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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – NOV. 24TH, 2024
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER

LITURGIST: KAYLA HENSHAW

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- Julie Imsland provided beautiful flowers to celebrate her father, Hugh Whitbread's, birthday.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

FROM 2 SAMUEL 23

...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

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

ANTHEM

We Gather Together
No Applause, Please

BELLS OF JOY

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

OT P. 286

2 SAMUEL 23:1-7

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

NT P. 230

REVELATION 1:4B-8

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 106

JOHN 18:33-38

SERMON

Active Faith

HYMN #267

Come, Christians Join to Sing

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
THE LORD'S PRAYER, A FIRST NATION TRANSLATION

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honor your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash & the wild rice. All the things we need for each day.

Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us.

Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.

Aho! May it be so!*

*HYMN #260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*BENEDICTION

**FIRST NATIONS VERSION: AN INDIGENOUS TRANSLATION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT
DOWNER'S GROVE, IL: INTERVARSITY PRESS, 2021*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please sign and pass the fellowship pads at the end of the pews. It is a great way to determine who sits in the pew next to you.
- Presbyterian Women meet for Bible study on the second Wednesday of each month, 9:30 am at the church.
- Dear Friends, please advertise that Westminster Woods will be open to church members for Christmas tree cutting on December 7th, 1 to 3 pm. Remember that it's wintertime up there, and dress accordingly. Hot coffee, hot chocolate and cookies provided. Westminster Woods members will be on hand to help. If you want to cut a tree, please call Dave Powell, 541-656-6041, by 5pm, Friday the 6th. He will keep track of names, and call you if the weather is bad or the freeway is closed.
- Thrill of Hope - The Living Nativity. A non-profit called Thrill of Hope now organizes the living Nativity at Roy Raley Park. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, contact either Cate Reynolds or Doreen Matteson. See the flyer at the back of the bulletin.
- All quilters invited to a community-quilting group at Peace Lutheran Church 9 AM to Noon on Thursdays.
- If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so soon. The Finance, Stewardship and Endowment Commission is working hard to develop the 2025 budget. If it is easier, you can call the office with your information. Thank you for your generosity.
- Fair trade crafts will remain on display in the Rogers Room through Sunday, December 8th. You may shop following worship on Sundays, any time the office is open, or contact Judy Wilkins at (541)3790442. Thank you for supporting artisans and small farmers around the world.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

There are several opportunities this Fall and Winter to study and grow in spiritual discipline. Choose one, or try them all!

1) From Horizons, the Presbyterian Women magazine, "Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation." This is an in-depth examination of how we respond with justice and equity to God's call to care for the nations and our earth. Join us the second Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am, beginning in October. *For questions, please call Lori Powell, 541-278-6738.*

2) Pastor Jonathan will be offering "Feasting on the Word: furthering our understanding of the sermon texts." Pastor will be offering this as a time to deeply engage with the Word, as preached and taught from the pulpit. The study will be happening this fall. Details about dates/times will be forthcoming

3) The Congregational Vitality Commission is pleased to offer "Forty Days with the Gospel of Matthew" starting in the New Year. This unique study is in a prayer journal format, outlining 40 days of Bible study and reflection, with Bible text, thoughtful comment, challenging questions and space for you to think, write, draw and pray. *The person to call for questions is Darcey Ridgway.*

**Three different kinds of Bible study, Three different times and places.
Three ways to connect your spiritual questions with informed
direction, discussion, laughter and love. Three ways to grow closer to
God's will and purpose for your life. See you there!**



THE THRILL OF HOPE PRESENTS

The Living Nativity

When: December 21st

Where: Roy Raley Park

Time: 6pm-9pm



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2024

SUNDAY, DEC. 1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship at 10:00 AM. Lighting the candle of hope in the Advent Wreath

SUNDAY, DEC. 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship at 10:00 AM. Lighting the candle of peace in the Advent Wreath

Church-Wide Advent Celebration 4:30 – 6:30 PM in the Rogers Room

Fun for all ages. Caring Connection will provide a meal.

We will make decorations, enjoy each other's company, and decorate the tree in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY, DEC. 15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship at 10:00 AM. Lighting the candle of joy in the Advent Wreath

Children/Youth Christmas Pageant during worship

All kiddos are invited. No preparation necessary.

Arrive at 9:15 for "rehearsal."

THURSDAY, DEC. 19 LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

7:00 PM at St. Anthony's Hospital Chapel

SUNDAY, DEC. 22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Worship at 10:00 AM. Lighting the candle of love in the Advent Wreath

TUESDAY, DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE

Lessons and Carols at 7:00 PM . Lighting the Christ candle in the Advent Wreath.

This is a service of readings that begin in Genesis and end with the birth of Christ. Beautiful music is interspersed throughout worship.

The service culminates with the singing of "Silent Night" and passing the light to one another.

JOIN US FOR THESE WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES!