

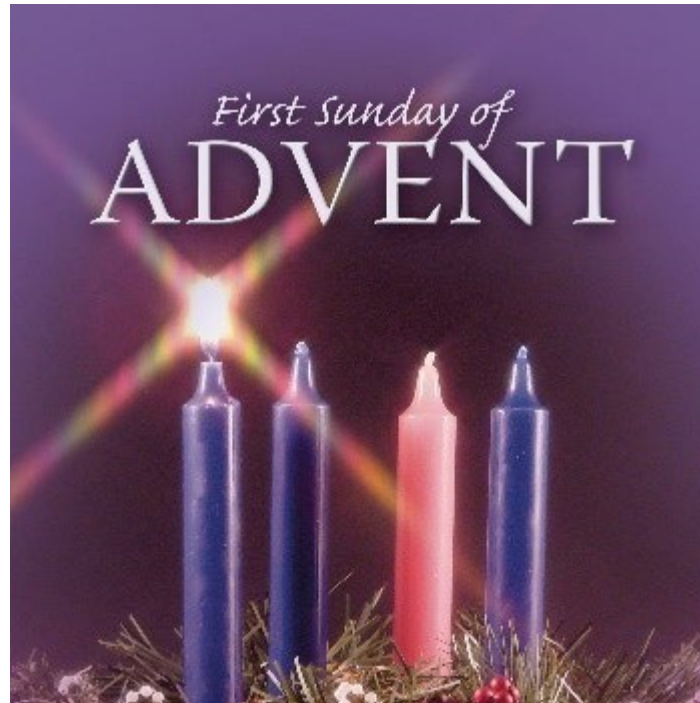
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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
PENDLETON, OREGON – NOVEMBER 27, 2022  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Pendleton, Oregon

WELCOMING  
WORSHIPING  
SERVING



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL  
MUSIC LED BY: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER  
LITURGIST: MARCIA BROWN

- **Bold words are spoken together**
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity bags available!
- Flowers are given by Julie Imsland in honor of his father, Hugh Whitbread's, 97<sup>th</sup> birthday.

PRELUDE     *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

\*Hymn #82            *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH     Alice Hepburn, Sharon  
Simons and Marty Platt

The world says, "All is lost."

God says, "All is loved."

The darkness says, "The light is dying."

The light says, "The fire is catching."

Fear says, "Cover your eyes and your ears."

Hope says, "Wait, watch, and listen."

As we light our first Advent candle,

**we pray for holy hope of God.**

Come now, O Child of Mary.

**Come now, O Prince of Hope.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 2

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

**Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us the LORD's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."**

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**God shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples.**

They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we are steeped in a world of violence.**

**War is one of the first things we learn, and we let it work its way into our lives. Your promises of peace sound like impossible dreams, and we become accustomed to cruelty. Forgive us. Wrest our weapons from our hands, and show us how beautiful life can be when you forge them into instruments of peace.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, know this:

the God of Presence,

the God of Transformation,

the God of Peace, hears our prayers and gives us power to love.

Please join me in these words of grace.

**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 Psalm 122

Even as we pray for the peace of the world, let us bring peace to one another, as we share the peace of Christ this day.

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

*Greet one another with the peace of Christ*

Hymn #121

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Speak to us, living God as you have spoken to our ancestors; through the voices of your prophets, the breath of your spirit, and the life of your Son, so that we may live according to your word; through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen

EPISTLE LESSON            NT p. 152            Romans 13:11-14

GOSPEL LESSON            NT page 26            Matthew 24:36-44

SERMON                      Staying Here

\*Hymn #102            *Savior of the Nations, Come*

OFFERING            *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

\*Doxology GTG #607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all people here below;**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION, JOYS, CONCERNS, 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 #384            *Soon and Very Soon*

\*Benediction

Postlude                      *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

## Announcements

- Volunteers to learn and provide video streaming of Sunday worship services would be most appreciated! No experience is needed. Ideally, a few volunteers could develop a schedule amongst themselves to provide this service that is so valued by those unable to attend worship services in person. Please contact the church office 541-276-7681 or Marie Hall (mariekhall@gmail.com; 541-379-5250).
- The ecumenical work to co-sponsor a refugee family through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services Continues. The next gathering will be a Redeemer Episcopal Church on Wednesday Nov. 30th at 6:00 PM. Redeemer will provide chili, please bring a side. We plan to have a representative from LIRS at the meeting to do a presentation and answer in-depth questions. Please join us for this community effort.
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the Westminster Woods Commission invites you to come up to the Woods to cut your own Christmas Tree. There will be no lunch provided
- December 4<sup>th</sup> everyone is welcome to the Family Advent Celebration in the Rogers Room. There will be gingerbread and activities. Congregational Vitality will serve dinner to all of the families who come out to start the Advent season together on this wonderful day.
- We encourage you to bring warm gloves, hats, scarves and coats to put under the tree as your gifts to the glory of God. They will be shared with those in need.
- Christian Education Commission and the church kids will offer their Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18th. Please contact Michele Madril if your children would like to take part in this program.
- Christmas Joy Offering will be received on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes can be found on your pew backs.