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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PENDLETON, OREGON – JANUARY 21ST, 2024
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL
MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER
LITURGIST: GARY ZIMMERMAN

- **BOLD** words are spoken together.
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity books available to keep!
- The beautiful flowers have been provided by Luann Soderstrom this Sunday in loving memory of her mother Frances Smead and her grandmother Ann Robertson

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN #307 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

CALL TO WORSHIP

FROM JONAH 3

God is our rock and salvation.

We wait to hear from God; our souls wait.

We depend on God alone;

we release what will pass away and rest in God's enduring mercy.

Though God calls us down difficult paths,

we answer, relying on God's help, for God keeps calling us to the work.

Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

FROM JONAH 3, MARK 1

Holy One, you have called us from the seashore to service in this world.

You have pulled us from our comfort to embrace the inconvenience of servanthood.

You have put before us an opportunity that we never truly wanted.

Like Jonah, who resented going where you sent him, we are restless and resistant.

We'd rather sleep in a boat and go about a casual kind of life.

We'd rather live our days as we always have and let the tides carry us where they will.

May the storms of our days shake us to new awareness and renewed paths of faithful living.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FROM JONAH 3, MARK 1

...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

FROM MARK 1

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

ANTHEM

Spirit of God

BELLS OF JOY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW LESSON

OT P. 811

JONAH 3: 1- 4:3

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 33

MARK 1: 14-20

SERMON **Urgency**

*HYMN #720

Jesus Calls Us

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 #450

Be Thou My Vision

*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.
- PW Bible Study at 9:30 am every second Wednesday of each month.
- We donated a total of \$1,422.56 for the Christmas Joy Offering. Thank you for your generosity!
- The Congregational Vitality Commission will again be hosting a “Discussion and Desserts” book study starting in January. The book we have chosen for this year is “The American Way of Eating: Undercover at Walmart, Applebee’s, Farm Fields and the Dinner Table” by Tracie McMillan. The first meeting will be on Jan. 24th, Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Vert room.
- A congregational meeting will be held today to approve the Pastor’s Terms of Call.
- The 2024 Oregon Interfaith Earth Summit happens Sunday, Feb. 4th from 1-5pm. Groups will participate together from sights across the state. Groups will participate together from sights across the state. There will be speakers on Zoom and local discussions. Our location is at Peace Lutheran Church. The flyer is attached at the back of the bulletin for more information.
- The Rogers Room at Pendleton First Presbyterian Church will be the location for a community conversation about the present situation in Gaza. Dr. Brigit Farley, professor of history at Washington State University, will be the presenter. Dr. Farley who attended schools in Pendleton, teaches “Roots of Contemporary Issues” at WSU and includes this extremely difficult conflict in that course. She notes that there are many layers of grievance and offense going back a number of years. When asked for a reference to prepare for her presentation, she suggested reading Ari Shavit’s book, “My Promised Land”. Ari Shavit is an Israeli journalist, born and raised in Israel in 1958, who provides an objective observation of the conflict. This program continues to be planned and a date and time in February will soon be announced. Please continue to look for details in the “Joyful News”.



Please join us for our weekly Lenten evening soup suppers followed by our services. These are shared gatherings done with our larger Christian community. The season of Lent is a time of solemnity, self-sacrifice, and prayer. Come encounter God in faith, fellowship, and worship. All offerings taken during these services will go to Helping Hand and its efforts to help those in our community experiencing hardship. This year's theme for the Lenten services will be:

Hope

Date	Location	Preacher
2/14/2024	Redeemer	Patty Nance
Ash Wednesday	241 SE 2nd St.	Service @ 7:00
2/21/2024	First Presbyterian	Ann Marie Hardin
	201 SW Dorion Ave.	Soup 6 pm & Service 7pm
2/28/2024	First Christian	Travis Larsen
	215 N Main St.	Soup 6 pm & Service 7pm
3/6/2024	Peace Lutheran church	Jonathan Mitchell
	210 NW 9 th St.	Soup 6 pm & Service 7pm
3/13/2024	Redeemer	Karyn Dix
	241 SE 2nd St.	Soup 6 pm & Service 7pm
3/20/2024	Peace Lutheran church	Charlotte Wells
	210 NW 9 th St.	Soup 6 pm & Service 7pm



Join other people of faith in your region who care about the environment and climate justice!

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's 11th annual Oregon Interfaith Earth Summit will take place in faith communities all over Oregon with the theme, "Hope for Our Common Home." The first part of the event will be a plenary session on Zoom, with participants watching together from their regional locations across Oregon.

Following the plenary, hosts will facilitate in-person sessions focusing on relationship-building and learning with people of faith in their region.

Topics

- Taking action in the face of the climate crisis
- Community resilience
- Current legislation
- GTM Zpress pipeline
- Climate rights

Speakers

- Domyo Burk, Zen teacher, and executive director of Bright Way Zen
- Rev. Bonnie Tartwater, minister at Church for Our Common Home
- Peter Fargo, climate rights activist founder of Climate Vigil our of La Grande.

When & Where



4th, February, Sunday
1-5pm



Hybrid event: Virtually and in-person. Hosted locally at Peace Lutheran Church (210 NW 9th St, Pendleton, OR 97801)

[Register Here](#)

\$25 general

\$10 Student rate (Scholarship available (select "Scholarship" option on registration form))