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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PENDLETON, OREGON – DEC. 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, JOY



*PASTOR: REV. JONATHAN MITCHELL*

*MUSIC LEADER: STEVE MULLER*

*LITURGIST: EMILY WILLIAMS*

- **BOLD** words are spoken together
- The nursery is open for children aged 0-5
- There are children's activity booklets available to keep!
- Mac and Jan Levy provided beautiful flowers in memory of Helen & Lou Levy and Carrie Lister.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

MARY DAVIS

*Christmas Joy Offering*

GATHERING PRAYER

\*HYMN #136

*Go Tell It On The Mountain*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

*The Jones Family*

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Isaiah 12

God, you are our salvation and trust.

**Rejoice in the Lord, for our God is near.**

You redeem your people; you restore our fortunes.

**Rejoice in the Lord, for our God is near.**

You have become for us our strength and salvation.

**Rejoice in the Lord, for our God is near.**

Let us sing to the Lord, who has done glorious things.

**Let us offer joy, thanks, and praise this day. Hallelujah!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, it can be hard to follow your ways.**

**We want to hold on to what we have.**

**We want to mind our own business and ignore the needs of others.**

**We want to follow the ways of the world and not your ways.**

**Remind us that you offer forgiveness and bring healing and redemption into our lives.**

**Help us turn to you once again, that we may receive the good news of your endless love and grace.**

(time for silent, personal confession)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

From Philippians 4

...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 Philippians 4

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

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

## GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 20

MATTHEW 19:13-15

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

Bible Lessons and Congregational Carols

## HEBREW LESSON

OT P. 598

ISAIAH 7:14

## CAROL #88

*O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 1*

## GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 53

LUKE 1:26-28

## CAROL #69

*I, The Lord of Sea and Sky vv. 1-2*

## GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 1

MATTHEW 1:18-21

## CAROL #69

*I, The Lord of Sea and Sky v. 3*

## GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 54

LUKE 2:1-4

## CAROL #115

*Away in a Manager*

## GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 54

LUKE 2:8-16

## CAROL #133

*O Come, All Ye Faithful vv. 1, 3*

GOSPEL LESSON

NT P. 1

MATTHEW 2:1-5, 7-8

CAROL #151

*We Three Kings of Orient Are vs. 1*

PRAYER

CAROL #134

*Joy to the World*

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 #119

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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## 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.
- 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.
- The longest night service will be on Dec. 19th at 7 PM. The flyer below provides more information.
- There is a "Contemporary Christmas" Concert and Sing-A-Long program and event at the First Christian Church. More information displayed in the flyer below.
- Starting in January there will be a 40 days bible study. More information is on the flyer below.



## **THE THRILL OF HOPE PRESENTS**

The Living Nativity

When: December 21st

Where: Roy Raley Park

Time: 6pm-9pm



Scan above to volunteer or  
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# 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



# 40 DAYS

*with the*



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.*

*Celebrate Christmas with Music & Cheer!*

# Christmas Sing-a-Long

~ Over 60 Minutes ~

of Contemporary and Classic Christmas Favorites!



**December 22, 2024, 4:00 pm**

**First Christian Church - Pendleton**

**215 N. Main Street**

**(541) 276-5358**