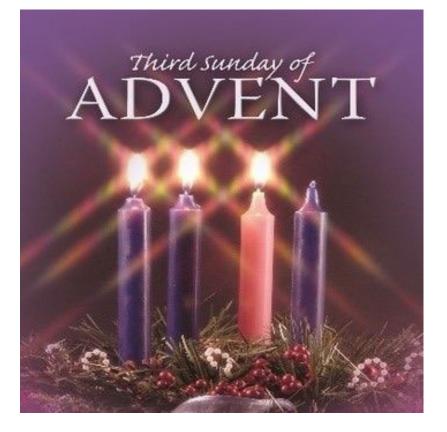
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PASTOR: REV. KATE BOTTORFF MUSIC LED BY: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER LITURGIST: CAROL NOE

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 Theresa Ulrich in celebration of her son, Brody's, 21st birthday.

PRELUDE To a Maid Whose Name Was Mary

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

*Hymn #401 *Here in This Place*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH Lisa and Bob Patterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 146:5-10

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,

who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed;

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free.

The LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD loves the righteous.

The LORD watches over the strangers.

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked God brings to ruin.

The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Magnificent God, it is easy to rejoice at the wilderness bursting into bloom and the hungry being filled with good things. We may not want the powerful to be brought down or the rich to be sent away empty. We know that sometimes, we are the powerful. Sometimes, we are the rich. Sometimes we are the ones with privilege, ignoring and harming those you would lift up.

Forgive us, humble us, and refocus us, that we may follow your way of life and truth.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is nothing and no one that is too far gone for God to redeem. There is no land too parched that God cannot make streams of living water flow.

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 Isaiah 35

The prophet Isaiah says: "For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water." This brings us peace. Let us share God's peace with one another.

May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you! Greet one another with the peace of Christ

BELLS OF JOY Oh Come All Ye Faithful

Hymn #123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW LESSON	OT p. 623	Isaiah 35:1-10
EPISTLE LESSON	NT p.217	James 5:7-10
GOSPEL LESSON	NT page 10	Matthew 11:2-11
SERMON	Take the Highway	

*Hymn #88 Come, O Come, Emmanuel

OFFERING All Praise to Thee

*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 #128 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

*Benediction

Postlude O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

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 Presbyterian Women's Fairtrade crafts will be coming down after today. Take some time after worship today to see what gifts, food, ornaments, etc you can find in the Rogers Room.
- Presbyterian Women are meeting at 9:30 on Wednesday, December 14th, in the Rogers Room. We are on lesson three. Don't worry if you haven't read the material. You will still get something out of the Bible Study.
- 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 18th. Envelopes can be found on your pew backs.
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