EVE



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL
MUSICIANS: CARLY AND GABRIEL ELDER, STEVE MULLER,
EMILY MULLER-CARY, DENISE OWEN, AND 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.
- No Sunday School today

PRELUDE

Ave Maria

by Franz Schubert

WELCOME

Rev. Jonathan Mitchell

OPENING PRAYER

We will sing the first two verses of all the Carols.

***CAROL #133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Madril Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing a new song to God, as we join with the songs of old.

Glory to God on the highest.

Sing with the heavenly angels, who rejoice with us on this holy night.

Glory to God on the highest.

Sing a new song to God, as we join with the songs of old.

Glory to God on the highest.

Sing a new song as the light has come into the darkness
and the darkness shall not overcome it.

Glory to God on the highest.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When the shadows of doubt and sorrow surround us,
shine on us with the light of your comfort and your grace.

**When the despair of the world overwhelms us,
lift us with your promise of hope.**

When we forget the good news of your presence,
cry out with your message of love,
that we might hear and remember anew.

Christ is born. Christ is with us. We are not alone.

(Moment of Silence for Personal Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God is with us.

We who were walking in darkness have seen a great light.
Light has dawned, and the grace of God has appeared,
bringing forgiveness, hope, peace, joy and love to all.

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

As the Prince of Peace has blessed us with grace,
so now we are invited to bless one another
with Christ's message of peace.

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.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

1. *Adam and Eve Disobey God*

Genesis 3:8-19

Carol #108

Cathy Muller

Of the Father's Love Begotten

2. *God's Promise to Abraham and Sarah*

Genesis 22:15-18

Carol #88

Alice Hepburn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

3. *A Great Light in the Darkness*

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Steve Muller

Carly and Gabriel Elder

Accompanied by Denise Owen

4. *A Little Child Will Lead Them*
Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9
Gesu Bambino Jean Wise
Emily Muller-Cary and Steve Muller
5. *An Angel Appears to Mary*
Luke 1:26-38
Carol #134 Lydia Mitchell
Joy to the World
6. *Mary Gives Birth in Bethlehem*
Luke 2:1-7
Away in a Manger Theresa Ulrich
Emily Muller-Cary
7. *Angels Announce the Messiah*
Luke 2:8-16
Christmas Hallelujah Rod Nixon
Theresa Ulrich
8. *Magi Come from the East*
Matthew 2:1-12
Carol #151 Jan Levy
We Three Kings of Orient Are
9. *And the Word Became Flesh*
John 1:1-14 Rev. Jonathan Mitchell

BRIEF WORDS

PRAYER

***PASSING THE LIGHT** **Hymn #122** *Silent Night, Holy Night*

***BENEDICTION**