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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PENDLETON, OREGON – DEC. 1ST, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL

MUSIC LEADERS: CARLY ELDER, STEVE MULLER

LITURGIST: CATHY MULLER

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION *Christmas Joy Offering*

GATHERING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Emily, Mindy, Bradleigh Arnold and Elyse Flores

*HYMN #82 *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

CALL TO WORSHIP FROM JEREMIAH 33 AND LUKE 21

As we journey through the Sundays of Advent, listen to the promises of God:

a righteous branch springs forth,

a promise of justice and righteousness,

a promise of safety.

Listen to the promise of Jesus:

the kingdom of God draws near.

Keep alert; watch for signs of hope.

Our Advent journey begins.

Come, let us worship the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Compassionate God, show us your ways.

Guide us in your paths and lead us in your truth.

For your love is faithful, and your will brings us abundant life.

We are often distracted during this busy time of year.

The worries of life threaten to overwhelm us.

Remind us of who we are meant to be: merciful, faithful, patient, and loving.

We will place our trust in you, no matter what happens.

May we forget our past mistakes and live into a future filled with love.

(time for silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON FROM PSALM 25

...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 1 THESSALONIANS 3

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

Greet one another with the peace of Christ

ANTHEM *Christmas is Coming* CHANCEL CHOIR

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON OT P. 694 JEREMIAH 33:14-16

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON NT P. 192 1 THESSALONIANS 3:9-13

GOSPEL LESSON NT P. 80 LUKE 21:25-36

SERMON Promises

HYMN #88 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* VSS. 1-4

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 #93 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*BENEDICTION

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. Please join us for coffee hour following worship.
- 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 are invited to a community-quilting group at Peace Lutheran Church 9 AM to Noon on Thursdays.
- 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.
- The longest night service will be on Dec. 19th at 7 PM. The flyer below provides more information.
- Starting in January there will be a 40 days bible study. More information is on the flyer below.



ADVENT CALENDAR

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!



The Longest Night

A nondenominational contemplative service that focuses on Christ as the Light of the World overcoming the darkness of loss, suffering and loneliness. We recognize that this season is not always joyous and offer this special service designed to provide hope and healing. All are welcome!

**7:00 pm Thursday
December 19**

**St. Clare Chapel
St. Anthony Hospital**

For more information please call 541-278-6574





THE THRILL OF HOPE PRESENTS

The Living Nativity

When: December 21st

Where: Roy Raley Park

Time: 6pm-9pm



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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!**

40 DAYS

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Please join us for “40 Days with the Gospel of Matthew (Volume 1)” Bible study! The first part of this study will start on January 6, 2025 and end on February 14, 2025 (40 days). This daily devotional journal will take you through Matthew 15:20.

The second part of this study (40 Days with the Gospel of Matthew, Volume 2) will begin with Matthew 15:21-28 and will start on March 5, 2025 and end on Easter. This “40 Days” series is intended to be both devotional and journal that encourages the reader to study, reflect, discern and pray about that day’s Scripture reading.

There is space after each daily Scripture entry to write about the key words or phrases that resonate with you and a place to write your insights.

Group discussions will be led by Pastor Jonathan on the following dates:

(Part 1): January 12, January 26 and February 16.

(Part 2): March 16 and April 6.

Books will be provided by the Congregational Vitality Commission and are also available at Brett’s Books. Please let Darcey Ridgway know if you are interested so the correct number of books can be ordered. She can be reached at (541) 310-0951.

Any and all questions about this Bible study can also be directed to Darcey.