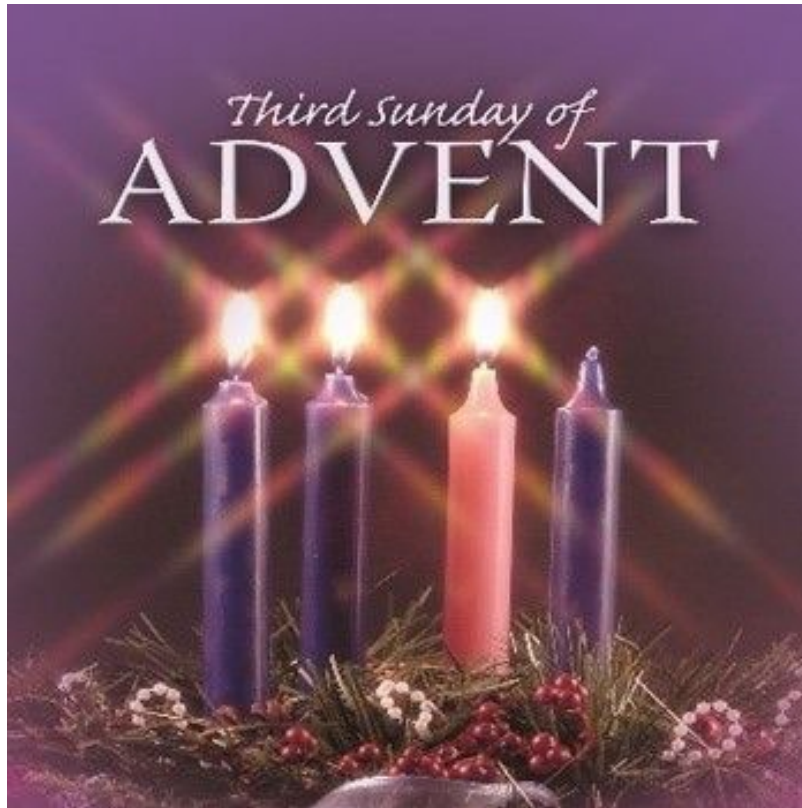

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – DECEMBER 11, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Pendleton, Oregon

WELCOMING
WORSHIPING
SERVING



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.

**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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