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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – OCT. 29TH, 2023
22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Pendleton, Oregon

WELCOMING
WORSHIPING
SERVING



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER

LITURGIST: DENISE OWEN

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- Beautiful flowers were provided by Bob and Connie Talboy provided beautiful flowers this Sunday in honor of their parents, Archie & Agnes Talboy, and Penn & Mary Harris.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

JEAN WISE

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #305 *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM PSALM 90

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands-- O prosper the work of our hands!

Come, let us worship the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION FROM PS. 90; 1 THESS. 2; MATT.22

God of Mercy, we hear your command to love one another.

These words are easy to say, yet so difficult to do.

If only loving could be as natural as breathing, but it takes work and dedication.

Even when we think we are following you, God, it is easy to get distracted, overwhelmed, turned around, even lost.

We turn to the loud praise of the world, rather than the quiet whisper of your blessing.

We do the simple, the least-resistant, and leave the difficult behind.

Turn us around, God. Turn us back to you when we have wandered, when we have suffered, or when we bring suffering on others.

Show us once more what love looks like and send us into the world to try again.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FROM PSALM 90

When we lose our way; when we are confused and confounded, God waits with compassion, to turn us back to love, to grace, to God's own face.

Even before we ask for mercy, God has already forgiven us. God sweeps away our mistakes and misdeeds and calls us home.

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

Love has no boundaries. Love brings grace, hope, and peace. Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

ANTHEM *It Is Well with My Soul with Then Sings My Soul*
Cathy Muller, Caty Clifton, and Carly Elder

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON NT P. 191 1 THESSALONIANS 2: 1-8

GOSPEL LESSON NT P. 24 MATTHEW 22: 34-46

SERMON *Courage*

*HYMN #203 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

OFFERING

*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

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 #828 *More Love to Thee, O Christ*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. It is a great way to find out who is sitting in the pew next to you. Please join us for coffee hour following worship.
- Please pay your Per Capita to the church as you are led and able. There is a flyer with more information at the back of your bulletin.
- Tonya-Ariana Morrison Passed away on 10/14/2023. A Celebration of life will be held at First Presbyterian Church on Friday, Nov. 10th at 11:00 AM.
- The Sue Nelson Festival Concert raised \$5,887 for the Oregon East Symphony Sue and George Nelson Endowment Fund.
- Next Sunday we will be on daylight savings time. Remember to set your clocks back one hour.
- We will celebrate All Saints' Day next Sunday. We will toll the bell for all those who have passed in the last year.
- There is a Reformation Sunday dinner at Peace Lutheran Church tonight, Oct. 29th, 2023. Dinner starts at 5:30 PM and there's a talent show! Come on over and support. The flyer with more information is displayed below.
- Calling all cookies...but not just any cookies. Please bake cookies for the Soup Supper sale, on Nov. 3rd and 4th. Cookies should be brought to the church Vert Room by noon on the 3rd. Please label the cookie container, and note if they have nuts.
 - What should I make? Sturdy drop cookies about 3 inches across that package very well, as do bar cookies. All-time favorites include chocolate chip, peanut butter, oatmeal, sugar, raisin, and chocolate crinkles. Thank you for your time and effort!
- Hello fellow friends near and far, we wanted to invite you all to our 39th Soup Supper at the church on Nov. 3rd and 4th. We also have a large variety of fairly traded crafts from developing countries. Come and gift yourself or a friend some handmade crafts. Mark your calendars for this eventful evening! A flyer with more information is displayed below on your bulletins.

What is Per Capita and What Does It Do?

The ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA) goes beyond the work of local congregations. Presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly collaborate in efforts to bring peace, wholeness, and justice to our country.

The connectional ministry of the church is supported by the mandatory “per capita” fee each congregation pays per member. The session diligently tracks our roles to ensure that we are paying our share.

Some examples of the ministry per capita empowers are:

- Supporting those called into ministry through the ordination process and equipping both congregations and ministers to discern relationships and calls.
- Building relationships with ecumenical and interreligious partners to strengthen God’s work in the world at-large.
- Preserving the history of the church through the Presbyterian Historical Society, so that we may build bridges between who we have been, who we are, and who we are called to be.

The total per capita for 2023 is \$40.57 per member. Here is the breakdown:

\$9.85	Goes to General Assembly and funds staff, outreach, and the bi-annual General Assembly meeting.
\$5.22	Goes to the Synod of the Pacific and funds staff, cooperative ministry efforts within the synod, and synod meetings.
\$25.50	Goes to the Eastern Oregon Presbytery. The per capita portion pays our Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk, and covers costs incurred by presbytery committees as they work to encourage and empower local congregations.

Please pay your per capita to the church as you are led and able.

Rev. Jonathan Mitchell

EXTRAVAGANZA



Reformation Sunday Dinner at Peace Lutheran Church

October 29, 2023

5:30 p.m.

Dinner - compliments of
our Youth Group.

Donation dollars go toward the
ELCA National Youth Gathering
next summer.



Followed by....



A
TALENT SHOW

Not just Youth!

Any & all are welcome
who want to show us
their STUFF!!

Call to get on the list!!



EXTRAVAGANZA!



Presbyterian Women

First Presbyterian Church
201 SW Dorion Ave Pendleton, OR

SOUP SUPPER

HOT TAKE-OUT
FRI, NOV 3
4:30 PM-7:00 PM

COLD TAKE-OUT
SAT, NOV 4
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

- CLAM CHOWDER
- VEGAN VEGETABLE SOUP
- CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
- COOKIES and ROLLS



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NATIVITIES, KITCHEN
ITEMS, ORNAMENTS,
OLIVE OIL, CHOCOLATE,
SPICES, FIGURINES,
BASKETS, AND MORE!